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LWB(W)330	3406	TIK Chi-yuen	170	(2) Social Security
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LWB(W)361	3503	TIK Chi-yuen	170	(1) Family and Child Welfare
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LWB(W)363	3699	TIK Chi-yuen	170	(1) Family and Child Welfare
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S-LWB(W)04	SV056	HONG Wen, Wendy	170	(2) Social Security
S-LWB(W)05	SV057	HONG Wen, Wendy	170	(2) Social Security
S-LWB(W)06	SV059	KWOK Ling-lai, Lillian	170	(3) Services for The Elderly
S-LWB(W)07	SV053	LAM Lam, Nixie	170	(1) Family and Child Welfare
S-LWB(W)08	SV054	LAM Lam, Nixie	170	(1) Family and Child Welfare
S-LWB(W)09	SV055	LAM Lam, Nixie	170	(1) Family and Child Welfare
S-LWB(W)10	SV050	TIEN Puk-sun, Michael	170	(7) Young People
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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(W)023

(Question Serial No. 3006)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (000) Operational Expenses
Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Charmaine LEE)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

There will be a net reduction of 35 posts under the Programme in 2024-25. Please provide the reasons for the significant reduction in the number of posts, the posts proposed to be deleted, and the total amount of expenditure that can be saved.

Asked by: Hon CHAN Chun-ying (LegCo internal reference no.: 12)

Reply:

In order to maintain the sustainability of our public finances, the Government has strictly controlled the civil service establishment since 2021-22. The Government will continue to implement this initiative, and maintain the target of zero-growth in the civil service establishment in 2024-25, with the aim of containing the establishment at a level not exceeding that as at end-March 2021. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) has enhanced effectiveness and efficiency through re-prioritisation, internal redeployment, and streamlining of work processes. Posts which no longer have operational needs would be deleted by SWD after the review of its civil service establishment. In 2024-25, the net reduction of 35 posts under Programme (1) Family and Child Welfare is in the Welfare Worker grade. Based on the notional annual mid-point salary value of the posts involved, it is estimated that about \$12.2 million can be saved this year.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(W)024

(Question Serial No. 3021)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (000) Operational Expenses
Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Charmaine LEE)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

The aim of the Programme is to provide support services for families, including the After School Care Programme for Pre-primary Children (ASCP(PC)), which will be extended in phases to cover all 18 districts in Hong Kong. In this connection, please provide the following information:

1. the timetable for extending ASCP(PC) to cover all 18 districts; and
2. the changes in manpower and estimated expenditure after expanding the service coverage.

Asked by: Hon CHAN Chun-ying (LegCo internal reference no.: 34)

Reply:

1. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) will extend ASCP(PC) to cover all districts in Hong Kong in phases within a period of 3 years starting from 2024. The number of centres participating in ASCP(PC) will increase from 16 to 28, while the number of places will increase from 672 to 1 176. SWD will invite non-governmental organisations to submit proposals, and plans to launch the first phase of service extension in the first quarter of 2025.
2. The staffing establishment of each centre of ASCP(PC) includes 1 Assistant Social Work Officer and 2 supporting staff. The annual estimated expenditure for the service extension is about \$14.2 million.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(W)025

(Question Serial No. 3023)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (000) Operational Expenses
Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Charmaine LEE)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

The Government has regularised the Community Care Service Voucher (CCSV) Scheme for the Elderly (CCSV Scheme) since September 2023. The number of CCSVs will increase to 11 000 in 2024-25, involving an annual expenditure of about \$900 million. The Government also regularised the Residential Care Service Voucher (RCSV) Scheme for the Elderly (RCSV Scheme) since last April. From the second quarter of this year, the number of RCSVs will increase to 5 000. The scheme will involve an annual expenditure of about \$1,440 million. In this connection, please provide:

1. the number of CCSV applications, the number of successful applicants and the total expenditure involved in each of the past 3 years; and
2. the number of RCSV applications, the number of elderly persons issued with RCSVs and the total expenditure involved in each of the past 3 years.

Asked by: Hon CHAN Chun-ying (LegCo internal reference no.: 36)

Reply:

The Government has made the CCSV permanent since September 2023. The number of CCSVs will be increased by 1 000 in 2024-25, bringing the total to 11 000, and will be further increased to 12 000 in 2025-26.

Starting in the second quarter of 2024, the coverage of RCSVs will be expanded from care-and-attention places to nursing home places. An extra 1 000 RCSVs will also be provided, bringing the total to 5 000.

The respective numbers of CCSV and RCSV applicants and recipients, and the amount of subsidy disbursed are set out at Annex.

**Table 1: Numbers of CCSV applicants and recipients,
and the amount of CCSV subsidy disbursed**

Year	No. of CCSV applicants	No. of CCSV recipients	CCSV subsidy (\$ million)
2021-22	4 703	4 715	314.4
2022-23	4 375	4 396	361.7
2023-24 ^{Note 1} (as at end-December 2023)	4 875	4 727	573.5 ^{Note 2}

Note 1 The Government launched the third phase of the Pilot Scheme on CCSV in October 2020, and converted the CCSV Scheme into a recurrent measure in September 2023.

Note 2 Revised estimate for 2023-24.

**Table 2: Numbers of RCSV applicants and recipients,
and the amount of RCSV subsidy disbursed**

Year	No. of RCSV applicants	No. of RCSV recipients	RCSV subsidy (\$ million)
2021-22	1 450	719	483.6
2022-23	2 296	1 309	465.2
2023-24 (as at end-December 2023)	2 495	1 435	744.4 ^{Note}

Note Revised estimate for 2023-24.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(W)026

(Question Serial No. 2488)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (000) Operational Expenses
Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Charmaine LEE)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the local residential care services for the elderly in the past 5 years, would the Government please inform this Committee of:

- the annual number of subsidised care-and-attention (C&A) and subsidised nursing home (NH) places provided by the Government, along with the manpower and expenditure involved;
- the number of practitioners currently engaged in elderly services, and the projected number for the next 5 years;
- the respective numbers of applications approved and rejected for the Special Scheme to Import Care Workers for Residential Care Homes (the Special Scheme) thus far; and
- the average waiting time for residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs) and the number of waitlisted elderly persons in the past 5 years, as well as the proportion of waitlisted elderly persons in relation to the total elderly population.

Asked by: Hon CHAN Hak-kan (LegCo internal reference no.: 30)

Reply:

- The number of places for and total expenditure on subsidised residential care services (RCS) from 2019-20 to 2023-24 are set out at Annexes 1 and 2, respectively. Subject to their compliance with the requirements of the Funding and Service Agreement and the relevant statutory staffing requirements, non-governmental organisations (NGOs) operating subsidised elderly services may determine their staffing establishment and remuneration in accordance with their own human resources policies as well as flexibly deploy resources and employ staff to respond to service needs swiftly and provide services efficiently. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) does not require NGOs to provide information on the manpower for each subsidised elderly service unit.
- As services for the elderly are wide-ranging and involve different operation modes, SWD does not maintain statistics on the overall number of practitioners engaged in elderly services.

- The Government launched the Special Scheme on 19 June 2023. As at December 2023, 2 rounds of applications, involving a total of 4 838 quotas, were completed. 2 624 and 272 quotas (including those for contract renewal) to import care workers were granted to RCHEs and residential care homes for persons with disabilities, respectively.
- From 2019-20 to 2023-24, the number of persons waitlisted for various subsidised RCS and their percentage out of the total elderly population, as well as their average waiting time are set out in Tables 1 and 2 of Annex 3, respectively.

Number of service places for subsidised RCS

Year	Home for the aged (H/A) place ^{Note 1}	C&A place ^{Note 2}	No. of residential care service vouchers (RCSVs)	NH place ^{Note 3}	Total
2019-20	67	24 234	3 000	4 218	31 519
2020-21	67	24 955	3 000	4 284	32 306
2021-22	63	26 152	3 000	4 365	33 580
2022-23	9	26 812	4 000	4 652	35 473
2023-24 (as at end-December 2023)	9	27 490	4 000	5 040	36 539

Note 1 SWD ceased to accept new applications for H/A places since 1 January 2003. Starting from 2005-06, H/A places have gradually been converted into C&A places that provide continuum of care.

Note 2 Including subsidised C&A places provided at contract homes, subvented C&A homes, private RCHEs participating in the Enhanced Bought Place Scheme, as well as subsidised places provided under the Residential Care Services Scheme in Guangdong.

Note 3 Including subsidised places provided at contract homes, subvented NHs, and self-financing NHs participating in the Nursing Home Place Purchase Scheme.

Expenditure on subsidised RCS

Year	Expenditure (\$ billion)
2019-20 (Actual)	6.4275
2020-21 (Actual)	6.9713
2021-22 (Actual)	7.2653
2022-23 (Actual)	7.4035
2023-24 (Revised estimate)	8.6918

Table 1: Number of persons waitlisted for subsidised RCS and their percentage out of the total elderly population ^{Note 1}

	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24 (as at end- December 2023) Note 4
No. of persons waitlisted for C&A places ^{Note 2 Note 3}	32 880	30 857	21 990	14 040	14 332
No. of persons waitlisted for C&A places and their percentage out of the total elderly population	2.4%	2.2%	1.5%	0.9%	0.9%
No. of persons waitlisted for NH places ^{Note 3}	6 775	5 932	4 719	2 796	2 473
No. of persons waitlisted for NH places and their percentage out of the total elderly population	0.5%	0.4%	0.3%	0.2%	0.1%

Note 1 The figures represent the number of elderly persons aged 65 or above at the end of the respective calendar years, as announced by the Census and Statistics Department.

Note 2 Elderly persons using the RCSVs may be admitted to RCHEs participating in the RCSV Scheme with government subsidies, without having to wait for a vacancy.

Note 3 Excluding elderly persons classified as “inactive cases” on the central waiting list.

Note 4 The total elderly population for the year is provisional.

Table 2: Average waiting time for subsidised RCS

Service type	Average waiting time (in months) ^{Note}				
	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24 (as at end-December 2023)
C&A place	21	19	18	14	9
NH place	27	22	21	18	11

^{Note} Figures represent the average waiting time (in months) for elderly persons who applied for subsidised residential care places and were admitted during the last 3 months of the year concerned (except for 2023-24).

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(W)027

(Question Serial No. 0994)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): ()
Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Charmaine LEE)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the phased extension of the After School Care Programme for Pre-primary Children (ASCP(PC)) to all 18 districts in Hong Kong, please provide the following information:

1. How many districts has ASCP(PC) been extended to thus far? What is the geographical distribution of the districts currently providing the service? When will this service be available in all 18 districts in Hong Kong?
2. What is the current annual funding involved in providing this service? How many children benefit from it?
3. Among the children receiving the service, how many are enrolled in primary school, and how many are in secondary school? What is the distribution of age among them?

Asked by: Hon CHAN Han-pan (LegCo internal reference no.: 11)

Reply:

1. & 2. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) has been re-engineering Mutual Help Child Care Centres (MHCCCs) from 2021-22 onwards to provide ASCP(PC) in phases, with a view to further addressing the child care needs in the community. All MHCCCs have been re-engineered by February 2024. By the end of 2023-24, the 16 participating centres located in 8 districts (including Central & Western, Southern, Kwun Tong, Wong Tai Sin, Sham Shui Po, North, Yuen Long and Kwai Tsing districts) provided a total of 672 places. SWD does not have information on the number of children beneficiaries. The revised estimated expenditure for the service in 2023-24 was about \$27.5 million. SWD will extend ASCP(PC) to cover all districts in Hong Kong in phases within 3 years starting from 2024.
3. ASCP(PC) provides child care service for children aged 3 to below 6 or attending nursery (K1), lower (K2) or upper (K3) classes in kindergartens (KG)/KG-cum-child care centres. SWD does not have information on the age distribution of children receiving the service.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(W)028****(Question Serial No. 1005)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Charmaine LEE)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding exploring the expansion of the Residential Care Services Scheme in Guangdong (GDRCS Scheme) to include residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs) operated by Mainland entities, please provide the following information:

1. How many residential care places (RCPs) were provided to elderly persons from Hong Kong under the GDRCS Scheme in the past 3 years? How cost effective is the GDRCS Scheme? On average, how much can it reduce an elderly person's waiting time for an RCP compared to the waiting time they would face in Hong Kong?
2. With the proposed expansion of the GDRCS Scheme to include RCHEs operated by Mainland entities, how will the Social Welfare Department (SWD) ensure effective inter-departmental co-ordination, adequate funding supervision, proper handling of service disputes and rigorous quality assessment?

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

Reply:

1. SWD purchases service places from RCHEs under the GDRCS Scheme based on the number of elderly persons participating in the scheme each year. Eligible elderly persons may join the GDRCS Scheme at their discretion. At present, elderly persons do not have to wait for admission to RCHEs under the GDRCS Scheme. The number of service places purchased by SWD and the expenditure involved from 2021-22 to 2023-24 are set out below:

Year	No. of service places	Expenditure (\$ million)
2021-22	144	15.1 (Actual)
2022-23	117	13.1 (Actual)
2023-24	165 (as at end-December 2023)	33.7 (Revised estimate)

2. The Government attaches importance to the quality of Mainland RCHEs under the GDRCS Scheme, and has implemented measures to ensure that elderly persons receive well-planned and collaborated subsidised residential care services (RCS) under a

multi-disciplinary setting. The Labour and Welfare Bureau signed a Letter of Intent (LOI) on Collaboration on expanding the GDRCS Scheme with the Department of Civil Affairs of Guangdong Province on 17 November 2023, agreeing to explore cooperation in selecting RCHEs operated by Mainland entities in jointly designated cities within the Greater Bay Area (GBA) for participation in the GDRCS Scheme. The LOI stipulates that participating Mainland RCHEs should be rated 4 stars or above on the “List of Star-rated Senior Care Organizations” by the Department of Civil Affairs of Guangdong Province based on the standards of “Classification and Accreditation for Senior Care Organization of China”, with a minimum of 2 years of operational records. To identify suitable RCHEs to join the GDRCS Scheme, the Government is liaising with relevant departments in Mainland cities within the GBA, and conducting on-site inspections of eligible Mainland RCHEs.

Mainland RCHE operators participating in the GDRCS Scheme are required to sign a Service Agreement (SA) with SWD and fulfill their related responsibilities, including providing RCS that meets the requirements stipulated in the SA, maintaining an effective and sound financial management system, and making relevant reports, books, records and other documents and information available for inspection by SWD when necessary. As required by the SA, operators shall report and submit to SWD any information related to complaints, along with the follow-up actions taken and the results of handling these complaints. SWD will also conduct on-site inspections of the relevant Mainland RCHEs to assess their service performance, review records of service user satisfaction surveys, and gain an understanding of the situations and views of the residents.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(W)029

(Question Serial No. 0633)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Charmaine LEE)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

It is mentioned in Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2024-25 that the Government will “enhance the services of integrated community centres for mental wellness (ICCMWs) and scale up training for social workers in community mental health service units”, as well as “enhancing peer support services (PSS) and preparing for the setting up of 4 additional parents/ relatives resource centres (PRCs) to support persons in mental recovery and their families”. In this connection, would the Government please inform this Committee of the following:

1. For each subsidised ICCMW, please provide the respective numbers of mental health services users who are persons in mental recovery, persons with suspected mental health problems, and their family members and carers, the number of related activities held, and the expenditure involved.
2. Please provide details regarding the enhancement of ICCMW's services and the estimated expenditure involved.
3. As for “scaling up training for social workers in community mental health service units”, please provide details regarding the provision of training, including the training content, the number of training sessions, the number of target participants and the estimated expenditure involved.
4. As for “preparing for the setting up of 4 additional PRCs”, will the Government set a timetable for this? What is the estimated expenditure involved?

Asked by: Hon CHAN Hoi-yan (LegCo internal reference no.: 6)

Reply:

1. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) provides non-governmental organisations with subventions to operate ICCMWs of different scales in various districts according to their service needs. ICCMWs provide one-stop and district-based support services to persons in mental recovery, persons with mental health needs and their carers, as well as organising public programmes related to mental health. SWD does not maintain a breakdown of attendance, number of activities held or expenditure incurred by each ICCMW by category of service users. The attendance and number of mental health related activities held by each ICCMW in the past 3 years are set out in Tables 1 and 2 of Annex, respectively. The expenditure incurred by 24 ICCMWs is set out in Table 3 of Annex.

- 2 & 3. SWD will enhance the ICCMW services in 2024, including strengthening early identification of persons with mental health needs and early intervention, and scaling up the training of social workers in community mental health service units to raise their capacity in handling complicated cases. The training areas include carer support, identification of the needs of persons in mental recovery, crisis management strategies and techniques, mental health first aid knowledge and multi-disciplinary collaboration, etc. In addition, SWD will scale up the training of about 1 000 social workers from community mental health service units starting from the second half of 2024. These enhancement measures involve an additional annual recurrent expenditure of over \$60 million.
4. SWD will set up 4 additional PRCs for carers of persons in mental recovery in the third quarter of 2025 to support persons in mental recovery and their carers. The annual recurrent expenditure involved is about \$18 million.

**Table 1 : Attendance of mental health related activities
held by various ICCMWs ^{Note}**

ICCMW	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24 (as at 31 December 2023)
Sunrise Centre, Fu Hong Society	1 419	1 602	2 086
Lok Hong Integrated Community Centre for Mental Wellness, Tung Wah Group of Hospitals	3 662	4 573	3 650
The Wellness Centre (Islands), New Life Psychiatric Rehabilitation Association	3 971	3 659	3 244
Integrated Community Centre for Mental Wellness (Eastern), Baptist Oi Kwan Social Service	5 036	6 116	6 657
ALOHA (Eastern), Richmond Fellowship of Hong Kong	1 854	3 057	2 281
Integrated Community Centre for Mental Wellness (Wan Chai), Baptist Oi Kwan Social Service	4 334	4 659	3 020
Amity Place (Kwun Tong Central), The Mental Health Association of Hong Kong	5 169	14 204	5 214
ALOHA (Wong Tai Sin), Richmond Fellowship of Hong Kong	4 872	5 462	3 616
Wellness Zone - Integrated Community Centre for Mental Wellness, Christian Family Service Centre	2 491	2 950	3 539
Syner-bright Zone, Stewards	4 416	5 528	5 541
Vitality Place, The Society of Rehabilitation and Crime Prevention, Hong Kong	6 940	7 266	6 326
The Wellness Centre (Yau Tsim Mong), New Life Psychiatric Rehabilitation Association	4 464	5 608	3 141
The Wellness Centre (Sham Shui Po), New Life Psychiatric Rehabilitation Association	4 207	4 896	4 272
Take Your Way Clubhouse, Stewards	14 175	11 621	9 832
The Wellness Centre (Sha Tin), New Life Psychiatric Rehabilitation Association	4 207	2 157	2 622
Jockey Club Amity Place (Tai Po), The Mental Health Association of Hong Kong	3 778	5 097	4 687
Caritas Wellness Link – North District, Caritas Hong Kong	8 321	6 199	3 797
Placidity Place, The Society of Rehabilitation and Crime Prevention, Hong Kong	5 463	5 107	5 785
The Wellness Centre (Tin Shui Wai), New Life Psychiatric Rehabilitation Association	4 721	4 175	3 867
Caritas Wellness Link – Tsuen Wan, Caritas Hong Kong	5 520	3 167	3 507
Integrated Community Centre for Mental Wellness (Kwai Tsing), Baptist Oi Kwan Social Service	4 346	4 254	3 281
The Wellness Centre (Kwai Chung), New Life Psychiatric Rehabilitation Association	3 882	5 273	4 353
The Wellness Centre (Tuen Mun), New Life Psychiatric Rehabilitation Association	4 578	7 773	4 774
The Club, Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui Welfare Council Limited	2 927	5 339	4 073

^{Note} The scale and output standards (OS) of ICCMW in different districts may vary according to the needs of individual district.

Table 2: No. of mental health related activities held by various ICCMWs ^{Note}

ICCMW	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24 (as at 31 December 2023)
Sunrise Centre, Fu Hong Society	80	58	57
Lok Hong Integrated Community Centre for Mental Wellness, Tung Wah Group of Hospitals	154	236	198
The Wellness Centre (Islands), New Life Psychiatric Rehabilitation Association	114	124	105
Integrated Community Centre for Mental Wellness (Eastern), Baptist Oi Kwan Social Service	164	174	146
ALOHA (Eastern), Richmond Fellowship of Hong Kong	76	73	65
Integrated Community Centre for Mental Wellness (Wan Chai), Baptist Oi Kwan Social Service	84	64	46
Amity Place (Kwun Tong Central), The Mental Health Association of Hong Kong	217	311	230
ALOHA (Wong Tai Sin), Richmond Fellowship of Hong Kong	132	169	111
Wellness Zone - Integrated Community Centre for Mental Wellness, Christian Family Service Centre	77	92	57
Syner-bright Zone, Stewards	88	126	93
Vitality Place, The Society of Rehabilitation and Crime Prevention, Hong Kong	283	250	235
The Wellness Centre (Yau Tsim Mong), New Life Psychiatric Rehabilitation Association	83	106	93
The Wellness Centre (Sham Shui Po), New Life Psychiatric Rehabilitation Association	100	127	101
Take Your Way Clubhouse, Stewards	318	316	370
The Wellness Centre (Sha Tin), New Life Psychiatric Rehabilitation Association	57	45	53
Jockey Club Amity Place (Tai Po), The Mental Health Association of Hong Kong	205	185	211
Caritas Wellness Link – North District, Caritas Hong Kong	101	90	94
Placidity Place, The Society of Rehabilitation and Crime Prevention, Hong Kong	203	208	177
The Wellness Centre (Tin Shui Wai), New Life Psychiatric Rehabilitation Association	139	125	100
Caritas Wellness Link – Tsuen Wan, Caritas Hong Kong	107	119	102
Integrated Community Centre for Mental Wellness (Kwai Tsing), Baptist Oi Kwan Social Service	104	88	68
The Wellness Centre (Kwai Chung), New Life Psychiatric Rehabilitation Association	86	86	70
The Wellness Centre (Tuen Mun), New Life Psychiatric Rehabilitation Association	89	102	85
The Club, Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui Welfare Council Limited	79	82	59

Note The scale and OS of ICCMW in different districts may vary according to the needs of individual district.

Table 3: Expenditure incurred by 24 ICCMWs

Year	2021-22 (Actual) (\$ million)	2022-23 (Actual) (\$ million)	2023-24 (Revised estimate) (\$ million)
ICCMWs	487.5	495.7	534.9

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(W)030

(Question Serial No. 0641)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Charmaine LEE)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2024-25 under this Head include “enhancing the services of integrated community centres for mental wellness (ICCMWs) and scaling up training for social workers in community mental health service units”, as well as “enhancing peer support services (PSS) and preparing for the setting up of 4 additional parents/relatives resource centres (PRCs) to support persons in mental recovery and their families”. In this connection, would the Government please inform this Committee of the following:

1. For each subsidised ICCMW, please provide the respective numbers of peer support services users who are persons in mental recovery, persons with suspected mental health problems and their carers, the number of related programmes organised, and the expenditure involved in the past 3 years.
2. Please provide details regarding the enhanced peer support services and the estimated expenditure involved.

Asked by: Hon CHAN Hoi-yan (LegCo internal reference no.: 14)

Reply:

1. Peer supporters primarily provide services at subvented ICCMWs. Non-governmental organisations operating ICCMWs may deploy these personnel to provide support services at ICCMWs, halfway houses, supported hostels or vocational rehabilitation service units based on operational needs. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) does not maintain breakdown of figures on the provision of PSS at each subvented ICCMW. The total number of programme sessions organised with the assistance of peer supporters, and the total expenditure on PSS in the past 3 years are set out at Annex.
2. SWD plans to increase the number of full-time peer supporter positions from 40 to at least 70 in 2024-25. To enhance PPS and strengthen carer support, the additional positions will cover newly established senior peer supporter positions and peer supporter positions dedicated to supporting carers. The annual additional recurrent expenditure is estimated at about \$8 million.

Table 1: Total number of programme sessions organised with the assistance of peer supporters

Year	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24 (as at 31 December 2023)
Groups/programmes and public education programmes	3 463	3 116	2 964

Table 2: Total expenditure on PSS

Year	2021-22 (Actual) (\$ million)	2022-23 (Actual) (\$ million)	2023-24 (Revised estimate) (\$ million)
Agency-based PSS in community psychiatric service units	9.5	9.7	10.1

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(W)031

(Question Serial No. 2913)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Charmaine LEE)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Paragraph 200 of the Budget Speech stated that the Government will “extend the After School Care Programme for Pre-primary Children (ASCP(PC)) in phases, starting this year, to cover all districts in Hong Kong. The number of service places will increase to nearly 1 200 within 3 years”. In this connection, would the Government please inform this Committee of the following:

1. Please provide information on ASCP and Enhanced ASCP, including the number of places of the ASCP centres, number of service users, average utilisation rate, service fee and the amount of subsidy granted to each service operator in the past 5 years, broken down by District Council (DC) district.
2. Please provide the details of extending ASCP(PC) to cover all districts in Hong Kong and the estimated expenditure involved.
3. What plans does the Government have to enhance ASCP(PC)? Will considerations be given to conduct regular surveys on ASCP(PC) in each district, evaluate the effectiveness, increase the amount of subsidy for service operators, and provide more on-the-job training for after school care tutors? If yes, what are the details? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon CHAN Hoi-yan (LegCo internal reference no.: 34)

Reply:

1. The information on ASCP and Enhanced ASCP, the number of places provided by ASCP centres, the number of service users and the average utilisation rate in the past 5 years, broken down by DC district are set out at Annex 1 (Tables 1 to 5). The average service fee and the amount of subsidy granted under the Fee-waiving Subsidy Scheme (FWSS) for ASCP are set out at Annex 2 and 3 respectively.
2. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) will extend ASCP(PC) to cover all districts in Hong Kong in phases within a period of 3 years starting from 2024. The number of centres participating in ASCP(PC) will increase from 16 to 28, while the number of places will increase from 672 to 1 176, involving an additional annual expenditure of about \$14.2 million. SWD will invite non-governmental organisations (NGOs) to

submit proposals, and plans to launch the first phase of service extension in the first quarter of 2025.

3. NGOs are subsidised by SWD through Lump Sum Grant subvention to operate ASCP(PC). Subject to their compliance with the requirements of the Funding and Service Agreements and the relevant requirements of staffing establishment, NGOs operating the service may flexibly deploy resources and employ staff to achieve the service output and outcome required. Where financial conditions permit, the Government will consider different options to support parents who are temporarily unavailable to take care of their children due to work or other reasons.

Table 1: Number of service places and utilisation rates of ASCP and Enhanced ASCP by district (2019-20)

District	ASCP			Enhanced ASCP		
	No. of places	No. of users	Utilisation rate ^[Note 1]	No. of places	No. of users ^[Note 2]	Utilisation rate ^[Note 3]
Central & Western	90	85	94%	-	N.A.	
Southern	286	247	86%	16	18	73%
Islands	248	217	88%	42	75	82%
Eastern	365	298	82%	44	67	79%
Wan Chai	174	153	88%	8	10	80%
Kowloon City	211	175	83%	8	19	89%
Yau Tsim Mong	171	148	87%	20	37	74%
Sham Shui Po	262	225	86%	43	80	57%
Kwun Tong	485	438	90%	14	27	72%
Wong Tai Sin	387	356	92%	12	11	74%
Sai Kung	125	115	92%	-	N.A.	
Sha Tin	623	592	95%	54	102	83%
Tai Po	203	199	98%	6	2	15%
North	315	224	71%	28	22	29%
Yuen Long	412	355	86%	91	94	70%
Tsuen Wan	175	153	87%	8	11	53%
Kwai Tsing	503	425	84%	69	77	69%
Tuen Mun	494	411	83%	35	32	78%
Total	5 529	4 816	87%	498	684	70%

N.A. - Not applicable

[Note 1] The utilisation rate is based on the number of users.

[Note 2] Each service place may be utilised by more than 1 child.

[Note 3] The utilisation rate is based on actual utilisation of service sessions.

Table 2: Number of service places and utilisation rates of ASCP and Enhanced ASCP by district (2020-21)

District	ASCP			Enhanced ASCP		
	No. of places	No. of users	Utilisation rate ^[Note 1]	No. of places	No. of users ^[Note 2]	Utilisation rate ^[Note 3]
Central & Western	90	29	32%	-	N.A.	
Southern	306	201	66%	16	4	23%
Islands	254	120	47%	52	50	78%
Eastern	405	282	70%	44	60	100%
Wan Chai	220	169	77%	8	6	63%
Kowloon City	194	148	76%	8	17	73%
Yau Tsim Mong	155	120	77%	20	22	98%
Sham Shui Po	329	237	72%	43	43	41%
Kwun Tong	557	345	62%	14	16	85%
Wong Tai Sin	374	227	61%	12	11	76%
Sai Kung	142	121	85%	-	N.A.	
Sha Tin	688	406	59%	54	54	71%
Tai Po	224	130	58%	6	4	51%
North	208	160	77%	24	17	50%
Yuen Long	502	300	60%	95	99	100%
Tsuen Wan	191	90	47%	8	12	52%
Kwai Tsing	464	363	78%	76	93	100%
Tuen Mun	476	273	57%	35	38	100%
Total	5 779	3 721	64%	515	546	87%

N.A. - Not applicable

[Note 1] The utilisation rate is based on the number of users.

[Note 2] Each service place may be utilised by more than 1 child.

[Note 3] The utilisation rate is based on actual utilisation of service sessions.

Table 3: Number of service places and utilisation rates of ASCP and Enhanced ASCP by district (2021-22)

District	ASCP			Enhanced ASCP		
	No. of places	No. of users	Utilisation rate ^[Note 1]	No. of places	No. of users ^[Note 2]	Utilisation rate ^[Note 3]
Central & Western	88	28	32%	-	N.A.	
Southern	321	233	73%	16	-	-
Islands	276	147	53%	52	61	100%
Eastern	338	220	65%	52	86	100%
Wan Chai	156	74	47%	8	5	71%
Kowloon City	210	144	69%	8	11	32%
Yau Tsim Mong	137	44	32%	39	48	89%
Sham Shui Po	293	247	84%	43	80	100%
Kwun Tong	572	408	71%	14	8	73%
Wong Tai Sin	348	234	67%	12	11	100%
Sai Kung	126	57	45%	-	N.A.	
Sha Tin	807	553	69%	54	78	100%
Tai Po	237	139	59%	6	1	3%
North	244	191	78%	24	32	51%
Yuen Long	504	296	59%	118	118	97%
Tsuen Wan	201	111	55%	8	-	-
Kwai Tsing	562	318	57%	86	91	100%
Tuen Mun	497	323	65%	40	42	100%
Total	5 917	3 767	64%	580	672	94%

N.A. - Not applicable

[Note 1] The utilisation rate is based on the number of users.

[Note 2] Each service place may be utilised by more than 1 child.

[Note 3] The utilisation rate is based on actual utilisation of service sessions.

Table 4: Number of service places and utilisation rates of ASCP and Enhanced ASCP by district (2022-23)

District	ASCP			Enhanced ASCP		
	No. of places	No. of users	Utilisation rate ^[Note 1]	No. of places	No. of users ^[Note 2]	Utilisation rate ^[Note 3]
Central & Western	84	78	93%	-	N.A.	
Southern	311	256	82%	16	14	73%
Islands	194	158	81%	52	63	100%
Eastern	360	337	94%	52	89	82%
Wan Chai	189	178	94%	8	5	43%
Kowloon City	209	163	78%	8	16	100%
Yau Tsim Mong	134	133	99%	45	50	75%
Sham Shui Po	283	253	89%	43	58	73%
Kwun Tong	563	501	89%	14	16	84%
Wong Tai Sin	321	307	96%	24	17	86%
Sai Kung	154	142	92%	-	N.A.	
Sha Tin	652	602	92%	66	86	86%
Tai Po	552	220	40%	6	1	6%
North	240	220	92%	22	19	72%
Yuen Long	524	446	85%	147	127	87%
Tsuen Wan	197	175	89%	8	9	45%
Kwai Tsing	533	478	90%	97	109	92%
Tuen Mun	543	430	79%	43	42	100%
Total	6 043	5 077	84%	651	721	86%

N.A. - Not applicable

[Note 1] The utilisation rate is based on the number of users.

[Note 2] Each service place may be utilised by more than 1 child.

[Note 3] The utilisation rate is based on actual utilisation of service sessions.

Table 5: Number of service places and utilisation rates of ASCP and Enhanced ASCP by district (April to December 2023)

District	ASCP			Enhanced ASCP		
	No. of places	No. of users	Utilisation rate ^[Note 1]	No. of places	No. of users ^[Note 2]	Utilisation rate ^[Note 3]
Central & Western	84	72	86%	-	N.A.	
Southern	281	235	84%	16	14	63%
Islands	178	145	81%	52	66	100%
Eastern	354	309	87%	52	121	88%
Wan Chai	182	158	87%	8	5	31%
Kowloon City	193	156	81%	8	11	100%
Yau Tsim Mong	163	159	98%	45	54	80%
Sham Shui Po	252	213	85%	46	65	73%
Kwun Tong	595	523	88%	22	23	72%
Wong Tai Sin	295	271	92%	24	18	83%
Sai Kung	170	156	92%	-	N.A.	
Sha Tin	699	629	90%	69	91	68%
Tai Po	207	193	93%	6	0	0%
North	249	240	96%	22	29	72%
Yuen Long	491	425	87%	149	123	88%
Tsuen Wan	185	159	86%	8	8	41%
Kwai Tsing	542	495	91%	99	100	76%
Tuen Mun	533	406	76%	43	41	100%
Total	5 653	4 944	87%	669	769	82%

N.A. - Not applicable

[Note 1] The utilisation rate is based on the number of users.

[Note 2] Each service place may be utilised by more than 1 child.

[Note 3] The utilisation rate is based on actual utilisation of service sessions.

Service fees for ASCP and Enhanced ASCP

Year	ASCP Average fee ^[Note 1] (monthly fee) (\$)	Enhanced ASCP Average fee (hourly fee) (\$)
2019-20	1,189 (Morning/afternoon session) 1,385 (Late afternoon session)	Note 2
2020-21	1,322	Note 2
2021-22	1,397	Note 2
2022-23	1,462	Note 2
2023-24 (as at end-December 2023)	1,471	27

[Note 1] Since the implementation of enhancement measures by SWD in October 2020, the service hours of ASCP are from after-school hours to 7:00/7:30 p.m. on Monday to Friday, providing a total of 3.5 hours of ASCP each day. Prior to the implementation of the enhancement measures, ASCP was divided into morning, afternoon and late afternoon sessions.

Note 2 Service operators of Enhanced ASCP may set their fees based on the needs of different districts, using various fee structures such as hourly, per session, daily, weekly, or monthly rates. SWD did not maintain records of the average fees for the service before 2023-24.

The amount of subsidies granted for ASCP and Enhanced ASCP ^[Note]

Year	Amount of subsidy (\$ million)	
	ASCP	Enhanced ASCP
2019-20	18	19
2020-21	30	23
2021-22	52	31
2022-23	57	34
2023-24(Revised Estimate)	54	37

[Note] ASCP and Enhanced ASCP are operated by NGOs on a self-financing and fee-charging basis. Through FWSS under ASCP, SWD provides financial assistance to low-income families in need by waiving and reducing the fees of the ASCP for their children. Eligible families in need may approach service operators directly for application for subsidies of full fee-waiving, half fee-reduction or one-third fee-reduction.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(W)032

(Question Serial No. 3099)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): ()
Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Charmaine LEE)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Paragraph 200 of the Budget Speech mentioned that “starting this year, the Government will set up 10 more aided standalone child care centres (CCCs) in phases. The target is to provide nearly 900 additional places for day child care services within 3 years”. In this connection, would the Government please inform this Committee of:

1. preliminary information regarding the establishment of 10 additional aided standalone CCCs in the next 3 years, including the number of CCCs, number of targeted places, their geographical distribution, reasons for site selection and the estimated expenditure involved;
2. the service fee, number of places, average number of service users, utilisation rate, number of persons waitlisted and their average waiting time, and the amount of subvention for various day child care services (including standalone CCCs, CCCs attached to kindergartens (KGs), Occasional Child Care Service (OCCS), Extended Hours Service (EHS) and Mutual Help Child Care Centres (MHCCCs)) in the past 5 years, broken down by District Council (DC) district; and
3. the manning ratio of qualified child care workers for each of the abovementioned day child care services.
4. In addition to the phased development of 10 more aided standalone CCCs, what plans does the Social Welfare Department (SWD) have to enhance day child care services to support more working families in caring for their children? For example, will SWD consider increasing the subvention for CCCs and the payment rates under the Working Family Allowance (WFA) Scheme, as well as adjusting the manning ratio of qualified child care workers? If yes, what are the details? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon CHAN Hoi-yam (LegCo internal reference no.: 32)

Reply:

1. SWD will set up 10 more aided standalone CCCs in phases within 3 years starting from 2024, providing about 900 additional places. Among them, 100 places in Queens Hill Estate and 56 places in Wah Ming Estate in Fanling have commenced service in January and March 2024 respectively. The 88 places in Shun Lee Estate in Kwun Tong and

100 places at the Treasury Building in Sham Shui Po are scheduled for commencing operation in 2024-25, whereas the 100 places at Cheung Shun Street in Sham Shui Po and 60 places in Kwai Fong Estate in Kwai Chung will be put into service in 2025-26. The remaining 4 aided standalone CCCs, proposed to be set up in districts such as Kowloon City and Kwun Tong, will collectively provide about 400 additional places, and are scheduled to commence service in 2026-27. The estimated annual expenditure for the 10 additional aided standalone CCCs is about \$66.4 million.

According to the population-based planning ratio incorporated into the Hong Kong Planning Standards and Guidelines (i.e. 100 aided CCC places for children aged below 3 for every 25 000 persons), SWD has been reserving suitable premises for operating CCCs in different new development areas. For developed areas, SWD will take into account the characteristics of individual districts, including the available CCC places, service utilisation, ratio of subsidised to private child care services, land supply situation, and service demand as a result of demographic changes, etc. when conducting service planning.

2. The service fees, number of places and average utilisation rates for various types of day child care services (including aided standalone CCCs, CCCs attached to KGs, OCCS, EHS and MHCCCs) for the past 5 financial years, broken down by DC district, are set out at Annex.

The monthly fees charged by aided standalone CCCs for children aged below 2 and that charged by aided CCCs (including aided standalone CCCs and aided CCCs attached to KGs) for children aged 2 to below 3 are tabulated as follows:

Table 1: Monthly fees charged by aided standalone CCCs for children aged below 2

Year	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
Highest monthly fee (\$)	6,538	6,700	6,700	6,710	6,720
Lowest monthly fee (\$)	4,385	4,385	4,385	4,385	4,385

Table 2: Monthly fees charged by aided CCCs for children aged 2 to below 3

Year	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
Highest monthly fee (\$)	5,865	6,499	6,509	6,521	6,802
Lowest monthly fee (\$)	1,412	540	540	1,831	1,831

As parents can directly apply for the aforementioned child care services from the service operators according to their needs, without the need to be waitlisted under a central system and the applications are handled by the respective service operators, SWD does not have statistical information on the number of children waitlisted and the average waiting time for these services.

The amounts of government subventions for aided standalone CCCs, CCCs attached to KGs, EHS and OCCS in each of the past 5 financial years are tabulated as follows:

Year	Amount of subvention (\$ million)			
	Aided standalone CCC	CCC attached to KG	EHS	OCCS
2019-20 (Actual)	33.1	100.5	58.5	44.6
2020-21 (Actual)	40.4	120.7	66.4	46.0
2021-22 (Actual)	51.1	124.7	90.9	62.9
2022-23 (Actual)	53.8	146.1	88.6	62.9
2023-24 (Revised estimate)	65.9	178.5	93.1	61.2

Operated by non-governmental organisations on a fee-charging and self-financing basis, MHCCCs provide flexible child care service to children aged below 3 (if necessary, children aged below 6 could also use the service).

3. In accordance with the Child Care Services Regulations (CSSR) (Cap. 243A), the child care staff serving in a CCC have to be registered as child care workers upon successful completing a training course approved by the Director of Social Welfare. In accordance with the Child Care Services Ordinance (Cap. 243) and CSSR, the manning ratio for qualified child care worker taking care of children aged 0 to below 2 in day CCCs is 1:8, while the manning ratio for taking care of children aged 2 to below 3 is 1:14. To improve service quality, the Government has allocated additional resources to enhance the above manning ratios to 1:6 and 1:11 respectively since the 2019/20 school year.
4. Starting from April 2024, the Child Care Centre Parent Subsidy will be increased from a maximum of \$600 to \$1,000 per month. This subsidy applies to all aided standalone CCCs and CCCs attached to KGs. It is estimated that this measure will benefit about 10 000 parents and children each year. Where financial conditions permit, the Government will consider different options to support parents who are temporarily unavailable to take care of their children due to work or other reasons.

Table 1: Service fees, number of places and average utilisation rates for aided standalone CCCs, CCCs attached to KGs, OCCS, EHS and MHCCCs (2019-20)

District	Aided standalone CCC		CCC attached to KG ^[Note]		OCCS		EHS		MHCCC	
	Service fee (\$)		Service fee (\$)		Service fee (\$)		Service fee (\$)		Service fee (\$)	
	-		-		Whole day: 64 Half day: 32 Per 2 hours: 16		Per hour: 13		Per hour: 8-28	
	Number of places	Average utilisation rate (%)	Number of places	Average utilisation rate (%)	Number of places	Average utilisation rate (%)	Number of places	Average utilisation rate (%)	Number of places	Average utilisation rate (%)
Central & Western	48	100.0	459	30.0	13	34.0	99	38.0	14	34.9
Southern	-	N.A.	343	60.0	17	62.0	73	67.0	28	1.6
Islands	-	N.A.	195	35.0	12	41.0	27	15.0	-	N.A.
Eastern	64	100.0	361	63.0	24	38.0	189	32.0	-	N.A.
Wan Chai	48	99.0	161	76.0	17	55.0	94	40.0	-	N.A.
Kwun Tong	-	N.A.	582	83.0	52	58.0	226	40.0	42	12.2
Wong Tai Sin	-	N.A.	379	78.0	36	53.0	210	43.0	14	9.2
Sai Kung	-	N.A.	609	49.0	21	32.0	94	40.0	-	N.A.
Kowloon City	67	100.0	479	56.0	22	48.0	151	31.0	-	N.A.
Yau Tsim Mong	99	100.0	240	87.0	22	53.0	139	34.0	-	N.A.
Sham Shui Po	62	99.0	304	69.0	28	61.0	165	46.0	37	11.7
Sha Tin	72	100.0	450	82.0	29	41.0	112	37.0	-	N.A.
Tai Po	-	N.A.	189	65.0	17	54.0	94	31.0	14	30.0
North	51	100.0	282	61.0	16	36.0	82	47.0	14	0.7
Yuen Long	64	100.0	340	92.0	33	51.0	122	38.0	42	0.1
Tsuen Wan	76	99.0	223	76.0	19	55.0	98	37.0	14	0.4
Kwai Tsing	32	100.0	410	64.0	35	46.0	138	29.0	42	4.1
Tuen Mun	64	100.0	510	67.0	36	45.0	173	38.0	-	N.A.
Total	747	100.0	6 516	66.0	449	49.0	2 286	38.0	261	8.4

N.A. - Not applicable

[Note] Figures provided by the Education Bureau (EDB) as at September 2019.

Table 2: Service fees, number of places and average utilisation rates for aided standalone CCCs, CCCs attached to KGs, OCCS, EHS and MHCCC (2020-21)

District	Aided standalone CCC		CCC attached to KG ^[Note]		OCCS		EHS		MHCCC	
	Service fee (\$)		Service fee (\$)		Service fee (\$)		Service fee (\$)		Service fee (\$)	
	-		-		Whole day: 64 Half day: 32 Per 2 hours: 16		Per hour: 13		Per hour: 8-28	
	Number of places	Average utilisation rate (%)	Number of places	Average utilisation rate (%)	Number of places	Average utilisation rate (%)	Number of places	Average utilisation rate (%)	Number of places	Average utilisation rate (%)
Central & Western	48	100.0	509	25.0	12	7.0	99	6.0	14	14.7
Southern	-	N.A.	342	54.0	17	13.0	73	6.0	28	0.1
Islands	-	N.A.	311	23.0	12	4.0	27	11.0	-	N.A.
Eastern	64	100.0	347	53.0	24	13.0	189	7.0	-	N.A.
Wan Chai	48	97.0	170	63.0	17	30.0	94	5.0	-	N.A.
Kwun Tong	-	N.A.	527	75.0	53	7.0	226	8.0	42	3.6
Wong Tai Sin	-	N.A.	363	79.0	35	6.0	210	5.0	14	2.0
Sai Kung	-	N.A.	907	30.0	23	3.0	94	7.0	-	N.A.
Kowloon City	67	100.0	536	45.0	22	10.0	151	8.0	-	N.A.
Yau Tsim Mong	99	98.0	276	73.0	23	7.0	139	6.0	-	N.A.
Sham Shui Po	62	100.0	299	62.0	28	11.0	165	8.0	37	6.2
Sha Tin	177	92.0	458	72.0	30	14.0	135	8.0	-	N.A.
Tai Po	-	N.A.	297	41.0	17	9.0	94	7.0	14	15.1
North	51	100.0	331	49.0	17	10.0	82	6.0	14	0.0
Yuen Long	64	100.0	343	87.0	33	14.0	122	8.0	42	0.0
Tsuen Wan	76	88.0	241	69.0	19	20.0	98	8.0	14	0.0
Kwai Tsing	32	100.0	432	60.0	37	8.0	138	9.0	42	0.4
Tuen Mun	64	100.0	455	64.0	33	11.0	173	8.0	-	N.A.
Total	852	97.0	7 144	54.0	452	11.0	2 309	7.0	261	3.1

N.A. - Not applicable

[Note] Figures provided by EDB as at September 2020.

Table 3: Service fees, number of places and average utilisation rates for aided standalone CCCs, CCCs attached to KGs, OCCS, EHS and MHCCCs (2021-22)

District	Aided standalone CCC		CCC attached to KG ^[Note 1]		OCCS		EHS		MHCCC	
	Service fee (\$)		Service fee (\$)		Service fee (\$)		Service fee (\$)		Service fee (\$)	
	-		-		Whole day: 64 Half day: 32 Per 2 hours: 16		Per hour: 13		Per hour: 8-28	
	Number of places	Average utilisation rate (%)	Number of places	Average utilisation rate (%)	Number of places	Average utilisation rate (%)	Number of places	Average utilisation rate (%)	Number of places ^[Note 2]	Average utilisation rate (%)
Central & Western	48	100.0	566	24.0	12	30.0	99	24.0	14	18.8
Southern	-	N.A.	324	55.0	17	28.0	73	49.0	28	0.1
Islands	-	N.A.	297	24.0	12	23.0	27	0.0	-	N.A.
Eastern	64	100.0	413	50.0	24	26.0	189	25.0	-	N.A.
Wan Chai	48	100.0	221	59.0	17	47.0	94	31.0	-	N.A.
Kwun Tong	-	N.A.	566	70.0	53	23.0	226	20.0	14	5.3
Wong Tai Sin	-	N.A.	409	76.0	35	24.0	210	21.0	0	6.7
Sai Kung	-	N.A.	821	34.0	23	20.0	94	13.0	-	N.A.
Kowloon City	67	100.0	495	45.0	22	37.0	151	16.0	-	N.A.
Yau Tsim Mong	99	100.0	341	60.0	23	15.0	139	27.0	-	N.A.
Sham Shui Po	62	100.0	384	60.0	28	27.0	165	27.0	0	9.3
Sha Tin	177	91.0	540	71.0	30	32.0	135	26.0	-	N.A.
Tai Po	-	N.A.	341	42.0	17	26.0	94	8.0	0	12.4
North	51	100.0	416	47.0	17	29.0	82	42.0	0	0.2
Yuen Long	64	100.0	424	84.0	33	28.0	122	22.0	28	0.0
Tsuen Wan	76	99.0	281	70.0	19	34.0	98	32.0	14	0.5
Kwai Tsing	32	100.0	510	63.0	37	27.0	138	13.0	28	2.2
Tuen Mun	64	100.0	524	62.0	33	21.0	173	26.0	-	N.A.
Total	852	98.0	7 873	54.0	452	27.0	2 309	24.0	126	4.4

N.A. - Not applicable

[Note 1] Figures provided by EDB as at September 2021.

[Note 2] 10 MHCCCs in Kwun Tong, Wong Tai Sin, Sham Shui Po, Tai Po, North, Yuen Long and Kwai Tsing districts have been re-engineered to provide after-school care service for pre-primary children. As a result, there has been a reduction in the number of service places.

Table 4: Service fees, number of places and average utilisation rates for aided standalone CCCs, CCCs attached to KGs, OCCS, EHS and MHCCCs (2022-23)

District	Aided standalone CCC ^[Note 1]		CCC attached to KG ^[Note 2]		OCCS		EHS		MHCCC	
	Service fee (\$)		Service fee (\$)		Service fee (\$)		Service fee (\$)		Service fee (\$)	
	-		-		Whole day: 64 Half day: 32 Per 2 hours: 16		Per hour: 13		Per hour: 8-28	
	Number of places	Average utilisation rate (%)	Number of places	Average utilisation rate (%)	Number of places	Average utilisation rate (%)	Number of places	Average utilisation rate (%)	Number of places ^[Note 3]	Average utilisation rate (%)
Central & Western	48	100.0	499	23.0	12	37.0	99	30.0	14	9.6
Southern	-	N.A.	287	57.0	17	32.0	73	47.0	14	0.1
Islands	-	N.A.	367	20.0	12	14.0	27	4.0	-	N.A.
Eastern	64	100.0	375	53.0	22	25.0	175	33.0	-	N.A.
Wan Chai	48	100.0	246	50.0	17	57.0	94	35.0	-	N.A.
Kwun Tong	-	N.A.	611	69.0	53	30.0	226	26.0	0	0.7
Wong Tai Sin	-	N.A.	400	80.0	35	37.0	210	27.0	-	N.A.
Sai Kung	-	N.A.	965	31.0	23	27.0	94	16.0	-	N.A.
Kowloon City	67	100.0	547	41.0	22	48.0	151	20.0	-	N.A.
Yau Tsim Mong	99	100.0	365	55.0	23	21.0	139	34.0	-	N.A.
Sham Shui Po	62	100.0	463	51.0	28	30.0	165	28.0	-	N.A.
Sha Tin	177	98.0	589	71.0	30	43.0	135	27.0	-	N.A.
Tai Po	92	20.0	424	41.0	20	55.0	111	13.0	-	N.A.
North	51	100.0	379	49.0	17	45.0	82	41.0	-	N.A.
Yuen Long	152	91.0	385	83.0	36	43.0	139	32.0	28	0.0
Tsuen Wan	76	98.0	273	66.0	19	26.0	98	31.0	14	0.0
Kwai Tsing	32	100.0	488	66.0	37	39.0	138	18.0	14	3.1
Tuen Mun	64	100.0	490	60.0	33	30.0	173	29.0	-	N.A.
Total	1 032	97.0	8 153	52.0	456	36.0	2 329	27.0	84	2.1

N.A. - Not applicable

[Note 1] 2 aided standalone CCCs in Tai Po and Sha Tin districts commenced service in January and March 2023 respectively.

[Note 2] Figures provided by EDB as at September 2022.

[Note 3] 13 MHCCCs in Southern, Kwun Tong, Wong Tai Sin, Sham Shui Po, Tai Po, North, Yuen Long and Kwai Tsing districts have been re-engineered to provide after-school care service for pre-primary children. As a result, there has been a reduction in the number of service places.

Table 5: Service fees, number of places and average utilisation rates for aided standalone CCCs, CCCs attached to KGs, OCCS, EHS and MHCCCs (April to December 2023)

District	Aided standalone CCC		CCC attached to KG ^[Note 1]		OCCS		EHS		MHCCC	
	Service fee (\$)		Service fee (\$)		Service fee (\$)		Service fee (\$)		Service fee (\$)	
	-		-		Whole day: 64 Half day: 32 Per 2 hours: 16		Per hour: 13		Per hour: 8-28	
	Number of places	Average utilisation rate (%)	Number of places	Average utilisation rate (%)	Number of places	Average utilisation rate (%)	Number of places	Average utilisation rate (%)	Number of places ^[Note 2]	Average utilisation rate (%)
Central & Western	48	100.0	474	27.0	14	48.0	99	35.0	0	10.9
Southern	-	N.A.	274	50.0	17	43.0	73	63.0	14	0.0
Islands	-	N.A.	349	22.0	12	25.0	27	6.0	-	N.A.
Eastern	64	100.0	358	59.0	22	42.0	175	38.0	-	N.A.
Wan Chai	48	100.0	235	42.0	17	69.0	94	50.0	-	N.A.
Kwun Tong	-	N.A.	579	69.0	48	45.0	226	48.0	-	N.A.
Wong Tai Sin	-	N.A.	381	88.0	32	62.0	210	41.0	-	N.A.
Sai Kung	-	N.A.	919	31.0	22	44.0	94	26.0	-	N.A.
Kowloon City	67	100.0	520	43.0	23	52.0	151	30.0	-	N.A.
Yau Tsim Mong	99	100.0	347	57.0	22	39.0	139	41.0	-	N.A.
Sham Shui Po	62	100.0	441	52.0	29	53.0	162	42.0	-	N.A.
Sha Tin	177	99.0	560	74.0	31	52.0	138	40.0	-	N.A.
Tai Po	92	83.0	403	47.0	19	62.0	111	31.0	-	N.A.
North	51	100.0	360	54.0	18	58.0	82	55.0	-	N.A.
Yuen Long	152	76.0	393	93.0	39	64.0	139	44.0	0	0.0
Tsuen Wan	76	100.0	261	72.0	19	56.0	98	40.0	-	N.A.
Kwai Tsing	32	100.0	464	70.0	37	44.0	138	22.0	0	8.9
Tuen Mun	64	96.0	466	73.0	34	40.0	173	35.0	-	N.A.
Total	1 032	95.0	7 784	56.0	455	51.0	2 329	39.0	14	2.7

N.A. - Not applicable

[Note 1] Figures provided by EDB as at September 2023.

[Note 2] 17 MHCCCs in Central & Western, Southern, Kwun Tong, Wong Tai Sin, Sham Shui Po, Tai Po, North, Yuen Long and Kwai Tsing districts have been re-engineered to provide after-school care service for pre-primary children. As a result, there has been a reduction in the number of service places.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(W)033

(Question Serial No. 3195)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): ()
Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Charmaine LEE)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

It is mentioned in Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2024-25 under this Programme that the Social Welfare Department (SWD) will strengthen the home-based child care service (HCCS) under the Neighbourhood Support Child Care Project (NSCCP) and increase the level of incentive payment for home-based child carers and the number of places. In this connection, would the Government please inform this Committee of the following:

1. Please provide information on NSCCP, including the number of places, the number of home-based child carers, their average service hours, the number of service users (broken down by age groups of below 3, 3 to 6 and above 6), the amount of subsidy granted to each service operator, and the service fee they charged in the past 5 years, broken down by District Council (DC) district.
2. What plans does SWD have to strengthen HCCS under NSCCP? Will SWD consider providing systematic on-the-job training and assessment for home-based child carers, establishing a monitoring mechanism to assess their service quality, and implementing a registration and certification regime to ensure the quality of their qualifications? If yes, what are the details? If not, what are the reasons for that?
3. Please provide details on SWD's plan to increase in the level of incentive payment for home-based child carers and the number of service places, along with the estimated expenditure involved.

Asked by: Hon CHAN Hoi-yan (LegCo internal reference no.: 33)

Reply:

1. The information on NSCCP for the past 5 financial years, broken down by DC district, is provided at Annex. SWD does not have information on the average number of service hours of home-based child carers.
2. To enhance NSCCP, SWD plans to strengthen the training for home-based child carers starting from the fourth quarter of 2024. Trainees are required to undergo 14 hours of basic training, the content of which is standardised and formulated by SWD. This training covers topics such as the physical and psychological development of infants and young children, special developmental milestones and growth needs, care and

communication skills, home safety and hygiene, handling of accidents/special incidents. Home-based child carers who are arranged to take care of children with special learning needs must receive an additional 4 hours of advanced training to learn the knowledge and skills in caring for these children. Service operators are required to evaluate the child care skills and knowledge of home-based child carers after they have completed the training, assess their confidence in providing care services, and determine whether the home environment is suitable for providing care services before arranging them to provide services. The incentive payment for home-based child carers also varies depending on the age of the child under their care and whether the child has special needs.

To ensure service quality, SWD has consistently required service operators under NSCCP to establish mechanisms for recruiting, assessing, selecting and training home-based child carers, as well as for service matching. Social workers from service operators are required to conduct monthly home visits to home-based child carers currently providing services, while child care workers will provide them with individual training/supervision. In addition, service operators are also required to continuously evaluate and follow up on the performance of home-based child carers. Statistics related to the amount of training/supervision provided are included in the service quality indicators, and service operators are required to submit relevant statistical information to SWD on a quarterly basis. SWD will also conduct regular and surprise visits to assess whether service operators are in compliance with the requirements specified in the Service Agreement.

3. Starting from April 2024, SWD will increase the incentive payment for home-based child carers under NSCCP. For carers of infants and young children aged 0 to 3 or children with special learning needs, the rate will be increased to \$60 per hour. For carers of children aged 3 to 9, the rate will be increased to \$40 per hour. The number of places will be increased to about 2 000 from the fourth quarter of 2024. These measures will incur an additional annual recurrent expenditure of about \$293.3 million.

**Table 1: Number of places, number of home-based child carers, number of children served, service fee and subsidy received by service operators under NSCCP
2019-2020**

District	Number of places [Note 1]	Number of home-based child carers (December 2019)	Number of children served				Basic service fee per hour [Note 2]		Actual expenditure for 2019-20 [Note 3] (\$ million)
			Aged below 3	Aged 3 to below 6	Aged above 6	Total	HCCS	Centre-based care group (CCG)	
Central & Western	53	40	94	170	147	411	24	24	54.1
Wan Chai	53	161	8	91	115	214	22	22	
Eastern	53	176	166	154	107	427	22	22	
Southern	53	29	64	74	43	181	20	12	
Yau Tsim Mong	53	267	307	417	102	826	20	13	
Sham Shui Po	53	74	251	310	152	713	20	13	
Kowloon City	53	473	170	199	129	498	20	13	
Wong Tai Sin	53	59	165	329	95	589	18	10	
Kwun Tong	53	52	230	150	122	502	20	13	
Kwai Tsing	53	88	214	266	94	574	18	13	
Tsuen Wan	53	56	169	229	263	661	20	13	
Tuen Mun	53	42	257	389	235	881	20	13	
Yuen Long	53	58	399	611	311	1 321	18	13	
North	53	58	91	129	48	268	18	13	
Tai Po	53	64	264	251	167	682	20	13	
Sha Tin	53	87	264	330	311	905	20	13	
Sai Kung	53	114	279	317	150	746	20	13	
Islands	53	16	64	160	81	305	22	13	
Total	954	1 914	3 456	4 576	2 672	10 704	-	-	

[Note 1] Service operators are required to provide a minimum of 53 service places in each district (i.e. the total number of places in all 18 districts should be at least 954). Service operators may flexibly increase the number of HCCS places beyond this requirement so as to meet the actual service demand.

[Note 2] Operators may determine the amount of fees according to the circumstances of the district. Service users with social needs and/or financial difficulties can apply for fee waivers/reductions.

[Note 3] The expenditure for each year includes the operator's administrative expenses and subsidies granted to service users from low-income families. SWD does not have a breakdown of the expenditure on NSCCP by 18 districts.

**Table 2: Number of places, number of home-based child carers, number of children served, service fee and subsidy received by service operators under NSCCP
2020-2021**

District	Number of places [Note 1]	Number of home-based child carers (December 2020)	Number of children served				Basic service fee pour hour [Note 2]		Actual expenditure for 2020-21 [Note 3] (\$ million)
			Aged below 3	Aged 3 to below 6	Aged above 6	Total	HCCS	CCG	
Central & Western	53	46	71	117	153	341	24	24	58.5
Wan Chai	53	114	28	84	97	209	22	22	
Eastern	53	183	143	117	100	360	22	22	
Southern	53	28	46	89	16	151	20	12	
Yau Tsim Mong	53	299	250	179	48	477	20	13	
Sham Shui Po	53	38	229	363	186	778	20	13	
Kowloon City	53	489	95	107	42	244	20	13	
Wong Tai Sin	53	22	121	221	80	422	18	10	
Kwun Tong	53	51	91	94	128	313	20	13	
Kwai Tsing	53	41	235	131	55	421	18	13	
Tsuen Wan	53	43	79	91	118	288	20	13	
Tuen Mun	53	36	225	275	219	719	20	13	
Yuen Long	53	32	276	554	284	1 114	18	13	
North	53	54	66	141	96	303	18	13	
Tai Po	53	69	189	209	123	521	20	13	
Sha Tin	53	49	174	229	211	614	20	13	
Sai Kung	53	130	162	207	108	477	20	13	
Islands	53	80	64	92	71	227	22	13	
Total	954	1 804	2 544	3 300	2 135	7 979	-	-	

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**Table 3: Number of places, number of home-based child carers, number of children served, service fee and subsidy received by service operators under NSCCP
2021-22**

District	Number of places [Note 1]	Number of home-based child carers (December 2021)	Number of children served				Basic service fee per hour [Note 2]		Actual expenditure for 2021-22 [Note 3] (\$ million)
			Aged below 3	Aged 3 to below 6	Aged above 6	Total	HCCS	CCG	
Central & Western	53	32	61	132	162	355	24	24	51.2
Wan Chai	53	98	58	88	141	287	22	22	
Eastern	53	58	146	192	90	428	22	22	
Southern	53	26	40	155	88	283	20	12	
Yau Tsim Mong	53	314	293	298	133	724	20	13	
Sham Shui Po	53	49	369	397	245	1 011	20	13	
Kowloon City	53	515	167	206	215	588	20	13	
Wong Tai Sin	53	45	113	337	171	621	18	10	
Kwun Tong	53	56	92	126	144	362	20	13	
Kwai Tsing	53	55	283	208	128	619	18	13	
Tsuen Wan	53	56	151	212	151	514	20	13	
Tuen Mun	53	31	214	254	299	767	20	13	
Yuen Long	53	72	388	539	382	1 309	18	13	
North	53	70	99	211	172	482	18	13	
Tai Po	53	73	133	267	152	552	20	13	
Sha Tin	53	42	190	374	352	916	20	13	
Sai Kung	53	135	176	223	114	513	20	13	
Islands	53	88	112	222	164	498	22	13	
Total	954	1 815	3 085	4 441	3 303	10 829	-	-	

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[Note 2] Operators may determine the amount of fees according to the circumstances of the district. Service users with social needs and/or financial difficulties can apply for fee waivers/reductions.

[Note 3] The expenditure for each year includes the operator's administrative expenses and subsidies granted to service users from low-income families. SWD does not have a breakdown of the expenditure on NSCCP by 18 districts.

**Table 4: Number of places, number of home-based child carers, number of children served, service fee and subsidy received by service operators under NSCCP
2022-23**

District	Number of places [Note 1]	Number of home-based child carers (December 2022)	Number of children served				Basic service fee per hour [Note 2]		Actual expenditure for 2022-23 [Note 3] (\$ million)
			Aged below 3	Aged 3 to below 6	Aged above 6	Total	HCCS	CCG	
Central & Western	53	29	55	181	177	413	24	24	28.3
Wan Chai	53	73	32	46	111	189	22	22	
Eastern	53	59	134	133	59	326	22	22	
Southern	53	27	5	90	76	171	20	12	
Yau Tsim Mong	53	278	218	349	226	793	20	13	
Sham Shui Po	53	57	328	307	207	842	20	13	
Kowloon City	53	521	125	169	161	455	20	13	
Wong Tai Sin	53	45	61	287	247	595	18	10	
Kwun Tong	53	44	115	152	128	395	20	13	
Kwai Tsing	53	72	296	217	166	679	18	13	
Tsuen Wan	53	63	121	289	235	645	20	13	
Tuen Mun	53	33	198	246	288	732	20	13	
Yuen Long	53	65	344	400	407	1 151	18	13	
North	53	61	60	160	226	446	18	13	
Tai Po	53	69	120	245	215	580	20	13	
Sha Tin	53	41	160	355	333	848	20	13	
Sai Kung	53	139	148	245	198	591	20	13	
Islands	53	83	57	189	222	468	22	13	
Total	954	1 759	2 577	4 060	3 682	10 319	-	-	

[Note 1] Service operators are required to provide a minimum of 53 service places in each district (i.e. the total number of places in all 18 districts should be at least 954). Service operators may flexibly increase the number of HCCS places beyond this requirement so as to meet the actual service demand.

[Note 2] Operators may determine the amount of fees according to the circumstances of the district. Service users with social needs and/or financial difficulties can apply for fee waivers/reductions.

[Note 3] The expenditure for each year includes the operator's administrative expenses and subsidies granted to service users from low-income families. SWD does not have a breakdown of the expenditure on NSCCP by 18 districts.

**Table 5: Number of places, number of home-based child carers, number of children served, service fee and subsidy received by service operators under NSCCP
2023-24 (April to December 2023)**

District	Number of places [Note 1]	Number of home-based child carers (December 2023)	Number of children served				Basic service fee per hour [Note 2]		Revised estimate for 2023-24 [Note 3] (\$ million)
			Aged below 3	Aged 3 to below 6	Aged above 6	Total	HCCS	CCG	
Central & Western	53	59	81	188	118	387	24	24	107.7
Wan Chai	53	67	24	96	81	201	22	22	
Eastern	53	103	151	126	52	329	22	22	
Southern	53	30	7	222	193	422	20	12	
Yau Tsim Mong	53	126	160	277	203	640	20	13	
Sham Shui Po	53	59	315	230	161	706	20	13	
Kowloon City	53	525	64	122	94	280	20	13	
Wong Tai Sin	53	112	77	212	236	525	18	10	
Kwun Tong	53	46	111	163	130	404	20	13	
Kwai Tsing	53	82	232	119	144	495	18	13	
Tsuen Wan	53	77	88	194	98	380	20	13	
Tuen Mun	53	37	215	246	183	644	20	13	
Yuen Long	53	67	234	351	294	879	18	13	
North	53	78	45	135	220	400	18	13	
Tai Po	53	77	93	158	129	380	20	13	
Sha Tin	53	42	98	223	225	546	20	13	
Sai Kung	53	83	145	179	145	469	20	13	
Islands	53	100	54	203	140	397	22	13	
Total	954	1 770	2 194	3 444	2 846	8 484	-	-	

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[Note 2] Operators may determine the amount of fees according to the circumstances of the district. Service users with social needs and/or financial difficulties can apply for fee waivers/reductions.

[Note 3] The expenditure for each year includes the operator's administrative expenses and subsidies granted to service users from low-income families. SWD does not have a breakdown of the expenditure on NSCCP by 18 districts.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(W)034

(Question Serial No. 0874)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): ()
Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Charmaine LEE)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding day child care services, please inform this committee:

- (1) the number of qualified child care workers and their ratios to children receiving day/residential child care services and pre-school rehabilitation services, as well as the expenditure incurred in providing day/residential child care services and pre-school rehabilitation services in 2023-24;
- (2) the average salary and the percentage increase or decrease in the salary of all child care workers over the past 3 years; and
- (3) for day child care services (including standalone child care centres (CCCs) and CCCs attached to kindergartens (KGs) for children aged below 3; Occasional Child Care Service (OCCS), Extended Hours Service (EHS) and Mutual Help Child Care Centres (MHCCCs) for children aged below 6; and the Neighbourhood Support Child Care Project (NSCCP) for children aged below 9), (a) the number of service places in each district; (b) the average utilisation rate, number of service users and service fee for each type of service; (c) the number of waitlisted children; (d) the average waiting time; and (e) any other support provided to parents during the waiting period for the past 3 years.

Asked by: Hon CHAN Kapui, Judy (LegCo internal reference no.: 1)

Reply:

- (1) & (2) In accordance with the Child Care Services Regulations (CSSR) (Cap. 243A), the child care staff serving in a CCC have to be registered as child care workers upon successful completing a training course approved by the Director of Social Welfare. In accordance with the Child Care Services Ordinance (Cap. 243) and CSSR, the manning ratio for qualified child care workers taking care of children aged 0 to below 2 in day CCCs is 1:8, while the manning ratio for taking care of children aged 2 to below 3 is 1:14. To improve service quality, the Government has allocated additional resources to enhance the above manning ratios to 1:6 and 1:11 respectively since the 2019/20 school year. The manning ratios for child care workers serving in residential child care centres (RCCCs) for children aged below 6 are 1:8 between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m., and 1:12 between 8 p.m. and 8 a.m.

In addition, the manning ratio for qualified child care workers serving in special child care centres (SCCCs) for children aged 2 to 6 is 1:14. As for the staffing establishment of individual service areas, please refer to the Social Welfare Department's (SWD) webpage (<https://www.swd.gov.hk/en/ngo/subventions/suballoc/subvention/nses/>) for details.

Subject to their compliance with the requirements of the Funding and Service Agreements and the relevant statutory staffing requirements, non-governmental organisations operating subvented services may determine their staffing establishment in accordance with their human resources policies, and flexibly deploy resources and employ staff to achieve the service output and outcomes required. SWD does not have information on the average salary or the percentage increase or decrease in the salary of all child care workers.

The Government's expenditure on RCCCs, aided standalone CCCs, aided CCCs attached to KGs, OCCS, EHS, NSCCP and pre-school rehabilitation services in 2023-24 is tabulated as follows:

Service type	Revised estimate of expenditure (\$ million)
RCCC	106.6
Aided standalone CCC	65.9
Aided CCC attached to KG	178.5
OCCS	61.2
EHS	93.1
NSCCP	107.7
On-site Pre-school Rehabilitation Services	1,207.3
Early Education and Training Centre	392.2
Integrated Programme in KG-cum-CCC	166.3
SCCC	648.6

- (3) The service fee, number of places and average utilisation rate of various types of day child care services (including standalone CCCs, CCCs attached to KGs, OCCS, EHS, MHCCCs and NSCCP) for the past 3 financial years, broken down by District Council (DC) district, are tabulated at Annex.

The monthly fees charged by aided standalone CCCs for children aged below 2 and the fees charged by aided CCCs (including aided standalone CCCs and aided CCCs attached to KGs) for children aged 2 to below 3 are tabulated as follows:

Table 1: Monthly fees charged by aided standalone CCCs for children aged below 2

Year	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
Highest monthly fee (\$)	6,700	6,710	6,720
Lowest monthly fee (\$)	4,385	4,385	4,385

Table 2: Monthly fees charged by aided CCCs for children aged 2 to below 3

Year	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
Highest monthly fee (\$)	6,509	6,521	6,802
Lowest monthly fee (\$)	540	1,831	1,831

As parents can apply directly for the aforementioned child care services from the service operators according to their needs, without the need to waitlist the services

under a central system and the applications are handled by the respective service operators, SWD does not have statistical information on the number of children waitlisted and the average waiting time for these services.

Table 1: Service fee, number of places and average utilisation rate of standalone CCCs, CCCs attached to KGs, OCCS, EHS, MHCCCs and NSCCP (2021-22)

District	Standalone CCC		CCC attached to KG ^[Note 1]		OCCS		EHS		MHCCC		NSCCP	
	Service fee (\$)		Service fee (\$)		Service fee (\$)		Service fee (\$)		Service fee (\$)		Service fee (\$)	
	-		-		Whole day: 64 Half day: 32 Per 2 hours: 16		Per hour: 13		Per hours: 8-28		Per hour for home-based child care service (HCCS): 18-24 Per hour for centre-based care group (CCG): 10-24	
	Number of places	Average utilisation rate (%)	Number of places	Average utilisation rate (%)	Number of places	Average utilisation rate (%)	Number of places	Average utilisation rate (%)	Number of places ^[Note 2]	Average utilisation rate (%)	Number of places ^[Note 3]	Number of service users
Central & Western	210	39.0	2 807	24.0	12	30.0	99	24.0	14	18.8	53	355
Southern	-	N.A.	1 199	52.0	17	28.0	73	49.0	28	0.1	53	283
Islands	46	98.0	1 161	24.0	12	23.0	27	0.0	-	N.A.	53	498
Eastern	260	53.0	3 776	49.0	24	26.0	189	25.0	-	N.A.	53	428
Wan Chai	48	100.0	1 335	57.0	17	47.0	94	31.0	-	N.A.	53	287
Kwun Tong	309	70.0	1 272	71.0	53	23.0	226	20.0	14	5.3	53	362
Wong Tai Sin	-	N.A.	606	75.0	35	24.0	210	21.0	0	6.7	53	621
Sai Kung	-	N.A.	4 338	31.0	23	20.0	94	13.0	-	N.A.	53	513
Kowloon City	1 185	54.0	4 173	45.0	22	37.0	151	16.0	-	N.A.	53	588
Yau Tsim Mong	131	57.0	1 857	58.0	23	15.0	139	27.0	-	N.A.	53	724
Sham Shui Po	62	100.0	1 408	59.0	28	27.0	165	27.0	0	9.3	53	1 011
Sha Tin	177	91.0	1 966	70.0	30	32.0	135	26.0	-	N.A.	53	916
Tai Po	-	N.A.	1 288	43.0	17	26.0	94	8.0	0	12.4	53	552
North	51	100.0	1 087	47.0	17	29.0	82	42.0	0	0.2	53	482
Yuen Long	64	100.0	1 310	82.0	33	28.0	122	22.0	28	0.0	53	1 309
Tsuen Wan	412	33.0	1 261	68.0	19	34.0	98	32.0	14	0.5	53	514
Kwai Tsing	60	100.0	1 285	61.0	37	27.0	138	13.0	28	2.2	53	619
Tuen Mun	172	75.0	1 772	62.0	33	21.0	173	26.0	-	N.A.	53	767
Total	3 187	59.0	33 901	50.0	452	27.0	2 309	24.0	126	4.4	954	10 829

N.A. - Not applicable

^[Note 1] Figures provided by the Education Bureau (EDB) as at September 2021.

^[Note 2] 10 MHCCCs in Kwun Tong, Sham Shui Po, Tai Po, Kwai Tsing, Wong Tai Sin, Yuen Long and North districts have been re-engineered to provide after-school care service for pre-primary children. As a result, there has been a reduction in the number of service places.

^[Note 3] Service operators are required to provide a minimum of 53 service places in each district (i.e. the total number of places in all 18 districts should be at least 954). Service operators may flexibly increase the number of HCCS places beyond this requirement so as to meet the actual service demand.

Table 2: Service fee, number of places and average utilisation rate of standalone CCCs, CCCs attached to KGs, OCCS, EHS, MHCCCs and NSCCP (2022-23)

District	Standalone CCC ^[Note 1]		CCC attached to KG ^[Note 2]		OCCS		EHS		MHCCC		NSCCP	
	Service fee (\$)		Service fee (\$)		Service fee (\$)		Service fee (\$)		Service fee (\$)		Service fee (\$)	
	-		-		Whole day: 64 Half day: 32 Per 2 hours: 16		Per hour: 13		Per hours: 8-28		Per hour for HCCS: 18-24 Per hour for CCG: 10-24	
	Number of places	Average utilisation rate (%)	Number of places	Average utilisation rate (%)	Number of places	Average utilisation rate (%)	Number of places	Average utilisation rate (%)	Number of places ^[Note 3]	Average utilisation rate (%)	Number of places ^[Note 4]	Number of service users
Central & Western	210	34.0	2 708	23.0	12	37.0	99	30.0	14	9.6	53	413
Southern	-	N.A.	1 039	52.0	17	32.0	73	47.0	14	0.1	53	171
Islands	120	66.0	1 179	21.0	12	14.0	27	4.0	-	N.A.	53	468
Eastern	260	49.0	3 219	50.0	22	25.0	175	33.0	-	N.A.	53	326
Wan Chai	48	100.0	1 323	48.0	17	57.0	94	35.0	-	N.A.	53	189
Kwun Tong	309	64.0	1 266	69.0	53	30.0	226	26.0	0	0.7	53	395
Wong Tai Sin	-	N.A.	558	80.0	35	37.0	210	27.0	-	N.A.	53	595
Sai Kung	-	N.A.	4 442	28.0	23	27.0	94	16.0	-	N.A.	53	591
Kowloon City	1 152	59.0	4 089	42.0	22	48.0	151	20.0	-	N.A.	53	455
Yau Tsim Mong	131	81.0	1 857	56.0	23	21.0	139	34.0	-	N.A.	53	793
Sham Shui Po	62	100.0	1 487	50.0	28	30.0	165	28.0	-	N.A.	53	842
Sha Tin	177	98.0	1 948	70.0	30	43.0	135	27.0	-	N.A.	53	848
Tai Po	92	20.0	1 430	41.0	20	55.0	111	13.0	-	N.A.	53	580
North	51	100.0	1 087	49.0	17	45.0	82	41.0	-	N.A.	53	446
Yuen Long	152	91.0	1 365	80.0	36	43.0	139	32.0	28	0.0	53	1 151
Tsuen Wan	244	45.0	1 048	63.0	19	26.0	98	31.0	14	0.0	53	645
Kwai Tsing	60	100.0	1 101	66.0	37	39.0	138	18.0	14	3.1	53	679
Tuen Mun	172	68.0	1 591	60.0	33	30.0	173	29.0	-	N.A.	53	732
Total	3 240	63.0	32 737	48.0	456	36.0	2 329	27.0	84	2.1	954	10 319

N.A. - Not applicable

^[Note 1] 2 standalone CCCs in Tai Po and Yuen Long districts commenced service in January and March 2023 respectively.

^[Note 2] Figures provided by EDB as at September 2022.

^[Note 3] 13 MHCCCs in Southern, Kwun Tong, Wong Tai Sin, Sham Shui Po, Tai Po, North, Yuen Long and Kwai Tsing districts have been re-engineered to provide after-school care service for pre-primary children. As a result, there has been a reduction in the number of service places.

^[Note 4] Service operators are required to provide a minimum of 53 service places in each district (i.e. the total number of places in all 18 districts should be at least 954). Service operators may flexibly increase the number of HCCS places beyond this requirement so as to meet the actual service demand.

Table 3: Service fee, number of places and average utilisation rate of standalone CCCs, CCCs attached to KGs, OCCS, EHS, MHCCCs and NSCCP (April to December 2023)

District	Standalone CCC ^[Note 1]		CCC attached to KG ^[Note 2]		OCCS		EHS		MHCCC		NSCCP	
	Service fee (\$)		Service fee (\$)		Service fee (\$)		Service fee (\$)		Service fee (\$)		Service fee (\$)	
	-		-		Whole day: 64 Half day: 32 Per 2 hours: 16		Per hour: 13		Per hours: 8-28		Per hour for HCCS: 18-24 Per hour for CCG: 10-24	
	Number of places	Average utilisation rate (%)	Number of places	Average utilisation rate (%)	Number of places	Average utilisation rate (%)	Number of places	Average utilisation rate (%)	Number of places ^[Note 3]	Average utilisation rate (%)	Number of places ^[Note 4]	Number of service users
Central & Western	48	50.0	2 896	23.0	14	48.0	99	35.0	0	10.9	53	387
Southern	-	N.A.	1 095	46.0	17	43.0	73	63.0	14	0.0	53	422
Islands	136	66.0	1 241	24.0	12	25.0	27	6.0	-	N.A.	53	397
Eastern	260	46.0	3 461	46.0	22	42.0	175	38.0	-	N.A.	53	329
Wan Chai	48	100.0	1 420	44.0	17	69.0	94	50.0	-	N.A.	53	201
Kwun Tong	309	65.0	1 300	62.0	48	45.0	226	48.0	-	N.A.	53	404
Wong Tai Sin	-	N.A.	555	78.0	32	62.0	210	41.0	-	N.A.	53	525
Sai Kung	-	N.A.	4 732	24.0	22	44.0	94	26.0	-	N.A.	53	469
Kowloon City	1 152	54.0	4 401	39.0	23	52.0	151	30.0	-	N.A.	53	280
Yau Tsim Mong	131	83.0	1 983	48.0	22	39.0	139	41.0	-	N.A.	53	640
Sham Shui Po	62	100.0	1 567	48.0	29	53.0	162	42.0	-	N.A.	53	706
Sha Tin	177	99.0	2 053	64.0	31	52.0	138	40.0	-	N.A.	53	546
Tai Po	92	83.0	1 508	38.0	19	62.0	111	31.0	-	N.A.	53	380
North	51	100.0	1 139	47.0	18	58.0	82	55.0	-	N.A.	53	400
Yuen Long	152	76.0	1 469	83.0	39	64.0	139	44.0	0	0.0	53	879
Tsuen Wan	244	50.0	1 114	68.0	19	56.0	98	40.0	-	N.A.	53	380
Kwai Tsing	60	100.0	1 138	59.0	37	44.0	138	22.0	0	8.9	53	495
Tuen Mun	172	74.0	1 677	56.0	34	40.0	173	35.0	-	N.A.	53	644
Total	3 094	64.0	34 749	44.0	455	51.0	2 329	39.0	14	2.7	954	8 484

N.A. - Not applicable

[Note 1] 1 standalone CCC in Central & Western district has ceased operation in August 2023.

[Note 2] Figures provided by EDB as at September 2023.

[Note 3] 17 MHCCCs in Southern, Kwun Tong, Wong Tai Sin, Sham Shui Po, Tai Po, North, Yuen Long, Kwai Tsing, and Central & Western districts have been re-engineered to provide after-school care service for pre-primary children. As a result, there has been a reduction in the number of service places.

[Note 4] Service operators are required to provide a minimum of 53 service places in each district (i.e. the total number of places in all 18 districts should be at least 954). Service operators may flexibly increase the number of HCCS places beyond this requirement so as to meet the actual service demand.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(W)035

(Question Serial No. 0875)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Charmaine LEE)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Please provide this Committee with the following information for the past 3 years:

- (1) the respective numbers of persons benefited from adoption services and services for street sleepers, as well as the actual or estimated expenditure involved;
- (2) the number of persons benefited from foster care services, as well as the actual or estimated expenditure involved; and
- (3) the respective numbers of persons benefited from the services of refuge centres for women and the Multi-Purpose Crisis Intervention and Support Centre (MCISC), as well as the actual or estimated expenditure involved.

Asked by: Hon CHAN Kapui, Judy (LegCo internal reference no.: 2)

Reply:

- (1) The number of children arranged by the Social Welfare Department for adoption in the past 3 financial years and the expenditure involved are set out in Table 1 of Annex. The number of street sleeper cases receiving support and the expenditure of subvented integrated services for street sleepers are set out in Tables 2 and 3 of Annex, respectively.
- (2) The number of children receiving foster care services in the past 3 financial years and the expenditure involved are set out in Table 4 of Annex.
- (3) The number of service users and the expenditure of refuge centres for women and MCISC in the past 3 financial years are set out in Tables 5 and 6 of Annex, respectively.

Table 1: Number of children adopted and the expenditure involved

	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24 (as at 31 December 2023)
Number of children adopted	70	82	44
Expenditure (\$ million)	19.4 (Actual)	19.3 (Actual)	20.4 (Revised Estimate)

Table 2: Number of street sleeper cases receiving support

Year	Number of cases
2021-22	573
2022-23	556
2023-24 (as at 31 December 2023)	639

Table 3: Expenditure of subvented integrated services for street sleepers

Year	Expenditure (\$ million)
2021-22 (Actual)	29.9
2022-23 (Actual)	32.6
2023-24 (Revised estimate)	36.2

Table 4: Number of children receiving foster care services and the expenditure involved

	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24 (as at 31 December 2023)
Number of children receiving foster care services	921	892	844
Expenditure (\$ million)	233.7 (Actual)	237.1 (Actual)	252.6 (Revised estimate)

Table 5: Number of service users and expenditure of refuge centres for women

	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24 (as at 31 December 2023)
Total number of admissions ^[Note 1]	962	1 033	848
Expenditure (\$ million)	42.6 (Actual)	43.4 (Actual)	44.9 (Revised estimate)

^[Note 1] As service users may have multiple admissions to refuge centres in a particular year, admission is counted on a headcount basis.

Table 6: Number of service users and expenditure of MCISC

	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24 (as at 31 December 2023)
Total number of admissions ^[Note 2]	288	273	238
Expenditure (\$ million)	18.8 (Actual)	19.0 (Actual)	19.9 (Revised estimate)

^[Note 2] As service users may have multiple admissions to MCISC in a particular year, admission is counted on a headcount basis.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(W)036

(Question Serial No. 0876)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): ()
Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Charmaine LEE)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the Neighbourhood Support Child Care Project (NSCCP):

- (1) Please provide the actual annual expenditure on NSCCP for each of the past 3 years, with a breakdown by expenditure item (such as incentive payment, staff salaries, training for child carers, administrative expenses, etc.).
- (2) For each of the past 3 years, please provide the following information for the 18 districts in Hong Kong:
 - (a) the number of places and number of home-based child carers;
 - (b) the amount of subvention for each service operator and the service fee they charge;
 - (c) the hourly wage of home-based child carers; and
 - (d) the number of service users, broken down by age groups of 0 to 2, 3 to 5 and 6 to 9; and
- (3) the number of subvented places, amount of additional funding and estimated expenditure on NSCCP in 2024-25.

Asked by: Hon CHAN Ka-pui, Judy (LegCo internal reference no.: 3)

Reply:

- (1) The expenditure on NSCCP in the past 3 financial years is tabulated as follows. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) allocates funding to service operators based on the expenditure in operating NSCCP, which includes staff salaries, costs for recruiting and training home-based child carers, incentive payments, service promotion costs and subsidies for service fee waivers/reductions, etc. At the same time, service operators are required to provide a minimum number of places and employ staff in accordance with the staffing establishment stipulated in the Service Agreement (SA) for operating NSCCP. They must also meet the service output and outcome standards specified in the SA. Subject to their compliance with these requirements, service operators may flexibly deploy the funding to operate NSCCP. Therefore, SWD does not have the breakdown of the expenditure on NSCCP as requested in the question.

Year	Expenditure on NSCCP (\$ million)
2021-22 (Actual)	51.2
2022-23 (Actual) ^[Note 1]	28.3
2023-24 (Revised estimate) ^[Note 2]	107.7

[Note 1] The decrease in expenditure for 2022-23 was due to the fact that part of the funding for 2022-23 was disbursed in 2023-24.

[Note 2] The increase in expenditure for 2023-24 was due to the fact that part of the funding for 2022-23 was disbursed in 2023-24.

- (2) The information on NSCCP over the past 3 financial years, broken down by District Council district, is set out at Annex. The current incentive payment for home-based child carers is set at the standard rate of \$25 per hour. Starting from April 2024, the rate will be increased to \$60 per hour for carers of infants and young children aged 0 to 3 or children with special learning needs. For carers of children aged 3 to 9, the rate will be increased by 60%, to \$40 per hour.
- (3) Service operators are required to provide a minimum of 53 service places in each district (i.e. the total number of places in all 18 districts should be at least 954). Service operators may flexibly increase the number of home-based child care service places beyond this requirement so as to meet the actual service demand, and additional funding will be granted accordingly. Starting from the fourth quarter of 2024, SWD will double the number of NSCCP places to around 2 000, incurring an additional recurrent expenditure of about \$293.3 million each year. The estimated expenditure on NSCCP for 2024-25 is about \$268.9 million.

Table 1: Number of places, number of home-based child carers, number of children served, service fee and amount of subsidy granted to service operators of NSCCP (2021-22)

District	Number of places [Note 1]	Number of home-based child carers (December 2021)	Number of children served				Basic service fee per hour [Note 2]		Actual expenditure for 2021-22 [Note 3] (\$ million)
			Aged below 3	Aged 3 to below 6	Aged above 6	Total	Home-based child care service (HCCS)	Centre-based care group (CCG)	
Central & Western	53	32	61	132	162	355	24	24	51.2
Wan Chai	53	98	58	88	141	287	22	22	
Eastern	53	58	146	192	90	428	22	22	
Southern	53	26	40	155	88	283	20	12	
Yau Tsim Mong	53	314	293	298	133	724	20	13	
Sham Shui Po	53	49	369	397	245	1 011	20	13	
Kowloon City	53	515	167	206	215	588	20	13	
Wong Tai Sin	53	45	113	337	171	621	18	10	
Kwun Tong	53	56	92	126	144	362	20	13	
Kwai Tsing	53	55	283	208	128	619	18	13	
Tsuen Wan	53	56	151	212	151	514	20	13	
Tuen Mun	53	31	214	254	299	767	20	13	
Yuen Long	53	72	388	539	382	1 309	18	13	
North	53	70	99	211	172	482	18	13	
Tai Po	53	73	133	267	152	552	20	13	
Sha Tin	53	42	190	374	352	916	20	13	
Sai Kung	53	135	176	223	114	513	20	13	
Islands	53	88	112	222	164	498	22	13	
Total	954	1 815	3 085	4 441	3 303	10 829	-	-	

[Note 1] Service operators are required to provide a minimum of 53 service places in each district (i.e. the total number of places in all 18 districts should be at least 954). Service operators may flexibly increase the number of HCCS places beyond this requirement so as to meet the actual service demand.

[Note 2] Operators may determine the amount of fees according to the circumstances of the district. Service users with social needs and/or financial difficulties can apply for fee waivers/reductions.

[Note 3] The expenditure for each year includes the operator's administrative expenses and subsidies granted to service users from low-income families.

Table 2: Number of places, number of home-based child carers, number of children served, service fee and amount of subsidy granted to service operators of NSCCP (2022-23)

District	Number of places [Note 1]	Number of home-based child carers (December 2022)	Number of children served				Basic service fee per hour [Note 2]		Actual expenditure for 2022-23 [Note 3] (\$ million)
			Aged below 3	Aged 3 to below 6	Aged above 6	Total	HCCS	CCG	
Central & Western	53	29	55	181	177	413	24	24	28.3
Wan Chai	53	73	32	46	111	189	22	22	
Eastern	53	59	134	133	59	326	22	22	
Southern	53	27	5	90	76	171	20	12	
Yau Tsim Mong	53	278	218	349	226	793	20	13	
Sham Shui Po	53	57	328	307	207	842	20	13	
Kowloon City	53	521	125	169	161	455	20	13	
Wong Tai Sin	53	45	61	287	247	595	18	10	
Kwun Tong	53	44	115	152	128	395	20	13	
Kwai Tsing	53	72	296	217	166	679	18	13	
Tsuen Wan	53	63	121	289	235	645	20	13	
Tuen Mun	53	33	198	246	288	732	20	13	
Yuen Long	53	65	344	400	407	1 151	18	13	
North	53	61	60	160	226	446	18	13	
Tai Po	53	69	120	245	215	580	20	13	
Sha Tin	53	41	160	355	333	848	20	13	
Sai Kung	53	139	148	245	198	591	20	13	
Islands	53	83	57	189	222	468	22	13	
Total	954	1 759	2 577	4 060	3 682	10 319	-	-	

[Note 1] Service operators are required to provide a minimum of 53 service places in each district (i.e. the total number of places in all 18 districts should be at least 954). Service operators may flexibly increase the number of HCCS places beyond this requirement so as to meet the actual service demand.

[Note 2] Operators may determine the amount of fees according to the circumstances of the district. Service users with social needs and/or financial difficulties can apply for fee waivers/reductions.

[Note 3] The expenditure for each year includes the operator's administrative expenses and subsidies granted to service users from low-income families.

Table 3: Number of places, number of home-based child carers, number of children served, service fee and amount of subsidy granted to service operators of NSCCP (2023-24) (April to December 2023)

District	Number of places [Note 1]	Number of home-based child carers (December 2023)	Number of children served				Basic service fee per hour [Note 2]		Revised estimate for 2023-24 [Note 3] (\$ million)
			Aged below 3	Aged 3 to below 6	Aged above 6	Total	HCCS	CCG	
Central & Western	53	59	81	188	118	387	24	24	107.7
Wan Chai	53	67	24	96	81	201	22	22	
Eastern	53	103	151	126	52	329	22	22	
Southern	53	30	7	222	193	422	20	12	
Yau Tsim Mong	53	126	160	277	203	640	20	13	
Sham Shui Po	53	59	315	230	161	706	20	13	
Kowloon City	53	525	64	122	94	280	20	13	
Wong Tai Sin	53	112	77	212	236	525	18	10	
Kwun Tong	53	46	111	163	130	404	20	13	
Kwai Tsing	53	82	232	119	144	495	18	13	
Tsuen Wan	53	77	88	194	98	380	20	13	
Tuen Mun	53	37	215	246	183	644	20	13	
Yuen Long	53	67	234	351	294	879	18	13	
North	53	78	45	135	220	400	18	13	
Tai Po	53	77	93	158	129	380	20	13	
Sha Tin	53	42	98	223	225	546	20	13	
Sai Kung	53	83	145	179	145	469	20	13	
Islands	53	100	54	203	140	397	22	13	
Total	954	1 770	2 194	3 444	2 846	8 484	-	-	

[Note 1] Service operators are required to provide a minimum of 53 service places in each district (i.e. the total number of places in all 18 districts should be at least 954). Service operators may flexibly increase the number of HCCS places beyond this requirement so as to meet the actual service demand.

[Note 2] Operators may determine the amount of fees according to the circumstances of the district. Service users with social needs and/or financial difficulties can apply for fee waivers/reductions.

[Note 3] The expenditure for each year includes the operator's administrative expenses and subsidies granted to service users from low-income families.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(W)037

(Question Serial No. 0877)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): ()
Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Charmaine LEE)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Please inform this Committee of the following for the past 3 years:

- (1) the staffing and expenditure of the Family and Child Protective Services Units (FCPSUs), as well as the proportion of its expenditure to the total expenditure of the Department;
- (2) the number of domestic violence cases handled each year, broken down by physical violence, sexual violence, psychological violence and multiple violence;
- (3) the number of child abuse cases handled and the number of children involved, broken down by gender and age of the child, case type (physical violence, sexual violence, psychological violence and multiple violence) and relationship between the child and the abuser/perpetrator; and
- (4) the Department's specific measures to combat domestic violence, the effectiveness of such measures, and the expenditure or estimated expenditure involved.

Asked by: Hon CHAN Kapui, Judy (LegCo internal reference no.: 4)

Reply:

- (1) The staffing establishment of FCPSUs of the Social Welfare Department (SWD) in the past 3 years consisted of 14 Senior Social Work Officers, 155 Social Work Officers and 51 Assistant Social Work Officers. The revised estimated expenditure of FCPSUs in 2023-24 was \$313 million, which constituted about 0.3% of the total expenditure of SWD.
- (2) & (3) The number of newly reported cases of domestic violence involving spouse/cohabitant battering cases and the number of newly registered child protection cases from 2021 to 2023 as collected by the Central Information System on Spouse/Cohabitant Battering Cases and Sexual Violence Cases and the Child Protection Registry of SWD by type and relationship between the abuser/perpetrator and the victim/maltreated child are tabulated at Annex.

- (4) SWD will continue to provide a wide range of preventive, supportive and specialised services to support victims of domestic violence (including child abuse) and families in need. These services are provided through integrated family service centres/integrated services centres, FCPSUs, Clinical Psychology Units, family support networking teams, refuge centres for women, the Family Crisis Support Centre, the Multi-purpose Crisis Intervention and Support Centre, the Victim Support Programme for Victims of Family Violence, residential child care services and child care centres, etc. The estimated expenditure of these services in 2024-25 is about \$5.815 billion. In addition, SWD has earmarked about \$4.4 million for organising publicity and public education programmes on prevention of domestic violence (including child abuse) for the year 2024-25.

Spouse/cohabitant battering cases

(1) Newly reported spouse/cohabitant battering cases

Type \ Year	2021	2022	2023
Physical violence	2 203	1 649	1 528
Sexual violence	27	17	9
Psychological violence	275	189	153
Multiple violence	210	222	248
Total	2 715	2 077	1 938

Newly registered child protection cases

(2) Distribution of newly registered child protection cases by type

Type \ Year	2021	2022	2023
Physical harm/abuse	593	652	602
Neglect	275	276	310
Sexual abuse	448	443	509
Psychological harm/abuse	9	15	7
Multiple abuses	42	53	29
Total	1 367	1 439	1 457

(3) Gender of maltreated children

Gender \ Year	2021	2022	2023
Female	848	866	880
Male	519	573	577
Total	1 367	1 439	1 457

(4) Distribution of maltreated children by age ^[Note 1]

Age \ Year	2021	2022
0-2	190	230
3-5	148	142
6-8	224	200
9-11	248	273
12-14	351	383
15-17	206	211
Total	1 367	1 439

[Note 1] The age distribution of maltreated children in 2023 is not yet available.

(5) Relationship between the perpetrator and the maltreated child ^[Note 2]

Relationship with the maltreated child	Number of perpetrators		
	2021	2022	2023
Parent/Sibling/Step-parent/Grandparent/Relative	999	993	986
Family friend/Parent of peer/Schoolmate/Friend/Peer	170	193	201
Carer/School teacher/School personnel/Staff of boarding section of school/Tutor/Coach/Religious personnel	65	114	134
Co-tenant/Neighbour/Inmate of residential service	11	6	14
Unrelated person	145	159	142
Unidentified person/Other	51	50	62
Total	1 441	1 515	1 539

[Note 2] The number of perpetrators and the number of maltreated children do not tally because a perpetrator may harm/maltreat more than 1 child and a child may be harmed/maltreated by more than 1 perpetrator.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(W)038

(Question Serial No. 0878)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Charmaine LEE)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Please provide this Committee with the following information regarding residential child care services (RCCS) for the past 3 years:

- (1) For each service operator, please provide (a) the number of places; (b) the number of service users, broken down by age; (c) the average duration of receiving services; and (d) the number of waitlisted children.
- (2) How many staff members are responsible for inspecting RCCS? What is the amount of expenditure involved, and what proportion does it represent in relation to the total expenditure of the Social Welfare Department (SWD)?
- (3) How many times were staff members sent to inspect and supervise RCCS? What was the expenditure involved? Specifically, how the inspection and supervision of RCCS will be strengthened in 2024-25? What is the estimated expenditure involved?
- (4) How many complaints against RCCS have been handled? What are the causes for these complaints?
- (5) How many non-compliance cases have been found during inspections? What are the violations, and what penalties have been imposed?
- (6) How many non-compliance cases have been prosecuted? Please provide details of the offences and the penalties imposed.

Asked by: Hon CHAN Kapui, Judy (LegCo internal reference no.: 5)

Reply:

- (1) The number of places, average length of stay and number of children waitlisted for foster care service, small group home (SGH) and residential home for children (RHC) (including residential child care centre (RCCC), children's home and boys'/girls' home/hostel) in the past 3 years are set out at Annex 1. The age distribution of service users of foster care service, SGH and RHC is set out at Annex 2.

- (2) & (3) All RCCCs and residential special child care centres (RSCCCs) must be registered in accordance with the Child Care Services Ordinance (Cap. 243) and the Child Care Services Regulations (Cap. 243A), and must comply with the requirements stipulated in the Ordinance and the Regulations mentioned above, as well as the Operation Manual for Pre-primary Institutions. The Child Care Centre Advisory Inspectorate (CCCAI) of SWD conducts regular and surprise inspections at standalone child care centres (CCCs) and processes applications for the registration of standalone CCCs to ensure that the service units comply with the statutory requirements in areas such as staffing, space and design, safety measures, quality of care, etc. Since February 2022, inspectors of CCCAI have conducted at least 6 surprise inspections (during office and non-office hours) at subvented RCCCs/RSCCCs every 12 months, and will increase the frequency of inspections as required based on risk management.

To enhance the depth and breadth of inspections and monitoring, and to provide immediate professional advice/feedback and take follow-up actions during inspections, SWD added 2 former law enforcement officers to CCCAI through internal redeployment of manpower resources in 2022, and 1 social worker and 1 registered nurse to the staffing establishment of CCCAI in 2023-24. At present, the staffing establishment of CCCAI comprises 1 Social Work Officer, 5 social workers and 1 nurse. The staffing establishment of CCCAI and the relevant payroll costs in the past 3 years are set out at Annex 3.

- (4) To ensure CCCs comply with the statutory requirements and safeguard the well-being of children under their care, CCCAI will investigate complaints involving CCCs. In the past 3 years, CCCAI received a total of 10 complaints against RCCCs and RSCCCs involving child care arrangements and suspected child abuse incidents.
- (5) & (6) If any CCC is found not complying with the statutory requirements, CCCAI will issue written advice, warnings or directions in light of the nature and severity of the non-compliance. If the CCC concerned persistently fails to comply with the requirements, prosecution may be initiated. The Director of Social Welfare may consider cancelling the registration of the CCC concerned where circumstances warrant it. In the past 3 years, CCCAI issued 6 written advice to RCCCs/RSCCCs, reminding them to strengthen safety measures for children. In addition, it issued 4 written warnings and 1 direction on remedial measures in relation to child abuse incidents. After receiving written advice, warnings or directions from CCCAI, the CCCs concerned have promptly implemented improvements and rectified the non-compliance or irregularities.

Number of places, average length of stay and number of children waitlisted for foster care service, SGH and RHC (including RCCC, children's home and boys'/girls' home/hostel) in the past 3 years

Item	Year	Foster care service	SGH	RHC
Number of places	2021-22	1 130	924	1 832
	2022-23	1 130	954	1 832
	2023-24 ^[Note 1]	1 230 ^[Note 2]	978	1 832
Average length of stay in months ^{[Note 3] [Note 4]}	2021-22	31.16	33.67	22.01
	2022-23	34.90	32.27	24.57
	2023-24 ^[Note 5]	42.50	36.18	21.69
Number of waitlisted children (monthly average)	2021-22	314	363	224
	2022-23	289	388	296
	2023-24 ^[Note 5]	292	342	280

[Note 1] Statistics as at 31 December 2023.

[Note 2] In 2023-24, a total of 100 places were added to foster care service.

[Note 3] The figures include both ordinary and emergency services.

[Note 4] SWD usually calculates the average length of stay of children upon their withdrawal from RCCS in months. To ensure the consistency of information and for ease of cross reference, the above figures are also calculated in months.

[Note 5] Statistics from April to December 2023.

Age distribution of service users of foster care service, SGH and RHC in the past 3 years (as at end-December)

Year	Distribution by age	Foster care service ^[Note 1]	SGH ^[Note 2]	RHC
2021	Newborn to aged below 6	428	16	242
	Aged 6 to below 12	350	363	295
	Aged 12 to below 18	139	447	848
	Aged 18 or above	2	17	130
2022	Newborn to aged below 6	403	14	220
	Aged 6 to below 12	330	350	304
	Aged 12 to below 18	147	460	907
	Aged 18 or above	–	6	140
2023	Newborn to aged below 6	385	21	211
	Aged 6 to below 12	319	373	308
	Aged 12 to below 18	139	497	829
	Aged 18 or above	1	11	139

[Note 1] Under exceptional circumstances, children receiving foster care service may extend their stay beyond 18 years of age.

[Note 2] SGH targets to serve children aged 4 to below 18. Under exceptional circumstances, children receiving service at SGH may extend their stay beyond 18 years of age.

Table 1: Staffing establishment and payroll costs of CCCAI

Staffing establishment \ Year	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24 (as at 31 December 2023)	2024-25 (Estimate)
Social worker	5	5	6	6
Registered nurse	-	-	-	1
Total	5	5	6	7
Payroll costs (\$ million)	3.96	4.06	3.20	5.3

Table 2: Payroll costs for employing former law enforcement officers

Year	2022-23	2023-24 (as at 31 December 2023)	2024-25 (Estimated expenditure)
Payroll costs (\$ million)	1.01	0.82	1.11

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(W)039

(Question Serial No. 0880)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): ()
Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Charmaine LEE)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding day care centres/units for the elderly (DEs/DCUs), please inform this Committee of:

- (1) the latest number of persons on the waiting list; and
- (2) the number of service users, number of current service users, average waiting time for the services, number of elderly persons who passed away while waiting for the services, number of service units and their staffing levels, and average monthly cost and expenditure per service place in each of the past 3 years, broken down by 18 districts across the territory and age.

Asked by: Hon CHAN Kapui, Judy (LegCo internal reference no.: 7)

Reply:

- (1) The number of persons waitlisted for DEs/DCUs at the end of December 2023 was 1 897.
- (2) The full-year number of service users and number of persons receiving services from 2021-22 to 2023-24 broken down by District Council (DC) district are set out at Annexes 1 to 2, respectively. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) does not have a breakdown of such information by age.

The average waiting time for DEs/DCUs and number of elderly persons who passed away while waiting for DEs/DCUs from 2021-22 to 2023-24 are set out at Annex 3. SWD does not have a breakdown of such information by DC district or age.

The number of DEs/DCUs from 2021-22 to 2023-24 broken down by DC district is set out at Annex 4.

Under the Lump Sum Grant Subvention System, service operators may flexibly deploy resources and arrange suitable staffing to meet the requirements as set out in the Funding and Service Agreements. In February 2017, SWD uploaded the notional staffing establishment of subvented services to the following webpage:

https://www.swd.gov.hk/en/ngo/subventions/suballoc/subvention/nses/nses_es/index.html

The average monthly cost per service place and total annual expenditure for DEs/DCUs from 2021-22 to 2023-24 are set out below:

Year	Average monthly cost per service place (\$)	Total annual expenditure (\$ million)
2021-22 (Actual)	12,083	473.9
2022-23 (Actual)	12,346	505.2
2023-24 (Revised estimate)	12,829	545.5

Full-year number of DE/DCU service users

District	Full-year no. of service users		
	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24 (from April to December 2023)
Central & Western	304	314	293
Eastern	542	574	556
Wan Chai	230	225	214
Southern	213	226	222
Islands	80	88	93
Kwun Tong	939	948	852
Wong Tai Sin	613	701	666
Sai Kung	459	462	436
Kowloon City	310	330	309
Sham Shui Po	533	578	531
Yau Tsim Mong	309	319	307
Sha Tin	693	853	816
Tai Po	144	297	309
North	90	201	258
Yuen Long	451	451	412
Tsuen Wan	370	417	365
Kwai Tsing	550	579	564
Tuen Mun	506	586	599
Total	7 336	8 149	7 802

Number of persons receiving services at DEs/DCUs

District	No. of persons receiving services		
	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24 (as at end-December 2023)
Central & Western	210	204	218
Eastern	393	392	411
Wan Chai	170	162	165
Southern	151	158	171
Islands	64	66	67
Kwun Tong	637	626	647
Wong Tai Sin	458	487	512
Sai Kung	311	309	334
Kowloon City	228	241	238
Sham Shui Po	375	381	395
Yau Tsim Mong	212	221	243
Sha Tin	495	587	618
Tai Po	104	179	209
North	65	128	189
Yuen Long	311	289	302
Tsuen Wan	263	272	295
Kwai Tsing	375	378	411
Tuen Mun	377	419	459
Total	5 199	5 499	5 884

Average waiting time for DEs/DCUs and number of elderly persons who passed away while waiting

Year	Average waiting time (in months) (average of the past 3 months)	No. of waitlisted elderly persons who passed away
2021-22	8	41
2022-23	4	75
2023-24 (as at end-December 2023)	4	47

Number of DEs/DCUs

District	No.		
	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24 (as at end-December 2023)
Central & Western	4	4	4
Eastern	5	5	5
Wan Chai	4	4	4
Southern	2	2	2
Islands	2	2	2
Kwun Tong	11	11	11
Wong Tai Sin	7	7	7
Sai Kung	5	5	5
Kowloon City	3	3	3
Sham Shui Po	8	8	9
Yau Tsim Mong	4	4	4
Sha Tin	8	9	9
Tai Po	2	2	2
North	2	3	5
Yuen Long	6	6	6
Tsuen Wan	7	7	7
Kwai Tsing	8	8	8
Tuen Mun	5	6	6
Total	93	96	99

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(W)040

(Question Serial No. 0881)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): ()
Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Charmaine LEE)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the Navigation Scheme for Young Persons in Care Services (Navigation Scheme), please provide the following information for each of the past 3 years:

- (1) the number of participants;
- (2) the respective numbers of persons who completed and dropped out of the Navigation Scheme and their reasons for dropping out;
- (3) the number of persons articulated to other nursing courses through the Navigation Scheme; and
- (4) the specific outcomes of the Navigation Scheme, the government expenditure involved, as well as the expected number of participants, salary expenses, number of training places and estimated expenditure for the coming year.

Asked by: Hon CHAN Kapui, Judy (LegCo internal reference no.: 8)

Reply:

- (1) to (3) The numbers of persons admitted, graduated and dropped out from the Navigation Scheme, as well as the number of graduates pursuing further studies in nursing or medical service-related courses each year from 2021-22 to 2023-24 are tabulated at Annex. The reasons for trainees to drop out of the Navigation Scheme include pursuing further studies and moving on to other jobs, etc.
- (4) The Social Welfare Department (SWD) launched the Navigation Scheme in 2015-16 and enhanced it in 2020-21 to provide a total of 1 200 training places within the next 5 years starting from the same year, involving a total expenditure of about \$266 million.

As at end-December 2023, the enhanced Navigation Scheme has recruited a total of 1 233 trainees, of whom 383 have graduated. According to the information provided by some trainees at the time of graduation, 230 of them will continue to be employed in social welfare service units. Operators may recruit more trainees than the current year's training quota by utilising the surplus resources from previous years due to trainees dropping out of the Navigation Scheme. The

estimated expenditure for the Navigation Scheme is around \$17.3 million in 2024-25. In 2023-24, trainees employed as care workers upon admission to the Navigation Scheme received a monthly salary of \$15,910, and a monthly salary of \$18,340 upon promotion to health workers.

SWD regularly meets with various operators to exchange views on the progress and effectiveness of the Navigation Scheme, with a view to ensuring that their arrangements comply and align with the objectives of the Navigation Scheme.

Number of persons admitted, graduated and dropped out from the Navigation Scheme, and the number of graduates pursuing further studies in related courses from 2021-22 to 2023-24

Admission year	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24 (as at end-December 2023)
No. of persons admitted	368	222	225
No. of graduates	159	In training and have not graduated yet	In training and have not graduated yet
No. of dropouts	200	113	76
No. of graduates pursuing further studies in nursing or medical service-related courses	27	In training and have not graduated yet	In training and have not graduated yet

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(W)041

(Question Serial No. 0882)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (3) Services for the Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Charmaine LEE)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Please provide information on the following for each of the past 3 years:

- (1) the number of different ranks of care staff engaged by subvented elderly service units, as well as their average age and salary;
- (2) the number of training places for frontline care staff and number of graduates;
- (3) the number of new recruits and the turnover rate of frontline care staff;
- (4) the number of foreign care staff engaged; and
- (5) ways to attract more people to join the elderly service sector.

Asked by: Hon CHAN Kapui, Judy (LegCo internal reference no.: 9)

Reply:

- (1) & (3) Subject to their compliance with the requirements of the Funding and Service Agreement and the relevant statutory staffing requirements, non-governmental organisations (NGOs) operating subvented elderly services may determine their staffing establishment and remuneration in accordance with their own human resources policies and flexibly deploy resources and employ staff to respond swiftly to service needs and provide welfare services efficiently. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) does not require NGOs to report the number of care staff, their age, salary and turnover rate, as well as the number of new recruits for each subvented elderly service unit.
- (2) As at the end of December 2023, the Director of Social Welfare has approved 30 training institutions to organise a total of 55 health worker training courses applicable to residential care homes (RCHs) for the elderly (RCHes) and RCHs for persons with disabilities (RCHDs). In addition, there are different organisations in Hong Kong offering elderly service training courses for different types of front-line care staff. Since these courses are not provided or approved by SWD, SWD does not have relevant information on the numbers of training places or graduates of these courses.

- (4) Employers in the elderly care service sector were given approval to import 1 631 elderly care workers through the Supplementary Labour Scheme (SLS) in 2021. To help RCHs face the challenge of manpower shortage during the COVID-19 pandemic, the Government relaxed certain requirements for the sector to import care workers through SLS from March to May 2022. RCHes were given approval to import 3 441 care workers in the year.

The Government launched the Special Scheme to Import Care Workers for RCHs (Special Scheme) on 19 June 2023. Since then, SLS of the Labour Department no longer accepted applications from RCHs for the importation of care workers. For SLS applications submitted prior to that date, approvals were given for RCHes to import 793 care workers in 2023. Besides, a total of 2 624 quotas to import care workers (including those for contract renewal) were granted to various RCHes under the Special Scheme in the same year.

- (5) SWD implemented the Navigation Scheme for Young Persons in Care Services (Navigation Scheme) in 2015-16, and enhanced it in 2020-21 to provide a total of 1 200 training places within the next 5 years. Apart from receiving on-the-job training in elderly or rehabilitation service units, trainees are also provided with government subsidies to pursue a relevant two-year part-time diploma course.

Since November 2020, SWD has launched a series of promotional activities, such as advertising on online platforms and public transport to promote the care industry, with a view to attracting more young people to join the social welfare care sector.

SWD will continue to implement the Enrolled Nurse (General) Training Programme for the Welfare Sector for 5 consecutive academic years from 2023-24 to 2027-28, and subsidise over 1 700 additional students to enrol in the training programme, i.e. providing an additional of 427 subsidised places per cohort. Students are required to work as Enrolled Nurses (General) in welfare service organisations recognised by SWD to provide elderly, rehabilitation, family and child care, or correctional services for a minimum of 3 consecutive years after completing the training programme.

SWD commissioned a consultant to commence a study on 1 July 2023 to holistically review the skill and qualification requirements of staff who provide health and rehabilitation services in RCHs, so as to establish professional standards and a career progression path for them. One area within the scope of the review is to explore the feasibility of setting up a new rank of senior health worker in RCHs so that local health workers with suitable training can take up more health and rehabilitation work in a position with more professional development and career progression, thereby assisting the RCH sector to attract and retain the talent required. The study is expected to be completed in 2024.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(W)042

(Question Serial No. 0883)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Charmaine LEE)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Please provide information on the following for each of the past 3 years:

- (1) the number of staff responsible for conducting inspections at residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs), and the related expenditure as a percentage of the total expenditure of the Social Welfare Department (SWD);
- (2) the number of inspections and regulatory visits to RCHEs and the expenditure involved, as well as the specific measures to strengthen the inspection and monitoring of RCHEs in 2024-25 and the estimated expenditure involved;
- (3) the number of complaints against RCHEs handled, along with the causes of the complaints;
- (4) the number of warning or advisory letters issued to RCHEs, along with the causes for issuing such letters; and
- (5) the number of non-compliant cases found during inspections, along with the nature of these non-compliances and the penalties imposed.

Asked by: Hon CHAN Kapui, Judy (LegCo internal reference no.: 10)

Reply:

- (1) The number of inspectors responsible for conducting inspections at RCHEs under SWD's Licensing Office of Residential Care Homes for the Elderly (LORCHE) and the related payroll cost in the past 3 years are set out in Table 1 of Annex. In addition, since February 2017, SWD has recruited 8 retired disciplined service officers on contract terms to assist in carrying out inspections at RCHEs and residential care homes for persons with disabilities. The payroll cost so incurred, which accounted for 0.06% of SWD's overall expenditure in the past 3 years, is set out in Table 2 of Annex.
- (2) LORCHE's inspectors will conduct surprise inspections at RCHEs and, having regard to the issues and nature of suspected non-compliance of each individual RCHE, formulate customised and targeted strategies and action plans. These include conducting surprise inspections at RCHEs in a flexible manner, either with

a small team or a multi-disciplinary inspectorate team, at various times during office and non-office hours. The number of inspections conducted by SWD at RCHEs in the past 3 years is set out in Table 3 of Annex. The estimated payroll cost for LORCHE's inspectors in 2024-25 is \$55.59 million.

- (3) LORCHE is responsible for investigating complaints against RCHEs. If any non-compliance is found, LORCHE will, based on the nature and severity of the non-compliance, issue advisory letters, warning letters and written directions for remedial measures, or instigate prosecution against the relevant RCHEs. The number of complaints against RCHEs in the past 3 years is set out in Table 4 of Annex. These complaints include issues related to staffing arrangement, protection of privacy, drug management, infection control, nursing and personal care services, and fire safety, etc.
- (4) & (5) If RCHEs are found to be in contravention of the Residential Care Homes (Elderly Persons) Ordinance (Cap. 459), Residential Care Homes (Elderly Persons) Regulation (Cap. 459A) or Code of Practice for Residential Care Homes (Elderly Persons) in the course of handling complaints or during inspections, LORCHE will, based on the nature and severity of the non-compliance, issue advisory letters, warning letters and written directions for remedial measures, or instigate prosecution against the relevant RCHEs. The respective numbers of advisory letters and warning letters issued to RCHEs in the past 3 years are set out in Table 5 of Annex. The categories of non-compliances include staffing arrangement, protection of privacy, drug management, infection control, nursing and personal care services, and fire safety, etc.

Table 1: Staffing establishment^{Note} and payroll cost of LORCHE

Year	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24 (as at end-December 2023)
Total (persons)	71	72	72
Payroll cost (\$ million)	51.31	53.14	41.69

^{Note} Excluding the 8 retired disciplined service officers employed on contract terms.

Table 2: Payroll cost for recruiting retired disciplined service officers

Year	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24 (as at end-December 2023)
Payroll cost (\$ million)	4.14	4.21	3.26

Table 3: Number of inspections conducted by LORCHE

Year	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24 (as at end-December 2023)
Total	5 324	5 902	4 185

Table 4: Number of complaints handled by LORCHE

Year	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24 (as at end-December 2023)
Total	110	111	97

Table 5: Number of advisory letters and warning letters issued to RCHEs by LORCHE

Year	2021-21	2022-23	2023-24 (as at end-December 2023)
No. of cases issued with advisory letters	2 348	2 229	1 599
No. of cases issued with warning letters	112	114	61

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(W)043

(Question Serial No. 0885)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Charmaine LEE)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Please inform this Committee of the following for each of the past 5 years:

- (1) the number of residential care homes (RCHs) for persons with disabilities (RCHDs);
- (2) the number of staff members responsible for conducting inspections of RCHDs; and their share of the overall expenditure of the Social Welfare Department (SWD);
- (3) the frequency and expenditure of conducting inspections and monitoring of RCHDs; as well as the specific plans for strengthening inspection and monitoring in 2024-25 and the estimated expenditure involved;
- (4) the numbers of formal complaints received, cases reported to the Police and special incident reports, broken down by subvented, self-financing and private RCHs; and
- (5) the number of non-compliance cases found during inspections, along with the details of non-compliances and the penalties imposed.

Asked by: Hon CHAN Kapui, Judy (LegCo internal reference no.: 12)

Reply:

- (1) The number of RCHDs in each of the past 5 years is set out in Table 1 of Annex.
- (2) The number of inspectors responsible for conducting inspections of RCHDs under SWD's Licensing Office of RCHDs (LORCHD) and the related payroll cost in each of the past 5 years are set out in Table 2 of Annex. In addition, SWD has employed a total of 8 retired disciplined services officers on contract terms to assist in carrying out inspections at RCHs for the elderly (RCHes) and RCHDs since February 2017. The relevant payroll cost is set out in Table 3 of Annex.
- (3) The Government attaches great importance to the service quality of RCHDs. To strengthen the monitoring and enhance the service quality of RCHDs, SWD has implemented continuous measures, including improving inspection strategies and strengthening inspection back-up, reviewing the legislation and codes of practice and formulating nursing care-related guidelines, enhancing the quality and skills of operators/home managers/ staff of RCHDs, and stepping up law enforcement and increasing transparency, etc. The RCHs Legislation (Miscellaneous Amendments)

Ordinance 2023 (the Amendment Ordinance) was gazetted on 16 June 2023 to enhance the quality of RCHs in various aspects, including enhancing the minimum staffing requirements, increasing the minimum area of floor space per resident, strengthening the accountability of RCH operators, introducing a registration system for home managers, improving the registration system for health workers, enhancing the regulation of medicine administration, use of restraints and protection of residents' dignity and privacy, and raising the penalties for offences, etc. These statutory requirements will be implemented in phases to further enhance the quality of RCHs.

Regarding strengthening the inspection and monitoring of RCHDs, SWD's inspectors will, having regard to the items and nature of non-compliance of individual RCHDs, formulate specific, concrete and targeted strategies and action plans. This includes surprise inspections to RCHDs with a small team or a multi-disciplinary inspectorate team at different times during office and non-office hours. To increase the transparency of the monitoring mechanism for RCHDs, SWD will upload the warning records of non-compliant RCHDs onto its website and the Information Website for RCHDs, and the records will be kept for 12 and 24 months, respectively, for public inspection.

The number of inspections conducted at RCHDs by LORCHD in each of the past 5 years is set out in Table 4 of Annex. The estimated payroll cost for LORCHD's inspectors in 2024-25 is \$19.84 million.

- (4) The number of complaints against subvented, self-financing and private RCHDs received by SWD in each of the past 5 years are set out in Table 5 of Annex. The number of special incident reports on RCHDs received by SWD in the same period is set out in Table 6 of Annex. SWD does not have a breakdown on the number of complaints by type of RCHD or the number of cases reported to the Police by RCHDs.
- (5) If RCHDs are found to have failed to comply with the requirements of the RCHs (Persons with Disabilities) Ordinance, the RCHs (Persons with Disabilities) Regulation or the Code of Practice for RCHDs in the course of handling complaints or conducting inspections, LORCHD will consider issuing advisory letters, warning letters and written directions for remedial measures, or instigating prosecutions against the relevant RCHDs depending on the nature and severity of the irregularities. The respective number of advisory letters and warning letters issued by SWD to RCHDs in each of the past 5 years are set out in Table 7 of Annex.

Table 1: Number of RCHDs

Year	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24 (as at 31 December 2023)
No. of RCHDs	323	334	335	339	339

Table 2: Staffing establishment^{Note} and payroll cost for inspectors of LORCHD

Year	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24 (as at 31 December 2023)
Staffing establishment of inspectors (persons)	24	24	26	27	27
Payroll cost (\$ million)	16.77	16.77	17.47	19.08	14.88

Note Excluding retired disciplined services officers employed on contract terms

Table 3: Payroll cost for employing retired disciplined services officers^{Note}

Year	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24 (as at 31 December 2023)
Payroll cost (\$ million)	4.14	4.14	4.14	4.21	3.26

Note 8 retired disciplined services officers assist in carrying out inspections at RCHEs and RCHDs

Table 4: Number of inspections conducted at RCHDs by LORCHD

Year	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24 (as at 31 December 2023)
No. of inspections conducted	2 157	1 910	1 824	2 096	1 441

Table 5: Number of complaint cases received by LORCHD

Year	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24 (as at 31 December 2023)
Subvented RCHDs	21	25	57	67	53
Self-financing RCHDs	-	-	-	2	3
Private RCHDs	3	16	25	29	27

Table 6: Number of special incident reports received by LORCHD

Year	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24 (as at 31 December 2023)
Special incident reports	252	235	445	397	283

Table 7: Number of advisory letters and warning letters issued to non-compliant ^{Note} RCHDs by LORCHD

Year	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24 (as at 31 December 2023)
Advisory letter	243	239	211	263	185
Warning letter	4	2	4	7	13

^{Note} The categories of non-compliance cases include home management, staffing arrangement, protection of privacy, abuse, drug management, infection control, fire safety, nursing and personal care services, etc.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(W)044

(Question Serial No. 0886)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Charmaine LEE)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding pre-school rehabilitation services, including early education and training centres (EETCs), integrated programme in kindergarten-cum-child care centres (IP), special child care centres (SCCCs), occasional child care service (OCCS) for disabled children and on-site pre-school rehabilitation services (OPRS), please inform this Committee of:

- (1) the number of children with special needs assessed to be in need of pre-school rehabilitation services in the past 3 years;
- (2) the number of services places, actual number of additional service places, utilisation rate, service cost per person, number of persons waitlisted and their average waiting time for each service in the past 3 years, broken down by 18 districts across the territory;
- (3) the number of applicants, number of service users and number of persons applying for a freeze on service allocation in the past 3 years, broken down by district of residence, age group and gender;
- (4) the numbers of service sessions and cases followed up through OPRS in the past 3 years, as well as the manpower and expenditure involved; and
- (5) the number of service places and estimated expenditure for each service for 2024-25.

Asked by: Hon CHAN Kapui, Judy (LegCo internal reference no.: 13)

Reply:

- (1) The Child Assessment Service (CAS) of the Department of Health provides comprehensive professional assessment services for children under the age of 12 with suspected developmental problems. The number of case referrals by CAS to pre-school rehabilitation services and school rehabilitation services in 2021, 2022 and 2023 was 16 371, 13 984 and 14 972 (provisional figures), respectively. CAS does not maintain the number of referrals to pre-school rehabilitation services separately. Apart from CAS, non-governmental organisations and private recognised professionals also offer assessment services. Therefore, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) does not have information on the number of children with special needs assessed to be in need of pre-school rehabilitation services.

- (2) The number of service places, actual number of additional service places, number of persons waitlisted, average waiting time, utilisation rate, and average monthly cost per place for various pre-school rehabilitation services (including EETCs, IP, SCCCs, OCCS for disabled children and OPRS) in the past 3 years, broken down by administrative district of SWD, are set out at Annex 1. As places of OPRS are available in all districts in the territory and allocated on an agency basis, SWD does not have information on the number of OPRS places broken down by district. Regarding OCCS for disabled children, applications can be made by parents/carers to the service operators directly or through referral by medical social workers, family caseworkers, staff of pre-school rehabilitation service centres, etc. Therefore, SWD does not have information on the number of persons waitlisted, their average waiting time or utilisation rate of the service.
- (3) The numbers of new applicants and service users of various pre-school rehabilitation services (including OPRS, EETCs, IP and SCCCs) in the past 3 years, broken down by SWD administrative district and age group, are set out at Annex 2. SWD does not have the statistics on the numbers of applicants and service users for pre-school rehabilitation services broken down by gender, or the number of persons who have applied for a freeze on service allocation.
- (4) SWD does not have information on the numbers of service sessions and cases followed up through OPRS. The manpower involved in OPRS includes Social Work Officers, Assistant Social Work Officers, Social Work Assistants, Clinical/Educational Psychologists, Senior Special Child Care Workers, Special Child Care Workers, Speech Therapists, Physiotherapists I, Occupational Therapists I, Occupational Therapist Assistants, Welfare Workers, Clerical Assistants and Drivers. The expenditure involved in the past 3 years is set out at Annex 3.
- (5) In 2024-25, the numbers of service places and the estimated expenditure for various pre-school rehabilitation services (including OPRS, EETCs, IP, SCCCs and OCCS for disabled children) are set out at Annex 4.

Table 1a: Number of service places of EETCs

District	No. of service places of EETCs		
	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24 (as at 31 December 2023)
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	473	473	473
Eastern/Wan Chai	401	401	401
Kwun Tong	390	390	390
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	604	604	604
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	231	231	231
Sham Shui Po	400	523	523
Sha Tin	381	381	381
Tai Po/North	487	487	487
Yuen Long	172	172	172
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	406	406	406
Tuen Mun	229	325	325
Total	4 174	4 393	4 393

Table 1b : Number of service places of IP

District	No. of service places of IP		
	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24 (as at 31 December 2023)
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	132	138	138
Eastern/Wan Chai	186	168	168
Kwun Tong	228	228	228
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	240	240	240
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	210	216	216
Sham Shui Po	108	114	114
Sha Tin	168	168	168
Tai Po/North	168	168	168
Yuen Long	186	186	186
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	198	198	198
Tuen Mun	156	156	156
Total	1 980	1 980	1 980

Table 1c: Number of service places of SCCCs

District	No. of service places of SCCCs		
	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24 (as at 31 December 2023)
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	313	313	313
Eastern/Wan Chai	216	216	246
Kwun Tong	186	186	186
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	425	425	425
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	30	30	30
Sham Shui Po	235	295	357
Sha Tin	138	168	168
Tai Po/North	299	299	299
Yuen Long	108	108	108
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	180	180	180
Tuen Mun	144	144	144
Total	2 274	2 364	2 456

Table 1d: Number of service places of OCCS for disabled children

District	No. of service places of OCCS for disabled children		
	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24 (as at 31 December 2023)
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	6	6	6
Eastern/Wan Chai	8	8	8
Kwun Tong	10	10	10
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	19	19	19
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	2	2	2
Sham Shui Po	13	16	19
Sha Tin	10	13	13
Tai Po/North	17	17	17
Yuen Long	10	10	10
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	6	6	6
Tuen Mun	10	10	10
Total	111	117	120

Table 1e: Number of service places of OPRS

Service type	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24 (as at 31 December 2023)
OPRS	9 074	10 074	10 124

Table 2: Actual number of additional service places of pre-school rehabilitation services

Service type	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24 (as at 31 December 2023)
OPRS	1 000	1 000	50
EETC	286	219	-
SCCC	104	90	92
OCCS for disabled children	9	6	3

Table 3a: Number of persons waitlisted for OPRS

District	No. of persons waitlisted for OPRS ^{Note}		
	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24 (as at 31 December 2023)
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	241	220	209
Eastern/Wan Chai	217	218	224
Kwun Tong	248	253	268
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	267	334	332
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	205	260	292
Sham Shui Po	143	186	180
Sha Tin	242	330	301
Tai Po/North	224	285	333
Yuen Long	353	385	465
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	280	355	308
Tuen Mun	283	253	319
Total	2 703	3 079	3 231

^{Note} The figure does not include users of pre-school rehabilitation services who are now receiving transitional services of EETCs, or users who are waiting for a change of service type/choice of centre.

Table 3b: Number of persons waitlisted for EETCs

District	No. of persons waitlisted for EETCs ^{Note}		
	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24 (as at 31 December 2023)
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	99	86	48
Eastern/Wan Chai	120	91	82
Kwun Tong	106	103	78
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	133	132	110
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	138	98	78
Sham Shui Po	79	79	54
Sha Tin	84	115	109
Tai Po/North	122	113	70
Yuen Long	141	134	109
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	124	144	108
Tuen Mun	112	102	64
Total	1 258	1 197	910

^{Note} The figure does not include users of pre-school rehabilitation services who are waiting for a change of service type/choice of centre.

Table 3c: Number of persons waitlisted for IP

District	No. of persons waitlisted for IP ^{Note}		
	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24 (as at 31 December 2023)
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	23	20	17
Eastern/Wan Chai	37	35	29
Kwun Tong	70	50	38
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	69	55	51
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	56	53	38
Sham Shui Po	40	31	27
Sha Tin	37	34	33
Tai Po/North	46	40	43
Yuen Long	70	68	47
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	47	38	36
Tuen Mun	46	58	32
Total	541	482	391

^{Note} The figure does not include users of pre-school rehabilitation services who are now receiving transitional services of EETCs, or users who are waiting for a change of service type/choice of centre.

Table 3d: Number of persons waitlisted for SCCCs

District	No. of persons waitlisted for SCCCs ^{Note}		
	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24 (as at 31 December 2023)
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	98	99	90
Eastern/Wan Chai	126	145	119
Kwun Tong	86	70	61
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	98	108	69
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	99	131	106
Sham Shui Po	61	71	60
Sha Tin	92	75	53
Tai Po/North	94	85	84
Yuen Long	214	190	173
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	112	110	97
Tuen Mun	88	107	92
Total	1 168	1 191	1 004

^{Note} The figure does not include users of pre-school rehabilitation services who are now receiving transitional services of EETCs or OPRS, or users who are waiting for a change of service type/choice of centre.

Table 4: Average waiting time for pre-school rehabilitation services

Service type	Average waiting time (in months) ^{Note 1}		
	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
OPRS	5.2	4.3	4.2
EETC	8	5.4	5
IP	8	6.3	5.3
SCCC	19.9	20.2	19.3
OCCS for disabled children ^{Note 2}	-	-	-

^{Note 1} As the average waiting time is compiled on a financial-year basis from 1 April of a year to 31 March of the next year, the figure for 2023-24 is not yet available.

^{Note 2} The service may admit service users directly or through referral and hence SWD does not have the statistics on waiting time.

Table 5: Utilisation rates of pre-school rehabilitation services

Service type	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24 (as at 31 December 2023)
OPRS	98.4%	98.8%	98.4%
EETC	95.4%	95.1%	93.2%
IP	97.9%	97.2%	94.8%
SCCC	94.7%	93.0%	96.1%
OCCS for disabled children ^{Note}	-	-	-

^{Note} The service may admit service users directly or through referral and hence SWD does not have the statistics on the number of service users.

Table 6: Average monthly cost per place for pre-school rehabilitation services

Service type	Average cost per place per month		
	2021-22 (Actual) (\$)	2022-23 (Actual) (\$)	2023-24 (Revised estimate) (\$)
Pre-school rehabilitation service	9,764	9,950	10,695

**Table 1a: District of residence and age distribution
of new applicants for OPRS in 2021-22**

District	No. of new applicants			
	Aged 0 to 2	Aged 3 to 4	Aged 5 to 6	Total
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	110	232	75	417
Eastern/Wan Chai	146	230	55	431
Kwun Tong	120	348	79	547
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	125	357	76	558
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	107	260	59	426
Sham Shui Po	73	176	48	297
Sha Tin	134	309	82	525
Tai Po/North	89	306	74	469
Yuen Long	109	336	91	536
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	96	336	97	529
Tuen Mun	134	266	70	470
Total	1 243	3 156	806	5 205

**Table 1b: District of residence and age distribution
of new applicants for OPRS in 2022-23**

District	No. of new applicants			
	Aged 0 to 2	Aged 3 to 4	Aged 5 to 6	Total
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	121	203	60	384
Eastern/Wan Chai	105	217	46	368
Kwun Tong	116	335	98	549
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	141	433	88	662
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	91	311	87	489
Sham Shui Po	66	223	47	336
Sha Tin	123	327	89	539
Tai Po/North	105	375	108	588
Yuen Long	138	361	95	594
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	143	421	85	649
Tuen Mun	119	227	53	399
Total	1 268	3 433	856	5 557

**Table 1c: District of residence and age distribution
of new applicants for OPRS in 2023-24
(as at 31 December 2023)**

District	No. of new applicants			
	Aged 0 to 2	Aged 3 to 4	Aged 5 to 6	Total
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	74	205	38	317
Eastern/Wan Chai	89	180	39	308
Kwun Tong	110	273	54	437
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	124	331	80	535
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	81	269	56	406
Sham Shui Po	50	160	39	249
Sha Tin	95	271	49	415
Tai Po/North	84	275	87	446
Yuen Long	97	324	61	482
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	79	277	67	423
Tuen Mun	112	214	41	367
Total	995	2 779	611	4 385

**Table 1d: District of residence and age distribution
of new applicants for EETCs in 2021-22**

District	No. of new applicants			
	Aged 0 to 2	Aged 3 to 4	Aged 5 to 6	Total
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	65	70	19	154
Eastern/Wan Chai	99	72	23	194
Kwun Tong	105	49	20	174
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	155	77	33	265
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	113	61	19	193
Sham Shui Po	69	41	18	128
Sha Tin	71	68	23	162
Tai Po/North	80	75	17	172
Yuen Long	102	52	22	176
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	107	72	14	193
Tuen Mun	77	50	12	139
Total	1 043	687	220	1 950

**Table 1e: District of residence and age distribution
of new applicants for EETCs in 2022-23**

District	No. of new applicants			
	Aged 0 to 2	Aged 3 to 4	Aged 5 to 6	Total
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	76	51	20	147
Eastern/Wan Chai	79	42	22	143
Kwun Tong	93	60	17	170
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	108	103	28	239
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	79	69	20	168
Sham Shui Po	68	73	19	160
Sha Tin	113	90	25	228
Tai Po/North	87	84	27	198
Yuen Long	68	43	21	132
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	91	88	17	196
Tuen Mun	56	40	20	116
Total	918	743	236	1 897

**Table 1f: District of residence and age distribution
of new applicants for EETCs in 2023-24
(as at 31 December 2023)**

District	No. of new applicants			
	Aged 0 to 2	Aged 3 to 4	Aged 5 to 6	Total
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	54	35	4	93
Eastern/Wan Chai	62	49	12	123
Kwun Tong	47	49	14	110
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	81	67	14	162
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	60	49	14	123
Sham Shui Po	36	38	5	79
Sha Tin	61	63	23	147
Tai Po/North	58	57	16	131
Yuen Long	42	50	12	104
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	59	66	13	138
Tuen Mun	28	33	11	72
Total	588	556	138	1 282

**Table 1g: District of residence and age distribution
of new applicants for IP in 2021-22**

District	No. of new applicants			
	Aged 0 to 2	Aged 3 to 4	Aged 5 to 6	Total
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	18	27	3	48
Eastern/Wan Chai	26	25	2	53
Kwun Tong	50	36	4	90
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	53	55	6	114
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	48	45	2	95
Sham Shui Po	22	23	2	47
Sha Tin	45	40	2	87
Tai Po/North	54	26	1	81
Yuen Long	61	40	6	107
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	39	37	5	81
Tuen Mun	49	26	1	76
Total	465	380	34	879

**Table 1h: District of residence and age distribution
of new applicants for IP in 2022-23**

District	No. of new applicants			
	Aged 0 to 2	Aged 3 to 4	Aged 5 to 6	Total
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	9	20	2	31
Eastern/Wan Chai	21	22	2	45
Kwun Tong	37	39	1	77
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	32	49	4	85
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	29	38	7	74
Sham Shui Po	20	27	4	51
Sha Tin	33	28	1	62
Tai Po/North	34	31	0	65
Yuen Long	62	26	0	88
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	37	41	5	83
Tuen Mun	37	27	0	64
Total	351	348	26	725

**Table 1i: District of residence and age distribution
of new applicants for IP in 2023-24
(as at 31 December 2023)**

District	No. of new applicants			
	Aged 0 to 2	Aged 3 to 4	Aged 5 to 6	Total
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	17	11	3	31
Eastern/Wan Chai	21	14	2	37
Kwun Tong	20	32	3	55
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	31	39	4	74
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	34	34	3	71
Sham Shui Po	12	19	1	32
Sha Tin	12	18	6	36
Tai Po/North	29	25	0	54
Yuen Long	32	30	0	62
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	20	24	2	46
Tuen Mun	21	11	0	32
Total	249	257	24	530

**Table 1j: District of residence and age distribution
of new applicants for SCCCs in 2021-22**

District	No. of new applicants			
	Aged 0 to 2	Aged 3 to 4	Aged 5 to 6	Total
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	95	39	1	135
Eastern/Wan Chai	101	45	3	149
Kwun Tong	58	40	2	100
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	88	34	2	124
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	52	29	3	84
Sham Shui Po	33	21	3	57
Sha Tin	43	19	2	64
Tai Po/North	58	41	3	102
Yuen Long	70	61	6	137
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	72	52	1	125
Tuen Mun	42	32	2	76
Total	712	413	28	1 153

**Table 1k: District of residence and age distribution
of new applicants for SCCCs in 2022-23**

District	No. of new applicants			
	Aged 0 to 2	Aged 3 to 4	Aged 5 to 6	Total
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	65	32	3	100
Eastern/Wan Chai	109	33	3	145
Kwun Tong	42	36	3	81
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	57	46	6	109
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	61	56	6	123
Sham Shui Po	40	26	2	68
Sha Tin	36	21	3	60
Tai Po/North	41	47	1	89
Yuen Long	49	45	2	96
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	57	36	5	98
Tuen Mun	30	16	0	46
Total	587	394	34	1 015

**Table 1l: District of residence and age distribution
of new applicants for SCCCs in 2023-24
(as at 31 December 2023)**

District	No. of new applicants			
	Aged 0 to 2	Aged 3 to 4	Aged 5 to 6	Total
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	49	29	3	81
Eastern/Wan Chai	68	31	4	103
Kwun Tong	29	17	0	46
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	22	18	2	42
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	32	39	4	75
Sham Shui Po	21	23	2	46
Sha Tin	23	11	0	34
Tai Po/North	40	20	3	63
Yuen Long	38	28	1	67
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	38	29	3	70
Tuen Mun	20	15	2	37
Total	380	260	24	664

Table 2a: District of residence and age distribution of service users of OPRS in 2021-22

District	No. of service users			
	Aged 0 to 2	Aged 3 to 4	Aged 5 to 6	Total
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	5	278	363	646
Eastern/Wan Chai	17	365	355	737
Kwun Tong	11	440	605	1 056
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	3	436	580	1 019
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	12	348	429	789
Sham Shui Po	3	218	310	531
Sha Tin	9	369	557	935
Tai Po/North	5	329	439	773
Yuen Long	2	369	473	844
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	4	361	540	905
Tuen Mun	4	331	363	698
Total	75	3 844	5 014	8 933

Table 2b: District of residence and age distribution of service users of OPRS in 2022-2023

District	No. of service users			
	Aged 0 to 2	Aged 3 to 4	Aged 5 to 6	Total
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	11	312	382	705
Eastern/Wan Chai	8	412	422	842
Kwun Tong	3	456	663	1 122
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	9	521	630	1 160
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	5	356	489	850
Sham Shui Po	1	241	341	583
Sha Tin	4	380	548	932
Tai Po/North	7	375	519	901
Yuen Long	3	412	600	1 015
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	3	416	610	1 029
Tuen Mun	2	358	450	810
Total	56	4 239	5 654	9 949

Table 2c: District of residence and age distribution of service users of OPRS in 2023-24 (as at 31 December 2023)

District	No. of service users			
	Aged 0 to 2	Aged 3 to 4	Aged 5 to 6	Total
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	10	344	404	758
Eastern/Wan Chai	16	417	390	823
Kwun Tong	15	497	552	1 064
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	18	578	597	1 193
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	10	372	464	846
Sham Shui Po	2	269	314	585
Sha Tin	9	399	520	928
Tai Po/North	7	367	518	892
Yuen Long	2	450	564	1 016
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	4	489	581	1 074
Tuen Mun	5	360	418	783
Total	98	4 542	5 322	9 962

Table 2d: District of residence and age distribution of service users of EETCs in 2021-22

District	No. of service users			
	Aged 0 to 2	Aged 3 to 4	Aged 5 to 6	Total
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	83	185	127	395
Eastern/Wan Chai	71	189	137	397
Kwun Tong	58	163	142	363
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	108	243	192	543
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	86	181	154	421
Sham Shui Po	55	115	99	269
Sha Tin	99	185	156	440
Tai Po/North	88	132	123	343
Yuen Long	32	126	100	258
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	62	152	129	343
Tuen Mun	32	97	79	208
Total	774	1 768	1 438	3 980

Table 2e: District of residence and age distribution of service users of EETCs in 2022-23

District	No. of service users			
	Aged 0 to 2	Aged 3 to 4	Aged 5 to 6	Total
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	53	177	172	402
Eastern/Wan Chai	27	206	170	403
Kwun Tong	62	178	138	378
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	80	239	203	522
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	70	197	160	427
Sham Shui Po	65	150	104	319
Sha Tin	77	199	174	450
Tai Po/North	66	191	154	411
Yuen Long	32	123	116	271
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	54	165	154	373
Tuen Mun	18	97	108	223
Total	604	1 922	1 653	4 179

Table 2f: District of residence and age distribution of service users of EETCs in 2023-24 (as at 31 December 2023)

District	No. of service users			
	Aged 0 to 2	Aged 3 to 4	Aged 5 to 6	Total
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	82	186	119	387
Eastern/Wan Chai	48	211	140	399
Kwun Tong	66	171	132	369
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	85	236	197	518
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	62	182	132	376
Sham Shui Po	55	161	114	330
Sha Tin	85	196	134	415
Tai Po/North	86	209	134	429
Yuen Long	35	122	94	251
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	55	189	141	385
Tuen Mun	37	109	88	234
Total	696	1 972	1 425	4 093

Table 2g: District of residence and age distribution of service users of IP in 2021-22

District	No. of service users			
	Aged 0 to 2	Aged 3 to 4	Aged 5 to 6	Total
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	6	59	63	128
Eastern/Wan Chai	9	51	97	157
Kwun Tong	4	91	124	219
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	6	101	119	226
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	9	90	121	220
Sham Shui Po	1	48	73	122
Sha Tin	10	89	68	167
Tai Po/North	5	69	96	170
Yuen Long	9	80	107	196
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	7	89	93	189
Tuen Mun	1	76	67	144
Total	67	843	1 028	1 938

Table 2h: District of residence and age distribution of service users of IP in 2022-23

District	No. of service users			
	Aged 0 to 2	Aged 3 to 4	Aged 5 to 6	Total
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	3	47	65	115
Eastern/Wan Chai	2	59	79	140
Kwun Tong	2	98	115	215
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	5	114	111	230
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	5	87	122	214
Sham Shui Po	7	57	73	137
Sha Tin	5	83	80	168
Tai Po/North	4	83	85	172
Yuen Long	6	77	115	198
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	6	89	90	185
Tuen Mun	6	67	77	150
Total	51	861	1 012	1 924

**Table 2i: District of residence and age distribution of service users of IP in 2023-24
(as at 31 December 2023)**

District	No. of service users			
	Aged 0 to 2	Aged 3 to 4	Aged 5 to 6	Total
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	5	49	49	103
Eastern/Wan Chai	4	63	64	131
Kwun Tong	12	96	116	224
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	7	112	111	230
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	13	108	87	208
Sham Shui Po	0	62	68	130
Sha Tin	9	70	93	172
Tai Po/North	9	80	79	168
Yuen Long	15	108	69	192
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	8	85	79	172
Tuen Mun	7	65	75	147
Total	89	898	890	1 877

Table 2j: District of residence and age distribution of service users of SCCCs in 2021-22

District	No. of service users			
	Aged 0 to 2	Aged 3 to 4	Aged 5 to 6	Total
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	7	102	122	231
Eastern/Wan Chai	5	68	114	187
Kwun Tong	4	56	138	198
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	4	94	180	278
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	2	57	118	177
Sham Shui Po	4	41	93	138
Sha Tin	4	42	132	178
Tai Po/North	4	65	154	223
Yuen Long	3	43	155	201
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	6	64	167	237
Tuen Mun	3	35	67	105
Total	46	667	1 440	2 153

Table 2k: District of residence and age distribution of service users of SCCCs in 2022-23

District	No. of service users			
	Aged 0 to 2	Aged 3 to 4	Aged 5 to 6	Total
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	4	78	153	235
Eastern/Wan Chai	3	69	121	193
Kwun Tong	1	65	157	223
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	6	99	179	284
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	4	58	136	198
Sham Shui Po	4	35	92	131
Sha Tin	2	56	126	184
Tai Po/North	2	72	152	226
Yuen Long	3	32	165	200
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	5	52	146	203
Tuen Mun	1	22	98	121
Total	35	638	1 525	2 198

Table 2l: District of residence and age distribution of service users of SCCCs in 2023-24 (as at 31 December 2023)

District	No. of service users			
	Aged 0 to 2	Aged 3 to 4	Aged 5 to 6	Total
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	6	89	117	212
Eastern/Wan Chai	6	91	105	202
Kwun Tong	4	72	150	226
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	7	100	187	294
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	6	98	136	240
Sham Shui Po	7	50	90	147
Sha Tin	5	78	122	205
Tai Po/North	2	94	123	219
Yuen Long	3	44	190	237
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	1	77	142	220
Tuen Mun	2	37	118	157
Total	49	830	1 480	2 359

Expenditure on OPRS

Year	Expenditure (\$ million)
2021-22 (Actual)	888.6
2022-23 (Actual)	1,015.8
2023-24 (Revised estimate)	1,207.3

**Numbers of service places and estimated expenditure for
various pre-school rehabilitation services in 2024-25**

Service type	2024-25	
	No. of service places	Estimated expenditure (\$ million)
OPRS	10 124	1,254.0
EETC	4 665	408.4
IP	1 980	165.8
SCCC	2 576	691.2
OCCS for disabled children	124	4.7
Total	19 469	2,524.1

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(W)045

(Question Serial No. 0888)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

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

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Charmaine LEE)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the Innovation and Technology Fund for Application in Elderly and Rehabilitation Care (I&T Fund), please inform this committee:

- (1) of the number of elderly and rehabilitation service units applying for the I&T Fund and the administrative expenses incurred in the past 3 years;
- (2) of the number of elderly and rehabilitation service units procuring or renting technology products with the I&T Fund, the total amount of funding approved, and the number of technology products procured or rented in each of the past 3 years; and
- (3) whether there are statistics on the main types of technology products purchased by elderly and rehabilitation service units in the past 3 years; if so, of the details.

Asked by: Hon CHAN Kapui, Judy (LegCo internal reference no.: 15)

Reply:

- (1) & (2) The Government allocated \$1 billion to launch the I&T Fund in December 2018 to subsidise eligible elderly and rehabilitation service units to procure, rent or trial technology products, with a view to improving the quality of life of service users and reducing the pressure on care staff and carers. From 2021-22 to 2023-24 (as at the end of February 2024), 5 tranches of grants totalling around \$370 million have been approved under the I&T Fund to subsidise about 1 650 elderly and rehabilitation service units to procure or rent over 11 100 items of technology products. Relevant information is set out at Annex.

In 2018-19, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) set up a secretariat to co-ordinate the operation of the I&T Fund. The secretariat has 11 time-limited posts in the Social Work Officer and supporting general grades, with an annual expenditure of about \$6.4 million. In addition, starting from 2018, SWD has commissioned the Hong Kong Council of Social Service to promote the use of technology products among social welfare organisations and carers, involving an annual expenditure of about \$3.75 million.

- (3) Currently, the types of products most commonly applied for procurement by service units include smart hospital beds with extra low position, equipment, assessment tools and accessories for occupational therapy/physiotherapy/speech therapy, tilt-in-space/height adjustable shower chairs, companion robots and smart anti-wandering systems, etc.

**Information pertaining to the approval of applications under the I&T Fund
from 2021-22 to 2023-24 (as at 29 February 2024)**

Tranche no. (application period)	No. of service units applying for the grant	No. of service units approved for the grant	No. of products approved	Amount of grant (\$ million)
5 (February to May 2021)	634	618	2 647	86
6 (September to October 2021)	508	466	1 463	56
7 (January to March 2022)	346	314	987	34
8 (September to November 2022)	1 082	1 018	5 544	174
9 (May to August 2023)	706	258	547	19

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(W)046

(Question Serial No. 0929)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Charmaine LEE)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

It is stated in Programme (3) that the Social Welfare Department (SWD) will complete the Review of Manpower for Healthcare Services in Residential Care Homes (RCHs) (the Review). However, some members of the sector have pointed out that there is still a shortage of manpower, leading to cases of lapses in care. In this connection, would the Government please inform this Committee of the following:

- 1) What review did SWD conduct in 2022-23 to ensure appropriate care for the elderly? What are the details?
- 2) Have any instances of non-compliance been identified since the Review? If so, what are the details? If not, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon CHAN Kin-por (LegCo internal reference no.: 12)

Reply:

As announced in the 2022 Policy Address, the Government will undertake a holistic review of the skill and qualification requirements of RCH staff, so as to establish professional standards and a career progression path to assist the RCH sector in attracting and retaining the talent required. The consultant commissioned by SWD commenced a study in July 2023 to holistically review the skill and qualification requirements of staff who provide health and rehabilitation services in residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs) and residential care homes for persons with disabilities (RCHDs). One area within the scope of the review is to explore the feasibility of setting up a new rank of senior health worker in RCHs so that local health workers with suitable training can take up more health and rehabilitation work in a position with more professional development and career progression. The study is expected to be completed in 2024.

The Government attaches importance to the service quality of RCHEs and strives to strengthen monitoring on and enhance the service quality of the RCH sector. SWD regulates RCHEs based on a licensing system put in place under the Residential Care Homes (Elderly Persons) Ordinance (Cap. 459). Professional inspectorate teams of SWD will conduct surprise inspections at RCHEs, as well as investigating complaints and special incident reports, etc. If any non-compliance is found, SWD will consider the nature and severity of the non-compliance before issuing advisory letters, warning letters and written directions for

remedial measures, or instigating prosecution against the relevant RCHEs. In 2023-24 (as at the end of December 2023), 1 660 RCHEs were issued advisory or warning letters due to non-compliance. The categories of irregularities include staffing arrangement, protection of privacy, drug management, infection control, fire safety, nursing and personal care services, etc. 7 RCHEs were convicted during the same period due to insufficient staffing.

The RCH Legislation (Miscellaneous Amendments) Ordinance 2023 was gazetted in June 2023, with the aim of enhancing the quality of RCHEs and RCHDs. The new RCH staffing requirements, among others, will be implemented in phases starting from June 2024. The new statutory staffing requirement will facilitate RCHs in providing more adequate care to their residents. In addition to the aforementioned consultancy study relating to the skill and qualification requirements of RCH staff, SWD has also implemented the Special Scheme to Import Care Workers for RCHs and subsidised more students aspiring to join the social welfare sector to enrol in the Enrolled Nurse (General) Training Programme, with a view to enhancing manpower supply and training for the sector.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(W)047

(Question Serial No. 0930)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

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

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Charmaine LEE)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

It is stated in Programme (3) that the Social Welfare Department (SWD) will make an additional injection into the Innovation and Technology Fund for Application in Elderly and Rehabilitation Care (I&T Fund), and expand the scope of the I&T Fund to eligible service units for the benefit of those in need. In this connection, would the Government please provide this Committee with the following information:

1. How many eligible individuals have benefited from the I&T Fund since its establishment?
2. Has SWD conducted any review on whether the introduction of gerontechnology products helps to improve the service quality of various residential care homes and alleviate their manpower strain? If yes, what are the details? If not, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon CHAN Kin-por (LegCo internal reference no.: 13)

Reply:

The Government allocated \$1 billion to launch the I&T Fund in December 2018 to subsidise eligible elderly and rehabilitation service units to procure, rent or trial technology products, with a view to improving the quality of life of service users and reducing the pressure on care staff and carers. As at the end of February 2024, grants totalling around \$660 million have been approved under the I&T Fund to subsidise about 1 900 elderly and rehabilitation service units to procure or rent over 18 000 items of technology products. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) does not maintain statistics on the number of persons who benefitted from using the technology products.

SWD regularly reviews the use of the I&T Fund, and collects feedback on the I&T Fund and technology products from stakeholders through on-site visits, questionnaires and other means to evaluate the effectiveness of the I&T Fund. Respondents, including service operators, staff and service users, have all provided positive feedback on the technology products approved for use by service operators. In particular, they were of the opinion that these

products could enhance the functioning of service users in daily activities, reduce the risk of workplace accidents, and enhance the occupational safety and health of staff members.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(W)048

(Question Serial No. 2267)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

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

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Charmaine LEE)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Under Programme (3), it is mentioned that the Social Welfare Department (SWD) launched the Designated Hotline for Carer Support (the Carer Hotline) in 2023 to enhance support for carers of elderly persons and persons with disabilities. In this connection, please inform this Committee of the following:

1. the expenditure and staffing establishment for the Carer Hotline; and
2. details regarding the utilisation of the Carer Hotline, including i) the utilisation situation; ii) the waiting time for callers to be connected to operators during different time periods; iii) the frequency of callers voluntarily disconnecting the call or experiencing sudden disconnections while waiting to be connected to operators; and iv) the time taken by operators to handle individual cases.

Asked by: Hon CHAN Man-ki, Maggie (LegCo internal reference no.: 5)

Reply:

SWD has commissioned the Tung Wah Group of Hospitals to operate the 24-hour Carer Hotline, with 30 phone lines answered by over 100 professional social workers on shift duties. The annual expenditure involved is about \$12 million. As at 29 February 2024, the Carer Hotline has received a total of 12 957 calls. The nature of calls received by the Carer Hotline is categorised at Annex. SWD does not have information on the waiting time for callers to be connected during different time periods, the frequency of callers voluntarily disconnecting the call or experiencing sudden disconnections while waiting to be connected, or the time taken by carer hotline operators to handle individual cases.

**Nature of calls received by the Carer Hotline in 2023-24
(as at 29 February 2024)**

Nature of call	Number of calls
Emotional problem	4 332
Enquiry on community support services	3 093
Caring issues	1 976
Financial problem	1 027
Health problem	578
Mental health problem	543
Enquiry on residential care services	427
Request for respite services	412
Family relationship problem	242
Housing/accommodation problem	145
Others	182
Total	12 957

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(W)049

(Question Serial No. 2268)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): ()
Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Charmaine LEE)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Under Programme (1), it is mentioned that the Social Welfare Department (SWD) will continue to re-engineer the Mutual Help Child Care Centres (MHCCCs) in phases to provide after-school care service for pre-primary children. In this connection, please inform this Committee of the following:

1. What are the expenditure and staffing establishment (SE) involved? Please also provide an update on the progress of the re-engineering of MHCCCs; and
2. Are there any anticipated targets for the re-engineering of MHCCCs and will there be a review of the effectiveness of the re-engineering exercise in the coming year? If yes, what is the current situation? If no, what are the reasons for that?

Asked by: Hon CHAN Man-ki, Maggie (LegCo internal reference no.: 6)

Reply:

- 1 & 2. SWD has been re-engineering MHCCCs from 2021-22 onwards to provide after-school care service for pre-primary children in phases. All MHCCCs have been re-engineered by February 2024. The revised estimate of expenditure for the relevant service in 2023-24 was about \$27.5 million. The SE of each centre includes 1 Assistant Social Work Officer and 2 supporting staff.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(W)050

(Question Serial No. 2273)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): ()
Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Charmaine LEE)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Paragraph 200 of the Budget Speech mentioned that starting this year, the Government will set up 10 more aided standalone child-care centres (CCCs) in phases. The target is to provide nearly 900 additional places for child day-care services within 3 years. The Government will also extend the After School Care Programme for Pre-primary Children (ASCP(PC)) in phases starting this year to cover all districts in Hong Kong. The number of places will increase to nearly 1 200 within 3 years. In this connection, please provide this Committee with the following information:

1. How many additional aided standalone CCCs does the Bureau plan to set up this year? How many places will be available for children under the age of 3 in these newly established CCCs?
2. Regarding the extension of ASCP(PC), what is the average number of places that the Department plans to offer for each of the 18 districts in Hong Kong this year?

Asked by: Hon CHAN Man-ki, Maggie (LegCo internal reference no.: 11)

Reply:

1. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) will set up 10 more aided standalone CCCs in phases within 3 years starting from 2024, providing about 900 additional places. Among them, 100 places in Queens Hill Estate and 56 places in Wah Ming Estate in Fanling have commenced service in January and March 2024 respectively. The 88 places in Shun Lee Estate in Kwun Tong and 100 places at the Treasury Building in Sham Shui Po are scheduled for commencing operation in 2024-25. Altogether, the above-mentioned centres provide a total of 344 places for children under the age of 3.
2. SWD will extend ASCP(PC) to cover all districts in Hong Kong in phases within a period of 3 years starting from 2024. The number of centres participating in ASCP(PC) will increase from 16 to 28, and the number of places will increase from 672 to 1 176. The estimated number of places in various districts upon the full extension of ASCP(PC) is set out at Annex.

Number of places available in various districts upon the full extension of ASCP(PC)

District	Number of places		
	By the end of 2023-24	Number of additional places	Total
Central & Western	42	-	42
Southern	84	-	84
Islands	-	42	42
Eastern	-	42	42
Wan Chai	-	42	42
Kwun Tong	84	-	84
Wong Tai Sin	42	-	42
Sai Kung	-	42	42
Kowloon City	-	42	42
Yau Tsim Mong	-	42	42
Sham Shui Po	126	-	126
Sha Tin	-	42	42
Tai Po	-	42	42
North	42	-	42
Yuen Long	126	-	126
Tsuen Wan	-	42	42
Kwai Tsing	126	-	126
Tuen Mun	-	42	42
2 other centres will be located in districts with greater service demand		84	84
Total	672	504	1 176

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(W)051

(Question Serial No. 2274)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): ()
Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Charmaine LEE)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Under Programme (1) of this Head, it is noted in Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2024–25 that the Department will continue to formulate the implementation details of the mandatory reporting regime (MRR) for suspected child abuse cases, including the enhancement of training and drawing up of guidelines for practitioners in the relevant professions. In this connection, please provide the following information:

1. What is the current progress of implementing this initiative?
2. What specific tasks and measures will the Department undertake during this financial year to implement MRR?
3. What is the estimated expenditure and manpower involved?

Asked by: Hon CHAN Man-ki, Maggie (LegCo internal reference no.: 12)

Reply:

1. The Government has kicked start a participative process for the formulation of the Mandated Reporter Guide (the Guide) and has invited professional bodies, professionals and key service providers of the social welfare sector, education sector and healthcare sector, who will be the mandatory reporters, to envisage different potential scenarios of handling suspected child abuse/neglect cases under the reporting threshold set out in the Mandatory Reporting of Child Abuse Bill (the Bill), reflect questions and provide advice. Currently, professional consultative panels of respective sectors formed at the invitation of the Government are discussing the case scenarios, questions and views collected, and a skeleton document of the Guide will be knocked out based on these discussions. To tie in with the work of the Legislative Council (LegCo) in scrutinising the Bill, the Government will provide the Bills Committee with the skeleton document of the Guide in a timely manner. After enactment of the Bill by LegCo, there will be an 18-month transitional period, during which the professional panels will continue to conduct focus group discussions with professional bodies/service providers in their respective sectors, with a view to completing the Guide before the end of the transitional period, so that briefings on the Guide for professional

bodies/service providers in their respective sectors can take place well ahead of the commencement of the Ordinance.

The Government has set up an e-learning platform to provide training, reference materials and information for relevant professionals. The Child Protection Online Training comprises online self-learning training and webinars. Module 1 of the online self-learning training has been launched in February 2024 to provide training on the basic knowledge on child protection. Module 2 will be rolled out in phases after the enactment of the Bill and will cover the basic knowledge on the relevant legal and reporting issues related to the new legislation. In addition, the Government will also organise webinars to provide the professionals with enrichment programmes to discuss different topics related to child protection and to enhance cross-sectoral collaboration among professionals. Q&A sessions will also be included according to training needs to encourage interactive learning. The expenditure involved in training and promotion is about \$2.8 million.

Apart from the Child Protection Online Training, relevant bureaux/departments/organisations have been providing, and will continue to provide, professionals with training (including talks, seminars, workshops and online training, etc.) relating to child protection and their specific professions to enhance their knowledge and skills in handling suspected child abuse. The Social Welfare Department will also continue to collaborate with different government departments and organisations to enhance training for social workers and relevant professionals, in order to strengthen their capability for early identification and handling of suspected child abuse cases.

- 2 & 3. The Government has allocated an additional provision of \$24.1 million in 2023-24 (\$24.2 million additional full-year provision with effect from 2024-25) for creating 41 permanent posts, enhancing the Government's enforcement and support capacity, providing appropriate training to practitioners in the relevant professions and strengthening the promotion and public education work on child protection, with a view to complementing the implementation of MRR.

In addition, the Government will allocate an additional provision of \$171.9 million in 2024-25 (additional full-year provision of \$186.5 million from 2025-26) to increase the number of emergency residential care places and strengthen professional support for child abuse victims and their families, so as to making preparations for coping with possible upsurge of reported child abuse cases after the MRR has come into effect.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(W)052

(Question Serial No. 0312)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): ()
Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Charmaine LEE)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

In Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2024-25, it is mentioned that there is a need to strengthen the home-based child care service (HCCS) under the Neighbourhood Support Child Care Project (NSCCP) and increase the level of incentive payment for home-based child carers and the number of places. In this connection, please provide the following information:

1. The estimated expenditure and staffing establishment involved.
2. Earlier, there was significant public concern regarding a suspected abuse case involving a 9-month-old baby girl under the care of a home-based child carer. How many cases of abuse and complaint have been received by the Government since the introduction of HCCS? Please also provide information on the outcomes of the subsequent handling of these cases.
3. Apart from enhancing NSCCP and increasing the level of incentive payment for home-based child carers, will the Government also review the relevant processes and guidelines to strengthen child protection and prevent the recurrence of such incidents?

Asked by: Hon CHAN Pui-leung (LegCo internal reference no.: 19)

Reply:

1. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) will increase the incentive payment for home-based child carers under NSCCP from April 2024, as well as the number of HCCS places under NSCCP from the fourth quarter of 2024. These measures involve an annual recurrent expenditure of around \$293.3 million. SWD will subsidise non-governmental organisations under a lump sum grant to operate NSCCP, which will be implemented in the fourth quarter of 2024. The staffing establishment for each service team under NSCCP includes 2 Assistant Social Work Officers, 2 Social Work Assistants, 1 Child Care Worker and 2 Welfare Workers.
2. NSCCP has served 150 000 children since its launch. SWD has received 2 established cases of physical abuse/neglect, and 1 complaint about the attitude of a home-based child carer and transport arrangements. Regarding the cases involving physical abuse/neglect, as per the advice of multi-disciplinary case conferences, alternative

home-based child carers have been assigned to continue caring for the children involved, while the home-based child carers concerned have ceased to participate in NSCCP. As for the complaint regarding dissatisfaction with the attitude of a home-based child carer and transport arrangements, the service user chose to continue receiving the service after mediation. In the light of these cases and incidents, SWD has requested service operators to review their assessment and service matching arrangements for HCCS and to strengthen the training for home-based child carers.

3. To ensure service quality, SWD has consistently required service operators under NSCCP to establish mechanisms for recruiting, assessing, screening and training home-based child carers, as well as for service matching. Social workers from the service operators are required to conduct monthly home visits to home-based child carers currently providing services, while child care workers will provide home-based child carers with individual training/supervision. In addition, service operators are also required to continuously evaluate and follow up on the performance of home-based child carers. Statistics related to the amount of training/supervision provided are included in the service quality standards, and service operators are required to submit relevant statistical information to SWD on a quarterly basis. SWD will also conduct regular and surprise visits to assess whether service operators are in compliance with the requirements specified in the Service Agreement.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(W)053

(Question Serial No. 0407)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Charmaine LEE)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

In Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2024-25, the Department mentioned that it will set up a residential child care centre (RCCC) to increase the number of emergency places for residential child care services (RCCS). Regarding RCCS, please provide the following information:

1. Has an operator been identified for the newly established RCCC? What are the number of available residential places for children and the number of care staff respectively?
2. In 2024-25, the number of places in residential homes for children (RHCs) will increase by 48 compared to the revised estimate in 2023-24, while the enrolment rate remains unchanged. What are the reasons for that?
3. What are the reasons for the number of places and enrolment rates of foster care services and small group homes (SGHs) in 2024-25 to remain unchanged compared to the revised estimate in 2023-24? Will the Department consider adjusting the number of places based on the actual demand from children?

Asked by: Hon CHAN Pui-leung (LegCo internal reference no.: 28)

Reply:

1. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) has chosen a service operator for the new RCCC, which will provide 48 emergency residential care service places. Its staffing establishment is tabulated as follow:

Position/Rank	Number
Assistant Social Work Officer	1
Social Work Assistant	3
Registered Nurse	2
Enrolled Nurse	4
Child Care Supervisor	1
Senior Child Care Worker	4
Child Care Worker	28
Child Care Aide	5
Clinical Psychologist	0.8
Clerical Assistant	1
Cook	1
Workman II	4

2. It takes time for the non-governmental organisations operating the service to handle enrolment applications and complete the relevant procedures. Therefore, the enrolment rate of RHCs in 2024-25 is expected to be similar to that of the revised estimate in 2023-24.
3. SWD has added a total of 54 SGH places and 7 emergency/short-term care places in SGH in 2022-23 and 2023-24, and has also added 100 foster care places in 2023-24. As the numbers of SGH and foster care places will remain unchanged in 2024-25, the estimated number of places and enrolment rates for these two types of services will also remain unchanged compared to 2023-24.

SWD will continue to closely monitor the demand for and utilisation of various types of RCCS, and identify suitable premises for increasing SGH and RCCC service places. It will also make full use of available resources to increase the number of foster care places in phases in order to meet service demand.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(W)054

(Question Serial No. 0409)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (5) Services for Offenders

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Charmaine LEE)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

In 2023, the Department provided integrated probation and community service order (CSO) service, operated remand homes and residential training institutions, supported the Post-Release Supervision of Prisoners Scheme and the Young Offender Assessment Panel, and provided counselling, group activities, residential services, aftercare services and employment assistance for ex-offenders. Please inform this Committee:

1. of the number of persons who received probation and CSO services in the past year, with a breakdown by age group, gender and occupation, and whether the effectiveness of such services has been evaluated;
2. of the number of people currently waitlisted for remand homes and residential training institutions, along with their average and longest waiting times; and
3. of the number of practitioners currently engaged in services for offenders, the percentage of vacancies by job type, and the estimated number of such practitioners in the coming 5 years.

Asked by: Hon CHAN Pui-leung (LegCo internal reference no.: 30)

Reply:

1. Services for offenders under the Social Welfare Department (SWD) include probation and CSO services, and services provided through the Tuen Mun Children and Juvenile Home (TMCJH), Post-Release Supervision of Prisoners Scheme (PRSS) and Young Offender Assessment Panel (YOAP). SWD also subsidises non-governmental organisations (NGOs) through the Lump Sum Grant (LSG) Subvention System to provide counselling, group activities, residential services, pre-release preparation services (PRPS) and employment development services, etc. for ex-offenders at the community level to help them re-integrate into the community and lead a law-abiding life.

The number of recipients of services for offenders, as well as their age and gender distribution in 2023 are set out at Annex 1. SWD does not have information on the occupations of the recipients of services for offenders.

SWD has established outcome standards for services for offenders. The results of the outcome evaluation for these services over the past year are set out at Annex 2.

2. TMCJH is a gazetted home that serves the functions of a remand home, a place of refuge, an approved institution and a reformatory school. It provides temporary custody and residential training to children/juveniles with adjustment problems as well as young offenders, in accordance with the relevant laws. TMCJH is required to give effect to court directions by admitting the relevant children/juveniles for residential services, without the need for a waiting list.
3. As at 31 December 2023, the number of SWD staff engaged in providing or handling services for offenders is set out at Annex 3. SWD will continue to flexibly deploy manpower to provide the relevant statutory services in accordance with court directions and relevant statutory requirements.

SWD does not have information on the number of staff engaging in services for offenders within subvented NGOs. Under the LSG Subvention System, service operators of subvented NGOs may flexibly deploy resources and arrange suitable manpower to meet the requirements set out in the Funding and Service Agreements.

**Number of Recipients of Services for Offenders,
and their Age and Gender Distribution for 2023**

Service	Gender	Age group					
		under 14	14 to under 16	16 to under 18	18 to under 21	21 to under 25	25 and above
Services for Offenders provided by SWD							
Probation service ^{Note 1} (no. of cases)	M	20	161	208	226	190	1 065
	F	4	27	27	44	36	489
CSO ^{Note 2} (no. of cases)	M	N.A.	3	16	63	205	2 044
	F	N.A.	-	2	11	36	449
TMCJH							
● Probation home ^{Note 3} (cases served)	M	2	26	3	N.A.		
	F	2	10	2	N.A.		
● Reformatory school ^{Note 4} (cases served)	M	6	12	2	N.A.		
	F	N.A.					
● Remand home/Place of refuge ^{Note 5} (cases served)	M	124	442	38	3	N.A.	
	F	129	155	28	2	N.A.	
PRSS ^{Note 6} (no. of cases)	M	N.A.					815
	F	N.A.					118
YOAP ^{Note 7} (no. of cases)	M	N.A.	39	36	35	3	N.A.
	F	N.A.	13	7	1	N.A.	N.A.
Services for Offenders provided by subvented NGOs^{Note 8}							
Hostel service, integrated service centre (ISC), employment development service and PRPS ^{Note 9} (no. of persons served)	6 088						

N.A. - Not applicable

^{Note 1} In accordance with the Probation of Offenders Ordinance (Cap 298), an offender aged of or above 10 may be placed under a Probation Order by the court.

^{Note 2} In accordance with the Community Service Orders Ordinance (Cap 378), an offender aged of or above 14 who is convicted of an offence punishable with imprisonment may be placed under a Community Service Order by the court.

^{Note 3} The service targets are young offenders aged 10 to under 16 who are sentenced to probation homes in accordance with the Probation of Offenders Ordinance (Cap 298).

^{Note 4} The service targets are young male offenders aged 10 to under 16 who are sentenced to reformatory schools in accordance with the Reformatory Schools Ordinance (Cap 225).

^{Note 5} The service targets of remand homes are children and young persons aged 10 to under 16 who are sentenced to remand homes in accordance with the Juvenile Offenders Ordinance (Cap 226). The service targets of places of refuge include: (1) children and young persons aged 8 to under 21 who are sentenced to places of refuge under the Protection of Children and Juveniles Ordinance (Cap 213); (2) young illegal immigrants aged under 18 who are sentenced to places of refuge under the Immigration Ordinance (Cap 115); and (3) children and juveniles aged 12 to under 18 who are sentenced to places of refuge under the Child Abduction and Custody Ordinance (Cap 512).

^{Note 6} In accordance with the Post-Release Supervision of Prisoners Ordinance (Cap 475), the service targets are aged 21 or above who are assessed by the Post-Release Supervision Board as required to comply with supervision orders.

^{Note 7} The service targets are young male offenders aged 14 to under 25 and young female offenders aged 14 to under 21.

^{Note 8} SWD does not have information on the age and gender of related service users.

^{Note 9} Service users may use more than 1 type of service.

Outcomes of Services for Offenders

Table 1: Outcomes of various services for offenders provided by SWD

Service	Outcome indicator	Agreed level	Service performance in 2023
Probation service	Cases with a Probation Order satisfactorily completed within a year (%)	80%	90%
CSO service	Cases with a CSO satisfactorily completed within a year (%)	90%	96%
TMCJH			
● Probation home	Cases with residential training satisfactorily completed within a year (%)	80%	95%
● Reformatory school	Cases with residential training satisfactorily completed within a year (%)	80%	88%
● Remand home/place of refuge	Rate of successful home-bound statutory custody within a year	100%	100%
PRSS	Cases satisfactorily completed within a year (%)	95%	96%
YOAP	Cases with penalty proposal adopted by courts within a year (%)	N.A.	96%

Table 2: Outcomes of various services for offenders provided by subvented NGOs

Service	Outcome indicator	Agreed level	Service performance in 2022-23 ^{Note 1}
Hostel service	● Service users indicating that hostel service met their need of transitional accommodation	70%	98%
	● Service users indicating enhancement of problem-solving capability after receiving hostel service	70%	98%
	● Service users indicating satisfaction after receiving hostel service	70%	98%
ISC ^{Note 2}	● Service users indicating satisfaction after receiving ISC service	70%	90%
	● Service users indicating enhancement of problem-solving capability after receiving ISC service	70%	94%
	● Service users indicating enhancement of support network after receiving ISC service	70%	90%
Employment development service	● Service users indicating enhancement of confidence in their employability after receiving Employment Development Service	75%	99%
	● Service users indicating satisfaction after receiving Employment Development Service	70%	100%
PRPS	● Service users indicating enhancement of knowledge of community resources after attending inmate interviews of PRPS in penal institutions	80%	96%

^{Note 1} As the outcomes of services for offenders provided by subvented NGOs are reported only after the end of each financial year, the level of service performance reported here refers to that of 2022-23.

^{Note 2} ISCs provide counselling, group activities, service referrals and community support services, etc.

**Number of SWD staff members engaging in various services for offenders
(as at 31 December 2023)**

Service	Number of persons
Probation and CSO	124
TMCJH	131
PRSS	9
YOAP	3

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(W)055****(Question Serial No. 0410)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ()Programme: (3) Services for The ElderlyControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Charmaine LEE)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

It is mentioned in Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2024-25 that the Social Welfare Department (SWD) will explore the expansion of the Residential Care Services Scheme in Guangdong (GDRCS Scheme) to include residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs) operated by Mainland entities. In this connection, please inform this Committee of:

1. the expenditure and effectiveness of the GDRCS Scheme in the past 3 years, as well as the estimated expenditure and specific plans for the upcoming year;
2. the number of elderly persons admitted to RCHEs under the GDRCS Scheme and their average waiting time for each of the past 5 years; and
3. the names and locations of the RCHEs operated by Mainland entities that are planned to be included in the expanded GDRCS Scheme in the coming year?

Asked by: Hon CHAN Pui-leung (LegCo internal reference no.: 31)Reply:

1. The number of service places purchased by the Social Welfare Department through the GDRCS Scheme each year is based on the number of elderly persons participating in the scheme. The expenditure involved in the past 3 years and the coming year is set out below:

Year	Expenditure (\$ million)
2021-22 (Actual)	15.1
2022-23 (Actual)	13.1
2023-24 (Revised estimate)	33.7
2024-25 (Estimate)	32.5

2. The number of new elderly participants admitted to RCHEs each year from 2019-20 to 2023-24 is as follows:

Year	No. of newly admitted persons
2019-20	34
2020-21	7
2021-22	22
2022-23	6
2023-24 (as at end-December 2023)	63

Eligible elderly persons may join the GDRCS Scheme at their discretion. At present, elderly persons do not have to wait for admission to RCHEs under the GDRCS Scheme.

3. The Labour and Welfare Bureau signed a Letter of Intent (LOI) on Collaboration on expanding the GDRCS Scheme with the Department of Civil Affairs of Guangdong Province on 17 November 2023, agreeing to explore cooperation in selecting RCHEs operated by Mainland entities in jointly designated cities within the Greater Bay Area (GBA) for participation in the GDRCS Scheme. The LOI stipulates that participating Mainland RCHEs should be rated 4 stars or above on the “List of Star-rated Senior Care Organizations” by the Department of Civil Affairs of Guangdong Province based on the standards of “Classification and Accreditation for Senior Care Organization of China”, with a minimum of 2 years of operational records.

To identify suitable RCHEs to join the GDRCS Scheme, the Government is liaising with relevant departments in Mainland cities within the GBA, and conducting on-site inspections of eligible Mainland RCHEs. The Government will explore the expansion of the GDRCS Scheme to include RCHEs operated by Mainland entities in 2024.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(W)056

(Question Serial No. 1056)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (000) Operational Expenses
Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly
(4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Charmaine LEE)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

The Bureau will “engage the District Services and Community Care Teams (Care Teams) in Tsuen Wan and Southern Districts on a pilot basis to help identify singleton and doubleton elderly, carers of elderly persons and carers of persons with disabilities (PWDs) with welfare needs in the 2 districts, provide them with support and make referrals to welfare units as appropriate, and assist needy households to install emergency alarm systems (EAS)” in the coming year.

- 1) What is the estimated manpower and expenditure required for the installation of EAS? How many elderly persons and carers are expected to benefit from it?
- 2) What are the assessment criteria for selecting beneficiaries among singleton and doubleton elderly? When will the initiative be implemented?

Asked by: Hon CHAN Yung (LegCo internal reference no.: 37)

Reply:

1 & 2) The Government has launched the Pilot Scheme on Supporting Elderly and Carers (the Pilot Scheme) at the end of March 2024. Taking Tsuen Wan and Southern District as pilot points, Care Teams are engaged to help identify households of singleton and doubleton elderly, carers of elderly persons/PWDs in need through visits or contacts, and refer these cases to social welfare service units for follow-up. The Care Teams will also assist in referring eligible elderly persons and PWDs to install and use EAS (known as “Safety Bell”) with government subsidy. The households receiving the subsidy to install ESA under the Pilot Scheme should meet the following three requirements:

- (1) Belonging to one of the following categories:
 - a. singleton elderly persons aged 65 or above;
 - b. all members of the household being elderly persons aged 65 or above;
 - c. all members of the household being elderly persons aged 65 or above and/or PWDs; or
 - d. singleton PWDs aged below 65.

- (2) Not meeting the eligibility criteria for the existing EAS allowance at the time of application (i.e. currently not qualifying for the EAS allowance provided by the Social Welfare Department and the Housing Department/Hong Kong Housing Society); and
- (3) Meeting the income criterion, including (a) currently receiving the Old Age Living Allowance under the Social Security Allowance Scheme; or (b) having an income not exceeding the specified limit.

The subsidy scheme will be launched in April 2024 for a period of 1 year, with an estimated expenditure of approximately \$2 million. It is estimated that about 1 000 elderly persons and PWDs will benefit from it.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(W)057

(Question Serial No. 3091)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (000) Operational Expenses
Programme: (2) Social Security
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Charmaine LEE)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

- 1) Please provide the number of enquiries and assistance requests made by elderly persons who have returned to Hong Kong in the past 3 years under the Guangdong (GD) Scheme and the Fujian (FJ) Scheme.
- 2) Please provide the manpower and expenditure involved in caring for elderly persons who have returned to Hong Kong under the GD Scheme and FJ Scheme.
- 3) If there is no data available, does the Government have any plans to conduct a survey on the number of elderly persons who have returned to Hong Kong in order to enhance monitoring of the Schemes?

Asked by: Hon CHAN Yung (LegCo internal reference no.: 38)

Reply:

- 1) The Social Welfare Department (SWD) provides services to recipients of the GD Scheme and the FJ Scheme based on their actual needs. However, SWD does not have information on the number of enquiries or assistance requests made by elderly persons returning to Hong Kong under these 2 schemes.
- 2) The Social Security Branch and Social Security Field Units of SWD are responsible for administering the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance Scheme and the Social Security Allowance Scheme (including the Old Age Living Allowance, the Old Age Allowance, the Disability Allowance, the GD Scheme and the FJ Scheme). Their duties include appointing 2 agents to help implement the Portable Comprehensive Social Security Assistance Scheme, the GD Scheme and the FJ Scheme in GD and FJ provinces, respectively. Handling cases related to the GD Scheme and the FJ Scheme is part of the day-to-day work of the aforementioned SWD personnel. As a result, SWD cannot account separately for the manpower and expenditure involved in following up on the elderly recipients returning to Hong Kong under the GD Scheme and the FJ Scheme.
- 3) The table below provides the number of elderly persons who have returned to Hong Kong for personal reasons and subsequently left the GD Scheme and the FJ Scheme between 2021-22 and 2023-24:

Year	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24 (as at end-December 2023)
GD Scheme	845	937	1 354
FJ Scheme	51	77	94

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(W)058

(Question Serial No. 3092)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (000) Operational Expenses
Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Charmaine LEE)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

The Bureau will continue implementing “the enhanced Navigation Scheme for Young Persons in Care Services (Navigation Scheme) to encourage more young people to join the elderly and rehabilitation care services” in the coming year.

- 1) What is the estimated expenditure and manpower involved?
- 2) Some views suggest that there is a shortage of young people in care services. In this regard, will the number of training places for the Navigation Scheme be increased?

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

Reply:

- 1) The estimated expenditure for the Navigation Scheme is around \$17.3 million in 2024-25. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) implements the Navigation Scheme by deploying existing manpower.
- 2) SWD enhanced the Navigation Scheme in 2020-21, and starting from the same year, a total of 1 200 training places will be provided over the next 5 years. Operators may recruit more trainees than the current year's training quota by utilising the surplus resources from previous years due to trainees dropping out of the Navigation Scheme. As at the end of December 2023, the enhanced Navigation Scheme has recruited a total of 1 233 trainees.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(W)059

(Question Serial No. 3180)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (000) Operational Expenses
Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Charmaine LEE)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

In the coming year, the Bureau will explore the expansion of the Residential Care Services Scheme in Guangdong (GDRCS Scheme) to include residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs) operated by Mainland entities.

- 1) What is the estimated expenditure and manpower involved?
- 2) Will the Bureau collaborate with other bureaux and relevant Mainland authorities? If so, what manpower and expenditure will be earmarked for this purpose?

Asked by: Hon CHAN Yung (LegCo internal reference no.: 40)

Reply:

The Labour and Welfare Bureau signed a Letter of Intent (LOI) on Collaboration on expanding the GDRCS Scheme with the Department of Civil Affairs of Guangdong Province on 17 November 2023, agreeing to explore cooperation in selecting RCHEs operated by Mainland entities in jointly designated cities within the Greater Bay Area (GBA) for participation in the GDRCS Scheme. With the assistance of relevant local authorities of GBA Mainland cities, the Government has conducted on-site inspections at Mainland RCHEs to identify suitable RCHEs to join the GDRCS Scheme. The estimated expenditure for the GDRCS Scheme in 2024-25 is about \$32.5 million.

Staff from a total of 4 posts within the Social Welfare Department (SWD), including those from the Social Work Officer and Clerical grades, are involved in the implementation of the GDRCS Scheme. SWD has not calculated the payroll costs separately for the staff involved in implementing the GDRCS Scheme, as they also handle other duties.

With the number of participating elderly persons and RCHEs continuing to grow in the future, SWD will require more resources to implement the GDRCS scheme. SWD will review the need for additional manpower and expenditure from time to time, and seek the necessary resources under the established mechanism accordingly.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(W)060

(Question Serial No. 1871)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): ()
Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Charmaine LEE)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the Neighborhood Support Child Care Project (NSCCP), would the Government please inform this Committee of the following:

- (1) (i) the number of home-based child carers; (ii) their turnover rate; (iii) the number of places; and (iv) the utilisation rate in each district under NSCCP in each of the past 5 years, broken down by District Council (DC) district;
- (2) whether any complaints against the service provided by home-based child carers under NSCCP have been received; if yes, the number of complaints and the reasons behind these complaints; and whether any carers have been suspended or disqualified from providing services as a result of investigations into these complaints; if yes, the number of cases and the reasons for suspension or disqualification in each of the past 5 years; and
- (3) the manpower and the expenditure involved in the 2-tier training framework to be introduced by the Social Welfare Department (SWD) reportedly in the fourth quarter of this year for strengthening home-based child carers' training, and whether the training framework will be applicable to existing carers.

Asked by: Hon CHAU Siu-chung (LegCo internal reference no.: 26)

Reply:

- (1) The information regarding NSCCP for the past 5 financial years, broken down by DC district, is provided at Annex. SWD does not have information on the turnover rate of home-based child carers or the utilisation rate of service places.
- (2) SWD has not received any complaints against the service provided by home-based child carers in the past 5 financial years.
- (3) SWD will increase the incentive payment for home-based child carers under NSCCP from April 2024 and the number of places of home-based child care service (HCCS) from the fourth quarter of 2024. It will also strengthen the training for home-based child carers, and the training framework will be applicable to existing home-based child carers, too. These measures involve an annual recurrent expenditure of about \$293.3 million. SWD will subsidise non-governmental organisations through Lump

Sum Grant subvention to operate NSCCP that will be launched in the fourth quarter of 2024, and provide relevant training courses. The staffing establishment for each service team under NSCCP includes 2 Assistant Social Work Officers, 2 Social Work Assistants, 1 Child Care Worker and 2 Welfare Workers. Subject to their compliance with the requirements of the Funding and Service Agreements, service operators may flexibly deploy resources and employ staff to achieve the service output and outcomes required.

Table 1: Numbers of home-based child carers, places and children served under NSCCP (2019-20)

District	Number of home-based child carers (December 2019)	Number of places [Note 1]	Number of children served
Central & Western	40	53	411
Wan Chai	161	53	214
Eastern	176	53	427
Southern	29	53	181
Yau Tsim Mong	267	53	826
Sham Shui Po	74	53	713
Kowloon City	473	53	498
Wong Tai Sin	59	53	589
Kwun Tong	52	53	502
Kwai Tsing	88	53	574
Tsuen Wan	56	53	661
Tuen Mun	42	53	881
Yuen Long	58	53	1 321
North	58	53	268
Tai Po	64	53	682
Sha Tin	87	53	905
Sai Kung	114	53	746
Islands	16	53	305
Total	1 914	954	10 704

[Note 1] Service operators are required to provide a minimum of 53 service places in each district (i.e. the total number of places in all 18 districts should be at least 954). Service operators may flexibly increase the number of HCCS places beyond this requirement so as to meet the actual service demand.

Table 2: Numbers of home-based child carers, places and children served under NSCCP (2020-21)

District	Number of home-based child carers (December 2020)	Number of places [Note 1]	Number of children served
Central & Western	46	53	341
Wan Chai	114	53	209
Eastern	183	53	360
Southern	28	53	151
Yau Tsim Mong	299	53	477
Sham Shui Po	38	53	778
Kowloon City	489	53	244
Wong Tai Sin	22	53	422
Kwun Tong	51	53	313
Kwai Tsing	41	53	421
Tsuen Wan	43	53	288
Tuen Mun	36	53	719
Yuen Long	32	53	1 114
North	54	53	303
Tai Po	69	53	521
Sha Tin	49	53	614
Sai Kung	130	53	477
Islands	80	53	227
Total	1 804	954	7 979

[Note 1] Service operators are required to provide a minimum of 53 service places in each district (i.e. the total number of places in all 18 districts should be at least 954). Service operators may flexibly increase the number of HCCS places beyond this requirement so as to meet the actual service demand.

Table 3: Numbers of home-based child carers, places and children served under NSCCP (2021-22)

District	Number of home-based child carers (December 2021)	Number of places [Note 1]	Number of children served
Central & Western	32	53	355
Wan Chai	98	53	287
Eastern	58	53	428
Southern	26	53	283
Yau Tsim Mong	314	53	724
Sham Shui Po	49	53	1 011
Kowloon City	515	53	588
Wong Tai Sin	45	53	621
Kwun Tong	56	53	362
Kwai Tsing	55	53	619
Tsuen Wan	56	53	514
Tuen Mun	31	53	767
Yuen Long	72	53	1 309
North	70	53	482
Tai Po	73	53	552
Sha Tin	42	53	916
Sai Kung	135	53	513
Islands	88	53	498
Total	1 815	954	10 829

[Note 1] Service operators are required to provide a minimum of 53 service places in each district (i.e. the total number of places in all 18 districts should be at least 954). Service operators may flexibly increase the number of HCCS places beyond this requirement so as to meet the actual service demand.

Table 4: Numbers of home-based child carers, places and children served under NSCCP (2022-23)

District	Number of home-based child carers (December 2022)	Number of places [Note 1]	Number of children served
Central & Western	29	53	413
Wan Chai	73	53	189
Eastern	59	53	326
Southern	27	53	171
Yau Tsim Mong	278	53	793
Sham Shui Po	57	53	842
Kowloon City	521	53	455
Wong Tai Sin	45	53	595
Kwun Tong	44	53	395
Kwai Tsing	72	53	679
Tsuen Wan	63	53	645
Tuen Mun	33	53	732
Yuen Long	65	53	1 151
North	61	53	446
Tai Po	69	53	580
Sha Tin	41	53	848
Sai Kung	139	53	591
Islands	83	53	468
Total	1 759	954	10 319

[Note 1] Service operators are required to provide a minimum of 53 service places in each district (i.e. the total number of places in all 18 districts should be at least 954). Service operators may flexibly increase the number of HCCS places beyond this requirement so as to meet the actual service demand.

Table 5: Numbers of home-based child carers, places and children served under NSCCP (April to December 2023)

District	Number of home-based child carers (December 2023)	Number of places [Note 1]	Number of children served
Central & Western	59	53	387
Wan Chai	67	53	201
Eastern	103	53	329
Southern	30	53	422
Yau Tsim Mong	126	53	640
Sham Shui Po	59	53	706
Kowloon City	525	53	280
Wong Tai Sin	112	53	525
Kwun Tong	46	53	404
Kwai Tsing	82	53	495
Tsuen Wan	77	53	380
Tuen Mun	37	53	644
Yuen Long	67	53	879
North	78	53	400
Tai Po	77	53	380
Sha Tin	42	53	546
Sai Kung	83	53	469
Islands	100	53	397
Total	1 770	954	8 484

[Note 1] Service operators are required to provide a minimum of 53 service places in each district (i.e. the total number of places in all 18 districts should be at least 954). Service operators may flexibly increase the number of HCCS places beyond this requirement so as to meet the actual service demand.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(W)061

(Question Serial No. 1872)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Charmaine LEE)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding day child care services, would the Government please inform this Committee of:

- (1) the numbers of (i) child care centres (CCCs) and (ii) child care service places (separately for children aged below 2 and children aged 2 to below 3) for the past 5 years up to the present in every District Council (DC) district; and
- (2) (i) the number of places provided by aided standalone CCCs for children aged below 2, (ii) the child population, (iii) the ratio of places to child population, (iv) the utilisation rate of places, and (v) the average waiting time for applicants for the past 5 years up to the present in every DC district.
- (3) Last year, the Government announced the phased development of 10 aided standalone CCCs, providing nearly 900 additional places for day child care services. Please provide the estimated expenditure, the geographical distribution (by DC district) and the estimated service commencement dates for the additional places.

Asked by: Hon CHAU Siu-chung (LegCo internal reference no.: 27)

Reply:

- (1) The numbers of CCCs (including standalone CCCs and CCCs attached to kindergartens (KGs)) and places provided in the past 5 financial years, broken down by district in Hong Kong, are set out at Annex 1.
- (2) The number of places and average utilisation rate of aided standalone CCCs for children aged below 2 in the past 5 financial years, broken down by district in Hong Kong, are set out at Annex 2. Since parents can directly apply for the places of standalone CCCs from the service operators based on their needs, without being waitlisted under a central system, and as applications are handled by the respective service operators, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) does not have information on the ratio of places to child population and the average waiting time for applicants.
- (3) SWD will set up 10 more aided standalone CCCs in phases within 3 years starting from 2024, providing about 900 additional places. Among them, 100 places in Queens Hill Estate and 56 places in Wah Ming Estate in Fanling have commenced service in January and March 2024 respectively. The 88 places in Shun Lee Estate in Kwun Tong and

100 places at the Treasury Building in Sham Shui Po are scheduled for commencing operation in 2024-25, whereas the 100 places at Cheung Shun Street in Sham Shui Po and 60 places in Kwai Fong Estate in Kwai Chung will be put into service in 2025-26. The remaining 4 aided standalone CCCs, proposed to be set up in districts such as Kowloon City and Kwun Tong, will collectively provide about 400 additional places, and are scheduled to commence service in 2026-27. The estimated annual expenditure of the 10 aided standalone CCCs is about \$66.4 million.

Table 1: Numbers of standalone CCCs and CCCs attached to KGs and number of places provided (2019-20)

District	Standalone CCC		Number of centres	CCC attached to KG ^[Note]		Number of centres
	Children aged below 2	Children aged 2 to 3		Children aged below 2	Children aged 2 to 3	
	Number of places	Number of places		Number of places	Number of places	
Central & Western	48	162	2	80	2 118	27
Southern	-	-	-	126	1 144	19
Islands	22	24	1	14	1 027	14
Eastern	64	196	2	320	3 364	53
Wan Chai	68	-	2	16	824	17
Kwun Tong	15	292	2	60	1 343	39
Wong Tai Sin	-	-	-	31	706	26
Sai Kung	-	-	-	62	2 872	34
Kowloon City	103	1 306	8	153	4 155	50
Yau Tsim Mong	99	116	3	48	1 304	25
Sham Shui Po	48	14	1	16	1 294	24
Sha Tin	72	-	1	16	2 047	41
Tai Po	-	-	-	14	952	18
North	51	-	1	8	926	20
Yuen Long	64	102	2	48	1 348	32
Tsuen Wan	76	336	3	24	1 204	23
Kwai Tsing	32	28	1	26	1 362	32
Tuen Mun	64	-	1	-	1 914	33
Total	826	2 576	30	1 062	29 904	527

[Note] Figures provided by the Education Bureau (EDB) as at September 2019.

Table 2: Numbers of standalone CCCs and CCCs attached to KGs and number of places provided (2020-21)

District	Standalone CCC		Number of centres	CCC attached to KG ^[Note]		Number of centres
	Children aged below 2	Children aged 2 to 3		Children aged below 2	Children aged 2 to 3	
	Number of places	Number of places		Number of places	Number of places	
Central & Western	48	162	2	80	2 600	29
Southern	-	-	-	126	1 023	19
Islands	22	24	1	14	1 089	14
Eastern	64	196	2	318	3 911	54
Wan Chai	48	-	1	16	823	16
Kwun Tong	17	292	2	60	1 143	39
Wong Tai Sin	-	-	-	31	511	24
Sai Kung	-	-	-	166	3 990	35
Kowloon City	103	1 222	7	152	4 494	50
Yau Tsim Mong	99	116	3	48	1 138	25
Sham Shui Po	48	14	1	16	1 472	26
Sha Tin	144	33	2	16	1 791	42
Tai Po	-	-	-	14	1 215	18
North	51	-	1	-	872	20
Yuen Long	64	-	1	48	1 206	33
Tsuen Wan	76	336	3	24	1 076	23
Kwai Tsing	32	28	1	26	1 149	31
Tuen Mun	64	50	2	-	1 602	32
Total	880	2 473	29	1 155	31 105	530

[Note] Figures provided by EDB as at September 2020.

Table 3: Numbers of standalone CCCs and CCCs attached to KGs and number of places provided (2021-22)

District	Standalone CCC		Number of centres	CCC attached to KG ^[Note]		Number of centres
	Children aged below 2	Children aged 2 to 3		Children aged below 2	Children aged 2 to 3	
	Number of places	Number of places		Number of places	Number of places	
Central & Western	48	162	2	80	2 727	28
Southern	-	-	-	126	1 073	18
Islands	22	24	1	14	1 147	14
Eastern	64	196	2	320	3 456	53
Wan Chai	48	-	1	16	1 319	17
Kwun Tong	17	292	2	60	1 212	39
Wong Tai Sin	-	-	-	31	575	24
Sai Kung	-	-	-	156	4 182	36
Kowloon City	103	1 082	6	152	4 021	45
Yau Tsim Mong	99	32	2	48	1 809	29
Sham Shui Po	48	14	1	16	1 392	28
Sha Tin	144	33	2	16	1 950	41
Tai Po	-	-	-	14	1 274	18
North	51	-	1	-	1 087	20
Yuen Long	64	-	1	48	1 262	33
Tsuen Wan	76	336	3	24	1 237	23
Kwai Tsing	32	28	1	26	1 259	29
Tuen Mun	64	108	3	-	1 772	34
Total	880	2 307	28	1 147	32 754	529

[Note] Figures provided by EDB as at September 2021.

Table 4: Numbers of standalone CCCs and CCCs attached to KGs and number of places provided (2022-23)

District	Standalone CCC		Number of centres	CCC attached to KG ^[Note]		Number of centres
	Children aged below 2	Children aged 2 to 3		Children aged below 2	Children aged 2 to 3	
	Number of places	Number of places		Number of places	Number of places	
Central & Western	48	162	2	80	2 628	27
Southern	-	-	-	88	951	17
Islands	88	32	2	14	1 165	15
Eastern	64	196	2	311	2 908	48
Wan Chai	48	-	1	16	1 307	17
Kwun Tong	17	292	2	60	1 206	40
Wong Tai Sin	-	-	-	31	527	24
Sai Kung	-	-	-	156	4 286	38
Kowloon City	103	1 049	6	152	3 937	44
Yau Tsim Mong	99	32	2	48	1 809	29
Sham Shui Po	48	14	1	16	1 471	28
Sha Tin	144	33	2	16	1 932	41
Tai Po	70	22	1	14	1 416	19
North	51	-	1	-	1 087	20
Yuen Long	130	22	2	48	1 317	33
Tsuen Wan	76	168	2	24	1 024	23
Kwai Tsing	32	28	1	-	1 101	28
Tuen Mun	64	108	3	-	1 591	34
Total	1 082	2 158	30	1 074	31 663	525

[Note] Figures provided by EDB as at September 2022.

Table 5: Numbers of standalone CCCs and CCCs attached to KGs and number of places provided (April to December 2023)

District	Standalone CCC		Number of centres	CCC attached to KG ^[Note]		Number of centres
	Children aged below 2	Children aged 2 to 3		Children aged below 2	Children aged 2 to 3	
	Number of places	Number of places		Number of places	Number of places	
Central & Western	48	-	1	80	2 816	28
Southern	-	-	-	88	1 007	18
Islands	90	46	2	14	1 227	15
Eastern	64	196	2	314	3 147	46
Wan Chai	48	-	1	16	1 404	17
Kwun Tong	17	292	2	56	1 244	38
Wong Tai Sin	-	-	-	30	525	24
Sai Kung	-	-	-	156	4 576	38
Kowloon City	103	1 049	6	152	4 249	45
Yau Tsim Mong	99	32	2	48	1 935	29
Sham Shui Po	48	14	1	16	1 551	24
Sha Tin	144	33	2	16	2 037	39
Tai Po	70	22	1	14	1 494	19
North	51	-	1	-	1 139	19
Yuen Long	130	22	2	48	1 421	33
Tsuen Wan	76	168	2	24	1 090	23
Kwai Tsing	32	28	1	-	1 138	28
Tuen Mun	64	108	3	-	1 677	34
Total	1 084	2 010	29	1 072	33 677	517

[Note] Figures provided by EDB as at September 2023.

Table 1: Number of places and average utilisation rate of aided standalone CCCs for children aged below 2 (2019-20)

District	Aided standalone CCC	
	Number of places	Average utilisation rate ^[Note] (%)
Central & Western	48	100
Southern	-	N.A.
Islands	-	N.A.
Eastern	64	100
Wan Chai	48	99
Kwun Tong	-	N.A.
Wong Tai Sin	-	N.A.
Sai Kung	-	N.A.
Kowloon City	67	100
Yau Tsim Mong	99	100
Sham Shui Po	48	99
Sha Tin	72	100
Tai Po	-	N.A.
North	51	100
Yuen Long	64	100
Tsuen Wan	76	99
Kwai Tsing	32	100
Tuen Mun	64	100
Total	733	100

N.A. - Not applicable

[Note] The average utilisation rate of aided standalone CCCs is calculated based on all age groups in the whole centre.

Table 2: Number of places and average utilisation rate of aided standalone CCCs for children aged below 2 (2020-21)

District	Aided standalone CCC	
	Number of places	Average utilisation rate ^[Note] (%)
Central & Western	48	100
Southern	-	N.A.
Islands	-	N.A.
Eastern	64	100
Wan Chai	48	97
Kwun Tong	-	N.A.
Wong Tai Sin	-	N.A.
Sai Kung	-	N.A.
Kowloon City	67	100
Yau Tsim Mong	99	98
Sham Shui Po	48	100
Sha Tin	144	92
Tai Po	-	N.A.
North	51	100
Yuen Long	64	100
Tsuen Wan	76	88
Kwai Tsing	32	100
Tuen Mun	64	100
Total	805	97

N.A. - Not applicable

^[Note] The average utilisation rate of aided standalone CCCs is calculated based on all age groups in the whole centre.

Table 3: Number of places and average utilisation rate of aided standalone CCCs for children aged below 2 (2021-22)

District	Aided standalone CCC	
	Number of places	Average utilisation rate ^[Note] (%)
Central & Western	48	100
Southern	-	N.A.
Islands	-	N.A.
Eastern	64	100
Wan Chai	48	100
Kwun Tong	-	N.A.
Wong Tai Sin	-	N.A.
Sai Kung	-	N.A.
Kowloon City	67	100
Yau Tsim Mong	99	100
Sham Shui Po	48	100
Sha Tin	144	91
Tai Po	-	N.A.
North	51	100
Yuen Long	64	100
Tsuen Wan	76	99
Kwai Tsing	32	100
Tuen Mun	64	100
Total	805	98

N.A. - Not applicable

[Note] The average utilisation rate of aided standalone CCCs is calculated based on all age groups in the whole centre.

Table 4: Number of places and average utilisation rate of aided standalone CCCs for children aged below 2 (2022-23)

District	Aided standalone CCC	
	Number of places	Average utilisation rate ^[Note 1] (%)
Central & Western	48	100
Southern	-	N.A.
Islands	-	N.A.
Eastern	64	100
Wan Chai	48	100
Kwun Tong	-	N.A.
Wong Tai Sin	-	N.A.
Sai Kung	-	N.A.
Kowloon City	67	100
Yau Tsim Mong	99	100
Sham Shui Po	48	100
Sha Tin	144	98
Tai Po	70	20 ^[Note 2]
North	51	100
Yuen Long	130	91 ^[Note 3]
Tsuen Wan	76	98
Kwai Tsing	32	100
Tuen Mun	64	100
Total	941	97

N.A. - Not applicable

[Note 1] The average utilisation rate of aided standalone CCCs is calculated based on all age groups in the whole centre.

[Note 2] The first additional aided standalone CCC in the district commenced operation in January 2023.

[Note 3] The second additional aided standalone CCC in the district commenced operation in March 2023.

Table 5: Number of places and average utilisation rate of aided standalone CCCs for children aged below 2 (April to December 2023)

District	Aided standalone CCC	
	Number of places	Average utilisation rate ^[Note 1] (%)
Central & Western	48	100
Southern	-	N.A.
Islands	-	N.A.
Eastern	64	100
Wan Chai	48	100
Kwun Tong	-	N.A.
Wong Tai Sin	-	N.A.
Sai Kung	-	N.A.
Kowloon City	67	100
Yau Tsim Mong	99	100
Sham Shui Po	48	100
Sha Tin	144	99
Tai Po	70	83
North	51	100
Yuen Long	130	76 ^[Note 2]
Tsuen Wan	76	100
Kwai Tsing	32	100
Tuen Mun	64	96
Total	941	95

N.A. - Not applicable

[Note 1] The average utilisation rate of aided standalone CCCs is calculated based on all age groups in the whole centre.

[Note 2] The second additional aided standalone CCC in the district commenced operation in March 2023.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(W)062

(Question Serial No. 1873)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Charmaine LEE)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the Old Age Allowance (OAA), Disability Allowance and Old Age Living Allowance (OALA), would the Government please inform this Committee of the following:

- (1) the number of OAA cases and the expenditure involved in each of the past 3 years, with a breakdown by age group and District Council (DC) district;
- (2) the numbers of OAA cases under the Guangdong (GD) Scheme and the Fujian (FJ) Scheme and the expenditure involved in each of the past 3 years, with a breakdown by age group;
- (3) the number of Normal Disability Allowance (NDA) cases and the expenditure involved in each of the past 3 years, with a breakdown by age group and DC district;
- (4) the number of Higher Disability Allowance (HDA) cases and the expenditure involved in each of the past 3 years, with a breakdown by age group and DC district;
- (5) the number of OALA cases and the expenditure involved in each of the past 3 years, with a breakdown by age group and DC district;
- (6) the numbers of OALA cases under the GD Scheme and the FJ Scheme and the expenditure involved in each of the past 3 years, with a breakdown by age group; and
- (7) whether the Government has compiled statistics on the number of applicants under the Social Security Allowance (SSA) Scheme who failed to meet the eligibility due to their absence from Hong Kong for more than 56 days (but no more than 90 days) in each of the past 5 years, considering the Government's announcement in the past year regarding the relaxation of the pre-application absence limit from 56 days to 90 days of the one-year continuous residence requirement under the SSA Scheme.

Asked by: Hon CHAU Siu-chung (LegCo internal reference no.: 28)

Reply:

- (1) to (6) From 2021-22 to 2023-24, the numbers of OAA and OALA cases (excluding those under the GD Scheme and the FJ Scheme), with a breakdown by age group and district, are set out in Tables 1 and 2 of the Annex; the numbers of OAA and OALA cases under the GD Scheme and the FJ Scheme, with a breakdown by age group,

are set out in Tables 3 and 4; the numbers of NDA and HDA cases, with a breakdown by age group and district, are set out in Table 5; and the expenditure on the SSA Scheme by type of allowance is set out in Table 6.

The Social Welfare Department (SWD) does not have a breakdown of the expenditure on OAA and OALA by age group, or the expenditure on SSA Scheme by district.

- (7) SWD does not have the requested information regarding the number of applicants under SSA Scheme who failed to meet the eligibility due to their absence from Hong Kong for more than 56 days (but no more than 90 days).

Table 1 Number of OAA cases (excluding those under the GD Scheme and the FJ Scheme) from 2021-22 to 2023-24 by age group and district

District ^{Note}	2021-22			
	Number of OAA cases			
	Aged 70 to 74	Aged 75 to 79	Aged 80 or above	Total
Central & Western	7 259	3 668	5 772	16 699
Eastern	18 243	9 136	13 457	40 836
Islands	2 895	1 278	1 373	5 546
Kowloon City	9 706	5 429	8 589	23 724
Kwai Tsing	7 729	4 131	4 428	16 288
Kwun Tong	9 506	4 866	6 597	20 969
North	4 972	2 082	2 490	9 544
Sai Kung	8 142	3 712	3 840	15 694
Sha Tin	14 901	6 342	6 767	28 010
Sham Shui Po	7 255	3 911	5 688	16 854
Southern	6 554	3 138	4 167	13 859
Tai Po	6 022	2 540	2 668	11 230
Tsuen Wan	6 818	3 559	3 905	14 282
Tuen Mun	8 572	3 477	2 872	14 921
Wan Chai	5 045	2 750	5 129	12 924
Wong Tai Sin	6 412	3 258	4 788	14 458
Yau Tsim Mong	7 279	4 283	6 129	17 691
Yuen Long	9 269	4 140	4 510	17 919
Total	146 579	71 700	93 169	311 448

Note The boundaries of the 18 districts in the table may differ from those of the 18 DC districts.

District ^{Note}	2022-23			
	Number of OAA cases			
	Aged 70 to 74	Aged 75 to 79	Aged 80 or above	Total
Central & Western	7 464	4 343	5 610	17 417
Eastern	18 537	10 708	13 017	42 262
Islands	3 104	1 502	1 404	6 010
Kowloon City	9 971	6 139	8 461	24 571
Kwai Tsing	7 762	4 453	4 203	16 418
Kwun Tong	9 733	5 328	6 286	21 347
North	5 567	2 449	2 406	10 422
Sai Kung	8 728	4 333	3 876	16 937
Sha Tin	15 691	7 452	6 711	29 854
Sham Shui Po	7 594	4 300	5 454	17 348
Southern	6 688	3 739	4 069	14 496
Tai Po	6 747	3 079	2 620	12 446
Tsuen Wan	7 047	3 990	3 852	14 889
Tuen Mun	9 329	3 923	2 937	16 189
Wan Chai	5 170	3 156	5 046	13 372
Wong Tai Sin	6 496	3 568	4 398	14 462
Yau Tsim Mong	7 443	4 804	5 971	18 218
Yuen Long	10 110	4 832	4 455	19 397
Total	153 181	82 098	90 776	326 055

Note The boundaries of the 18 districts in the table may differ from those of the 18 DC districts.

District ^{Note}	2023-24 (as at end-December 2023)			
	Number of OAA cases			
	Aged 70 to 74	Aged 75 to 79	Aged 80 or above	Total
Central & Western	7 520	4 857	5 643	18 020
Eastern	18 742	11 794	13 118	43 654
Islands	3 203	1 719	1 448	6 370
Kowloon City	10 111	6 680	8 582	25 373
Kwai Tsing	7 789	4 798	4 275	16 862
Kwun Tong	10 014	5 748	6 320	22 082
North	6 009	2 806	2 476	11 291
Sai Kung	9 136	4 900	4 035	18 071
Sha Tin	16 201	8 585	6 797	31 583
Sham Shui Po	7 718	4 611	5 501	17 830
Southern	6 814	4 151	4 180	15 145
Tai Po	7 290	3 468	2 761	13 519
Tsuen Wan	7 260	4 368	3 936	15 564
Tuen Mun	9 743	4 472	3 086	17 301
Wan Chai	5 173	3 612	5 095	13 880
Wong Tai Sin	6 753	3 815	4 368	14 936
Yau Tsim Mong	7 464	5 224	6 045	18 733
Yuen Long	10 744	5 432	4 612	20 788
Total	157 684	91 040	92 278	341 002

^{Note} The boundaries of the 18 districts in the table may differ from those of the 18 DC districts.

Table 2 Number of OALA cases (excluding those under the GD Scheme and the FJ Scheme) from 2021-22 to 2023-24 by age group and district

District ^{Note}	2021-22				
	Number of OALA cases				
	Aged 65 to 69	Aged 70 to 74	Aged 75 to 79	Aged 80 or above	Total
Central & Western	1 908	2 475	1 524	3 576	9 483
Eastern	10 165	12 483	7 737	15 273	45 658
Islands	3 494	3 096	1 702	2 539	10 831
Kowloon City	6 582	7 375	5 108	9 365	28 430
Kwai Tsing	16 655	16 574	11 474	15 980	60 683
Kwun Tong	21 000	21 604	14 053	23 131	79 788
North	9 073	7 229	3 863	5 943	26 108
Sai Kung	10 303	9 624	5 787	8 622	34 336
Sha Tin	18 955	19 757	11 100	15 875	65 687
Sham Shui Po	10 856	9 951	5 617	10 757	37 181
Southern	5 153	5 861	3 888	7 975	22 877
Tai Po	9 042	7 611	3 784	6 002	26 439
Tsuen Wan	5 325	5 869	4 299	7 046	22 539
Tuen Mun	17 224	16 184	7 606	9 015	50 029
Wan Chai	874	1 095	702	1 988	4 659
Wong Tai Sin	13 269	12 651	8 139	16 922	50 981
Yau Tsim Mong	4 232	4 570	2 795	5 234	16 831
Yuen Long	16 013	12 429	6 363	9 256	44 061
Total	180 123	176 438	105 541	174 499	636 601

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District ^{Note}	2022-23				
	Number of OALA cases				
	Aged 65 to 69	Aged 70 to 74	Aged 75 to 79	Aged 80 or above	Total
Central & Western	2 155	2 520	1 784	3 516	9 975
Eastern	11 246	12 864	9 037	15 085	48 232
Islands	4 060	3 418	2 019	2 594	12 091
Kowloon City	7 059	7 719	5 727	9 504	30 009
Kwai Tsing	18 405	17 450	12 593	16 377	64 825
Kwun Tong	22 803	22 828	15 673	23 145	84 449
North	10 788	8 436	4 466	6 011	29 701
Sai Kung	11 632	10 436	6 592	8 810	37 470
Sha Tin	20 653	21 106	13 097	16 203	71 059
Sham Shui Po	12 232	11 124	6 532	10 772	40 660
Southern	5 722	6 128	4 488	7 862	24 200
Tai Po	10 123	8 481	4 368	6 033	29 005
Tsuen Wan	5 863	6 228	4 700	7 139	23 930
Tuen Mun	18 861	17 899	9 103	9 278	55 141
Wan Chai	987	1 193	838	1 954	4 972
Wong Tai Sin	14 817	13 504	8 998	16 562	53 881
Yau Tsim Mong	4 765	4 814	3 204	5 201	17 984
Yuen Long	18 792	14 045	7 334	9 391	49 562
Total	200 963	190 193	120 553	175 437	687 146

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District ^{Note}	2023-24 (as at end-December 2023)				
	Number of OALA cases				
	Aged 65 to 69	Aged 70 to 74	Aged 75 to 79	Aged 80 or above	Total
Central & Western	2 243	2 604	1 974	3 477	10 298
Eastern	11 593	12 943	10 009	15 075	49 620
Islands	4 427	3 695	2 255	2 681	13 058
Kowloon City	7 265	7 892	6 128	9 738	31 023
Kwai Tsing	19 242	18 110	13 388	16 989	67 729
Kwun Tong	23 764	23 436	16 896	23 392	87 488
North	11 621	9 228	4 949	6 237	32 035
Sai Kung	12 296	10 952	7 262	9 046	39 556
Sha Tin	21 349	22 018	14 467	16 699	74 533
Sham Shui Po	12 874	11 860	7 168	10 999	42 901
Southern	5 851	6 330	4 745	7 887	24 813
Tai Po	10 501	9 055	4 997	6 143	30 696
Tsuen Wan	5 937	6 362	4 980	7 312	24 591
Tuen Mun	19 497	18 954	10 296	9 765	58 512
Wan Chai	1 001	1 241	929	1 993	5 164
Wong Tai Sin	15 477	14 082	9 655	16 565	55 779
Yau Tsim Mong	4 940	5 078	3 526	5 327	18 871
Yuen Long	20 058	15 166	8 146	9 628	52 998
Total	209 936	199 006	131 770	178 953	719 665

^{Note} The boundaries of the 18 districts in the table may differ from those of the 18 DC districts.

Table 3 Numbers of OAA and OALA cases under the GD Scheme from 2021-22 to 2023-24 by age group

Year	OAA				OALA				
	Aged 70 to 74	Aged 75 to 79	Aged 80 or above	Total	Aged 65 to 69	Aged 70 to 74	Aged 75 to 79	Aged 80 or above	Total
2021-22	2 575	2 036	2 985	7 596	2 507	3 434	2 169	3 803	11 913
2022-23	2 850	2 234	2 924	8 008	3 503	4 001	2 612	3 910	14 026
2023-24 (as at end-December 2023)	3 195	2 308	2 900	8 403	4 390	4 629	3 174	4 286	16 479

Table 4 Numbers of OAA and OALA cases under the FJ scheme from 2021-22 to 2023-24 by age group

Year	OAA				OALA				
	Aged 70 to 74	Aged 75 to 79	Aged 80 or above	Total	Aged 65 to 69	Aged 70 to 74	Aged 75 to 79	Aged 80 or above	Total
2021-22	199	178	217	594	218	281	237	633	1 369
2022-23	220	204	212	636	277	280	284	639	1 480
2023-24 (as at end-December 2023)	246	230	207	683	340	351	333	725	1 749

Table 5 Numbers of NDA and HDA cases from 2021-22 to 2023-24 by age group and district

District ^{Note}	2021-22					
	NDA			HDA		
	Aged below 65	Aged 65 or above	Total	Aged below 65	Aged 65 or above	Total
Central & Western	2 499	1 122	3 621	224	510	734
Eastern	9 203	2 812	12 015	599	1 193	1 792
Islands	2 694	360	3 054	150	117	267
Kowloon City	5 089	1 503	6 592	388	652	1 040
Kwai Tsing	9 527	1 645	11 172	608	517	1 125
Kwun Tong	11 452	1 715	13 167	835	834	1 669
North	5 932	869	6 801	419	389	808
Sai Kung	6 388	1 158	7 546	579	474	1 053
Sha Tin	12 361	2 306	14 667	993	1 090	2 083
Sham Shui Po	6 918	1 337	8 255	493	572	1 065
Southern	5 314	1 464	6 778	391	458	849
Tai Po	5 726	1 090	6 816	393	415	808
Tsuen Wan	3 942	1 072	5 014	337	360	697
Tuen Mun	9 667	1 636	11 303	597	518	1 115
Wan Chai	1 262	672	1 934	93	407	500
Wong Tai Sin	7 423	1 272	8 695	556	520	1 076
Yau Tsim Mong	3 435	1 210	4 645	270	484	754
Yuen Long	11 123	1 543	12 666	838	610	1 448
Total	119 955	24 786	144 741	8 763	10 120	18 883

Note The boundaries of the 18 districts in the table may differ from those of the 18 DC districts.

District ^{Note}	2022-23					
	NDA			HDA		
	Aged below 65	Aged 65 or above	Total	Aged below 65	Aged 65 or above	Total
Central & Western	2 628	1 157	3 785	198	484	682
Eastern	9 485	2 810	12 295	591	1 152	1 743
Islands	2 834	397	3 231	143	114	257
Kowloon City	5 280	1 553	6 833	409	610	1 019
Kwai Tsing	9 791	1 636	11 427	649	500	1 149
Kwun Tong	11 787	1 749	13 536	852	755	1 607
North	6 198	924	7 122	455	365	820
Sai Kung	6 635	1 232	7 867	588	463	1 051
Sha Tin	12 496	2 318	14 814	951	1 015	1 966
Sham Shui Po	7 207	1 350	8 557	500	585	1 085
Southern	5 417	1 486	6 903	369	436	805
Tai Po	5 810	1 136	6 946	380	387	767
Tsuen Wan	4 100	1 071	5 171	321	347	668
Tuen Mun	10 131	1 678	11 809	588	506	1 094
Wan Chai	1 331	672	2 003	103	378	481
Wong Tai Sin	7 584	1 283	8 867	539	467	1 006
Yau Tsim Mong	3 518	1 197	4 715	284	495	779
Yuen Long	11 489	1 612	13 101	827	619	1 446
Total	123 721	25 261	148 982	8 747	9 678	18 425

^{Note} The boundaries of the 18 districts in the table may differ from those of the 18 DC districts.

District ^{Note}	2023-24 (as at end-December2023)					
	NDA			HDA		
	Aged below 65	Aged 65 or above	Total	Aged below 65	Aged 65 or above	Total
Central & Western	2 591	1 226	3 817	203	471	674
Eastern	9 569	2 994	12 563	608	1 211	1 819
Islands	2 921	434	3 355	155	123	278
Kowloon City	5 419	1 651	7 070	418	642	1 060
Kwai Tsing	9 879	1 741	11 620	661	548	1 209
Kwun Tong	12 124	1 870	13 994	849	780	1 629
North	6 421	1 053	7 474	480	368	848
Sai Kung	6 730	1 320	8 050	590	497	1 087
Sha Tin	12 669	2 481	15 150	976	1 044	2 020
Sham Shui Po	7 458	1 443	8 901	519	603	1 122
Southern	5 486	1 584	7 070	365	441	806
Tai Po	5 895	1 183	7 078	400	404	804
Tsuen Wan	4 164	1 174	5 338	347	367	714
Tuen Mun	10 208	1 812	12 020	637	520	1 157
Wan Chai	1 324	709	2 033	99	387	486
Wong Tai Sin	7 646	1 362	9 008	548	469	1 017
Yau Tsim Mong	3 646	1 253	4 899	283	515	798
Yuen Long	11 850	1 688	13 538	853	626	1 479
Total	126 000	26 978	152 978	8 991	10 016	19 007

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Table 6 Expenditure on SSA Scheme from 2021- 22 to 2023-24 by type of allowance

Type of allowance ^{Note 1}	Expenditure ^{Note 2} (\$ million)		
	2021-22 (Actual)	2022-23 (Actual)	2023-24 (Revised estimate)
OAA	5,530	6,021	6,585
OALA ^{Note 3}	28,857	31,999	36,352
OAA under the GD Scheme-	137	143	167
OALA under the GD Scheme ^{Note 3}	549	598	819
OAA under the FJ Scheme	11	11	14
OALA under the FJ Scheme ^{Note 3}	63	68	85
HDA	893	920	1,043
- <i>Aged below 60</i>	318	334	376
- <i>Aged 60 or above</i>	575	586	667
NDA	3,715	3,947	4,212
- <i>Aged below 60</i>	2,495	2,656	2,829
- <i>Aged 60 or above</i>	1,219	1,290	1,383

Note 1 OAA applicants must be aged 70 or above. OALA applicants must be aged 65 or above. There is no age requirement for DA applicants.

Note 2 The actual expenditures for 2021-22 and 2022-23 and the revised estimate of expenditure for 2023-24 include the payment of an additional half-month of the allowances in the year concerned.

Note 3 The Normal and Higher OALAs were merged in September 2022. The merged OALA adopts the more lenient asset limits of the Normal OALA and the payment rate of the Higher OALA.

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

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(W)063

(Question Serial No. 1874)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): ()
Programme: (2) Social Security
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Charmaine LEE)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the Traffic Accident Victims Assistance (TAVA) Scheme, will the Government inform this Committee of the following:

- (1) (i) the number of applications received; (ii) the number of applications approved; (iii) the average amount of assistance paid in respect of the approved applications; and (iv) the average processing time for each application, with a breakdown by type of grant (i.e. burial grant, death grant, injury grant, disability grant and interim maintenance grant) in each of the past 5 years;
- (2) the current balance of the TAVA Fund; and
- (3) whether any cases involving fraudulent claims of TAVA were identified in each of the past 5 years; if so, the number of such cases and the average amount of assistance involved; among these cases, the respective numbers of prosecution and conviction cases, as well as the average penalty imposed on conviction cases?

Asked by: Hon CHAU Siu-chung (LegCo internal reference no.: 29)

Reply:

- (1) The numbers of TAVA applications received and approved from 2019-20 to 2023-24 are set out in Table 1 of Annex. The amount of assistance paid to each victim under the scheme depends on the severity of their injury and level of disability. Therefore, the amount of assistance paid in each case varies. The average amount of assistance paid, which is calculated based on the number of applications approved and the amount of entitlements, is set out in Table 2 of Annex. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) does not have information on the average processing time for each application. In general, payment will be issued to successful TAVA applications within 7 working days after completion of investigation and authorisation.
- (2) The accumulated surplus of the TAVA Fund as at 31 March 2023 was about \$1,568 million.

- (3) The scheme aims at providing speedy financial assistance to road traffic accident victims or the surviving dependants of deceased traffic accident victims. To guard against abuse and fraud, SWD strictly verifies every application, including seeking written confirmation from the Police on whether a traffic accident is involved and maintaining close liaison with the Hospital Authority and the Department of Health to ensure the injuries sustained by the applicants are related to the traffic accidents concerned. Actions are taken to strengthen the procedures of checking income proof during the processing of application for interim maintenance grant under the scheme. In addition, SWD also verifies whether the applicants have made any claim for damages or compensation through other means for the same traffic accident and informs insurance companies in writing on the disbursement of payment in a timely manner to avoid double compensation.

Obtaining TAVA by deception is a criminal offence. Applicants may be prosecuted under the Theft Ordinance (Cap. 210) and be liable on conviction to imprisonment of a maximum of 14 years. Recently, the Independent Commission Against Corruption has announced the completion of investigation on a fraud case in relation to TAVA and the laying of charges against concerned persons. SWD will continue to monitor the implementation of the scheme, and refer suspected fraud cases to the Police for investigations. SWD does not have the other information sought.

Table 1: Numbers of TAVA applications received and approved from 2019-20 to 2023-24

Year	Number of applications received (cases)	Number of applications approved (cases)
2019-20	9 342	6 820
2020-21	10 371	9 013
2021-22	10 500	8 320
2022-23	10 236	8 848
2023-24 (as at end-December 2023)	8 374	6 921

Table 2: Average amount of assistance paid per TAVA case from 2019-20 to 2023-24

Year	Average amount of assistance paid per case (\$)
2019-20	43,548
2020-21	46,544
2021-22	49,916
2022-23	50,554
2023-24 (as at end-December 2023)	52,839

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(W)064

(Question Serial No. 1875)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): ()
Programme: Not Specified
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Charmaine LEE)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

The 2019-20 Budget proposed an allocation of \$20 billion to purchase 60 properties for accommodating more than 130 welfare facilities. The allocation was approved in June 2020. In this connection, would the Government please inform this Committee of the following:

- (1) For each purchased property since the approval of the allocation, please provide the following details:
 - (i) address;
 - (ii) floor area;
 - (iii) welfare facilities provided;
 - (iv) price at the time of purchase; and
 - (v) number of beneficiaries upon service commencement.
- (2) What is the current balance of the allocation? What resources have been earmarked for related work in 2024-25?
- (3) Has there been an evaluation of the effectiveness of identifying and purchasing properties with the allocation? If yes, please provide details. If not, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon CHAU Siu-chung (LegCo internal reference no.: 30)

Reply:

With the assistance of the Government Property Agency (GPA), the Social Welfare Department (SWD) is striving to identify suitable premises for purchase through different channels. As at 29 February 2024, SWD has incurred about \$240 million in actual expenditure on "purchase of welfare premises" under the Capital Works Reserve Fund, covering the payment for 5 premises. 2 of these premises are located in Sham Shui Po District, while the remaining 3 are located in Central and Western District, Eastern District and Kwun Tong District respectively. These premises are for operating a Parents/Relatives Resource Centre, a Support Centre for Persons with Autism and a neighbourhood elderly centre, as well as for providing on-site pre-school rehabilitation services.

The progress of purchasing premises, as well as the number, location, expenditure, purpose and service capacity of such premises, depend on the availability of suitable properties in the market and various external factors, including whether the properties for sale have fire safety and barrier-free access facilities, whether the size and location meet operational requirements, whether the surrounding land uses are compatible with welfare uses, and whether the selling prices fall within the acceptable price range determined by GPA with reference to market value. Currently, SWD and GPA are continuing their efforts to identify and purchase suitable premises, and have earmarked about \$499 million for related work in 2024-25. If market conditions permit, the goal of SWD and GPA is to purchase as many premises as possible in order to provide more welfare facilities.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(W)065

(Question Serial No. 1876)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Charmaine LEE)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the implementation of the Support for Self-reliance (SFS) Scheme, would the Government please inform this Committee of the following:

- (1) Please provide information about the SFS Scheme in each of the past 5 years:
 - (i) the staffing establishment and expenditure involved;
 - (ii) the number of non-governmental organisations (NGOs) commissioned to provide employment support services under the SFS Scheme;
 - (iii) the number of service recipients under the SFS Scheme, with a breakdown by age group (i.e. aged 15 to 29, aged 30 to 39, aged 40 to 49 and aged 50 to 59);
 - (iv) the number of persons who have secured employment or returned to mainstream schooling, and the percentage they account for in the number of participants under the SFS Scheme; and
 - (v) the cumulative number of persons who have left the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) net, and the percentage they account for in the number of participants under the SFS Scheme.
- (2) Will key performance indicators be established to better evaluate the effectiveness of the SFS Scheme in terms of the percentages of persons who have secured employment, returned to mainstream schooling, or left the CSSA net?

Asked by: Hon CHAU Siu-chung (LegCo internal reference no.: 31)

Reply:

- (1)(i) In January 2013, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) launched the Integrated Employment Assistance Programme for Self-reliance (IEAPS), under which non-governmental organisations (NGOs) are commissioned to provide services to able-bodied CSSA recipients to encourage and assist them in increasing their employability and securing paid employment. In April 2020, SWD enhanced the services to improve the effectiveness of NGOs in providing the relevant services. The Social Security Branch and Social Security Field Units of SWD are responsible for the work relating to IEAPS and employment support services,

including monitoring the operation of related services by 26 NGOs. Since implementing IEAPS and employment support services is part of the day-to-day work of the Social Security Branch and Social Security Field Units, SWD cannot account separately for the manpower and expenditure involved.

The expenditure incurred by SWD on commissioning NGOs to provide IEAPS and employment support services from 2019-20 to 2023-24 is tabulated below:

Year	Expenditure (\$ million)
2019-20 (Actual)	137
2020-21 (Actual)	152
2021-22 (Actual)	153
2022-23 (Actual)	157
2023-24 (Revised Estimate)	160

- (1)(ii) SWD commissioned 26 NGOs to operate IEAPS and enhanced employment support services each year from 2019-20 to 2023-24.
- (1)(iii) A total headcount of 15 292 persons received employment support services from April to the end of December 2023. SWD does not have a breakdown of the number of headcount of persons who received employment support services by year or age prior to April 2023.
- (1)(v) From April to the end of December 2023, there were 1 478 (or 9.7%) and 103 (or 0.7%) headcount of persons who received employment support services had secured employment or returned to mainstream schooling respectively for at least 1 month. SWD does not have a breakdown by year prior to April 2023.
- (1)(vi) From April to the end of December 2023, there were 351 (or 2.3%) and 37 (or 0.2%) headcount of persons who received employment support services left the CSSA net owing to securing employment or returning to mainstream schooling respectively. SWD does not have a breakdown by year prior to April 2023.
- (2) The performance requirements and service performance of NGOs during the current contract period of employment support services (i.e. from 1 April 2020 to 30 September 2025) are provided at Annex. SWD will review the relevant services before existing contract expires.

**Performance requirements and service performance of NGOs
(as at 31 December 2023)**

Category of services	Performance requirements <i>(Performance requirements that NGOs are required to meet during the contract period from 1 April 2020 to 30 September 2025)</i>		Service performance <i>(Service performance of NGOs for the 45-month period from 1 April 2020 to 31 December 2023)</i>	
	Percentage of service recipients having secured employment or returned to mainstream schooling for at least 1 month	Percentage of service recipients having secured employment or returned to mainstream schooling for at least 3 months	Percentage of assisting service recipients to secure employment or return to mainstream schooling for at least 1 month	Percentage of assisting service recipients to secure employment or return to mainstream schooling for at least 3 months
Services for unemployed able-bodied CSSA recipients aged 15 to 64 ^[Note 1] <i>(represents the percentage of service recipients having secured paid employment ^[Note 2] or returned to mainstream schooling)</i>	25%	20%	21.9%	16.7%
Services for single parents and child carers on CSSA with their youngest child aged 12 to 14 ^[Note 1] <i>(represents the percentage of service recipients having secured paid employment with at least 32 working hours in a month)</i>	40%	30%	31.9%	25.7%

[Note 1] Able-bodied CSSA adults aged 60 to 64 may receive employment support services on a voluntary basis.

[Note 2] For unemployed able-bodied CSSA recipients aged 15 to 59, paid employment refers to employment with monthly earnings no less than the prescribed level (\$2,630 per month with effect from 1 February 2024) and working hours no less than 120 hours per month.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(W)066

(Question Serial No. 1877)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

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

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Charmaine LEE)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the Innovation and Technology Fund for Application in Elderly and Rehabilitation Care (I&T Fund), will the Government inform this Committee of the following:

- (1) (i) the amount of grant approved; (ii) the number of service units subsidised; (iii) the number and major type of products procured or rented; and (iv) the number of beneficiaries for each tranche, with a breakdown by type of service units (i.e. residential care home for the elderly (RCHE) and residential rehabilitation home) and operation mode (i.e. subvented home, contract home, self-financing RCHE and private home), since the launch of the I&T Fund in 2018;
- (2) whether the effectiveness of using gerontechnology products in residential care homes operated by different types of service units and with different operation modes has been reviewed;
- (3) the respective numbers of applications received and approved so far for trial of technology products under the I&T Fund, the average amount of grant approved and the average vetting time required since the Government's announcement of injecting an additional \$1 billion into the I&T Fund last year to enhance the subsidies for eligible elderly and rehabilitation service units to procure, rent and trial technology products;
- (4) the current balance of the I&T Fund; and
- (5) whether the Government will consider relaxing the application for I&T Fund to include individual applicants for more persons in need to apply for the use of gerontechnology products to improve their quality of life; if yes, the details; if no, the reasons.

Asked by: Hon CHAU Siu-chung (LegCo internal reference no.: 32)

Reply:

- (1) The Government allocated \$1 billion to launch the I&T Fund in December 2018 to subsidise eligible elderly and rehabilitation service units to procure, rent or trial technology products, with a view to improving the quality of life of service users and reducing the pressure on care staff and carers. Since September 2022, the eligibility

for the I&T Fund has been extended from subvented service units to all private and self-financing RCHEs and residential care homes for persons with disabilities (RCHDs). Details pertaining to the approval of grants for RCHEs and RCHDs under the I&T Fund are set out at Annex. Currently, the types of products most commonly applied for procurement by service units include smart hospital beds with extra low position, equipment, assessment tools and accessories for occupational therapy/physiotherapy/speech therapy, tilt-in-space/height adjustable shower chairs, companion robots and smart anti-wandering systems, etc. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) does not maintain statistics on the number of persons who have used these technology products.

- (2) SWD regularly reviews the use of the I&T Fund, and collects feedback on the I&T Fund and technology products from stakeholders through on-site visits, questionnaires and other means to evaluate the effectiveness of the I&T Fund. Respondents, including service operators, staff and service users, have all provided positive feedback on the technology products approved for use by service units. In particular, they were of the opinion that these products could enhance the functioning of service users in daily activities and enhance the occupational safety and health of staff. SWD will continue to collect stakeholders' feedback on the scope and eligibility criteria of the I&T Fund.
- (3) Eligible service units may identify suitable technology research and development companies as working partners, and apply for trial use of their technology products specifically designed and developed for the nursing and rehabilitation needs of elderly persons or persons with disabilities. As at the end of February 2024, SWD approved a total of 5 projects for the trial of newly developed technology products, involving an expenditure of about \$12 million. These products include a fall prevention management system, a smart bedside intelligence management system, an interactive rehabilitation assessment and training system, a smart transportation robot suite and a sleep management system.
- (4) As at the end of February 2024, grants totalling around \$670 million have been approved under the I&T Fund to subsidise eligible elderly and rehabilitation service units to procure, rent or trial technology products. The balance of the I&T Fund was about \$330 million.
- (5) At present, the types of technology products in use include products, equipment, tools and mobile applications that assist in enhancing the efficiency and quality of care. This entails the utilisation of high-end hardware and software, necessitating the provision of guidance and assistance by professionals within the service units to enable service users to employ these technology products correctly, thereby ensuring their safety and effective use of the products. SWD currently has no plan to allow individuals to apply for the I&T Fund. Starting from September 2023, SWD has extended the scope of the Community Care Service Voucher (CCSV) Scheme for the Elderly to cover rental of assistive technology products, allowing eligible frail elderly persons to rent aids for daily living, aids for walking or mobility transfer, and aids for bathing or toileting with CCSV from recognised service providers.

**Statistics pertaining to the approval of grants for RCHEs and RCHDs
under the I&T Fund
(as at 29 February 2024)**

Tranche no. (application period)	Type of service unit	No. of service units	No. of products approved	Amount of grant approved (\$ million)
1 (December 2018 to February 2019)	Subvented/subsidised RCHE	112	460	22
	Subvented/subsidised RCHD	23	66	4
2 (June to September 2019)	Subvented/subsidised RCHE	170	829	32
	Subvented/subsidised RCHD	119	357	20
3 (February to April 2020)	Subvented/subsidised RCHE	158	624	28
	Subvented/subsidised RCHD	68	155	10
4 (August to November 2020)	Subvented/subsidised RCHE	169	1003	34
	Subvented/subsidised RCHD	108	230	15
5 (February to May 2021)	Subvented/subsidised RCHE	177	1061	33
	Subvented/subsidised RCHD	88	279	13
6 (September to October 2021)	Subvented/subsidised RCHE	125	543	20
	Subvented/subsidised RCHD	88	180	10
7 (January to March 2022)	Subvented/subsidised RCHE	81	351	12
	Subvented/subsidised RCHD	48	115	4
8 ^{Note} (September to November 2022)	Subvented/subsidised RCHE	172	97	28
	Non-subsidised private or self-financing RCHE	279	2302	79
	Subvented/subsidised RCHD	117	431	20
	Non-subsidised private or self-financing RCHD	21	104	3
9 (May to August 2023)	Subvented/subsidised RCHE	48	110	4
	Non-subsidised private or self-financing RCHE	32	90	2
	Subvented/subsidised RCHD	52	84	3
	Non-subsidised private or self-financing RCHD	5	7	0.4

^{Note} The eligibility for applying for procurement and rental of technology products has been extended to non-subsidised private or self-financing RCHEs and RCHDs starting with the Eighth Tranche launched in September 2022.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(W)067

(Question Serial No. 1878)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

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

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Charmaine LEE)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

The Social Welfare Department (SWD) has implemented the 5-year Training Subsidy Scheme for Staff of Residential Care Homes (the Scheme) since 2019 to provide full subsidies for home managers, health workers and care workers of all residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs) and residential care homes for persons with disabilities (RCHDs) across the territory to enrol in training courses recognised under the Qualifications Framework (QF). In this connection, would the Government please inform this Committee of the following:

- (1) the respective numbers of (i) RCHE staff and (ii) RCHD staff enrolled in related training courses each year since the implementation of the Scheme, broken down by post (i.e. home manager, health worker and care worker);
- (2) the manpower involved, as well as the amount of course fee subsidy, training allowance for residential care homes (RCHs), and other administrative expenses incurred each year; and
- (3) whether the effectiveness of the Scheme has been reviewed; if yes, of the details; if no, of the reasons.

Asked by: Hon CHAU Siu-chung (LegCo internal reference no.: 33)

Reply:

To enhance the service quality of RCHEs and RCHDs on a continuous basis, SWD has implemented a 5-year scheme in phases since March 2019 to provide full subsidies for home managers, health workers and care workers of all RCHEs and RCHDs in the territory to enrol in QF-recognised training courses. As at the end of December 2023, a total of 4 973 RCH staff have enrolled in the training courses under the Scheme. The number of trainees in the past 5 years is set out at Annex.

SWD has set a maximum course fee subsidy for each trainee of the relevant courses. A training allowance is also be provided for RCHEs and RCHDs concerned in order to maintain their operations through appropriate manpower deployment while their health workers and care workers are attending the courses, and to provide on-site training support and conduct on-the-job assessments for the trainees concerned. The amounts of the course fee subsidy and training allowance (if applicable) for each trainee of the courses are as follows:

Course	Maximum course fee subsidy for each trainee	Amount of training allowance per trainee	Total
Training for Home Managers (Course A)	\$4,000	N.A.	\$4,000
Training for Home Managers (Course B)	\$6,000		\$6,000
Advanced Training for Health Workers	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$6,000
Training for Care Workers	\$2,000	\$2,200	\$4,200

N.A. - Not applicable

Once the trainees have been issued graduate certificates by the training institutes upon completion of the relevant courses, the RCHs concerned may apply to SWD for full reimbursement of the course fees already paid. Since SWD has implemented the Scheme through internal redeployment of manpower resources, there are no additional manpower or administrative costs involved.

After assessing the effectiveness of the Scheme and considering the views of the sector, SWD has decided to extend the Scheme by 3 years to subsidise more RCH staff to enrol in the related training courses, thereby continuously enhancing the quality of residential care services.

Numbers of RCHE and RCHD home managers, health workers and care workers enrolled in related training courses from 2019-20 to 2023-24

Post and number of enrolment	Home manager				Health worker		Care worker		Total
	Training for Home Manager (Course A) ^{Note 1}		Training for Home Manager (Course B) ^{Note 2}		Advanced Training for Health Workers		Training for Care Workers		
	RCHE	RCHD	RCHE	RCHD	RCHE	RCHD	RCHE	RCHD	
Year									
2019-20 ^{Note 3}	45	5	187	39	51	13	132	32	504
2020-21 ^{Note 3}	99	51	172	12	95	48	330	84	891
2021-22	51	83	130	5	81	65	440	163	1 018
2022-23	164	180	148	29	54	36	574	174	1 359
2023-24 (as at end-December 2023)	135	137	185	23	33	31	451	206	1 201
Total:	950		930		507		2 586		4 973
	1 880								

Note 1 Trainees must be home managers currently employed by RCHEs or RCHDs or other staff nominated by RCHEs or RCHDs, who are the related professionals registered under the Laws of Hong Kong, including social workers, nurses, medical practitioners, Chinese medicine practitioners, occupational therapists, physiotherapists or pharmacists.

Note 2 Trainees must be home managers currently employed by RCHEs or RCHDs, or other staff nominated by RCHEs or RCHDs.

Note 3 The number of RCH staff participating in the Scheme was affected during the COVID-19 pandemic as RCHE and RCHD staff had to focus on stepping up various anti-pandemic measures and the face-to-face classes of the training courses were intermittently suspended by the Training Institutes.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(W)068

(Question Serial No. 1879)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): ()
Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Charmaine LEE)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs), would the Government please inform this Committee of the following:

- (1) the total number of RCHEs currently offering residential care services for the elderly in Hong Kong and the number of service places they provide, with a breakdown by type of subsidy (i.e. subsidised and non-subsidised places) and operation mode (i.e. nursing home (NH) places, care-and-attention (C&A) places and home for the aged (H/A) places with no long-term care element);
- (2) the staffing establishment (SE) and expenditure of the past 5 years for each of the 4 professional inspectorate teams responsible for conducting inspections of RCHEs under the Licensing Office of Residential Care Homes for the Elderly (LORCHE) of the Social Welfare Department's (SWD) Licensing and Regulation Branch;
- (3) the respective numbers of surprise inspections conducted by LORCHE during office and non-office hours, the respective numbers of advisory letters and warning letters issued, and the respective numbers of prosecution and conviction cases under the Residential Care Homes (Elderly Persons) Ordinance (the Ordinance) or its subsidiary legislation in each of the past 5 years;
- (4) the names, addresses, offence(s) committed, dates of conviction and penalties of the convicted RCHEs among the conviction cases mentioned in item (3); and
- (5) whether the convicted RCHEs among the conviction cases mentioned in item (3) have had their licences cancelled or their licence renewals refused; if yes, please provide the number of such RCHEs and the reason(s) for the cancellation of or refusal to renew their licences.

Asked by: Hon CHAU Siu-chung (LegCo internal reference no.: 34)

Reply:

- (1) As at the end of December 2023, there are a total of 813 licensed RCHEs under the Ordinance (Cap. 459) in Hong Kong, providing a total of 77 216 residential care places (RCPs). The number of these RCPs, with a breakdown by type of subsidy and operation mode, is set out in Table 1 of Annex.

- (2) The SE of inspectors responsible for conducting inspections at RCHEs under SWD's LORCHE and the related payroll cost from 2019-20 to 2023-24 (as at the end of December 2023) are set out in Table 2 of Annex.
- (3) LORCHE's inspectors will conduct surprise inspections at RCHEs and, having regard to the issues and nature of suspected non-compliance of each individual RCHE, formulate customised and targeted strategies and action plans. These include conducting surprise inspections at RCHEs in a flexible manner, either with a small team or a multi-disciplinary inspectorate team, at various times during office and non-office hours. If RCHEs are found to be in contravention of the Ordinance, the Residential Care Homes (Elderly Persons) Regulation (Cap. 459A) (the Regulation) or the Code of Practice for Residential Care Homes (Elderly Persons) (the Code of Practice) during inspections, LORCHE will consider the nature and severity of the non-compliance before issuing advisory letters, warning letters and written directions for remedial measures, or instigating prosecution against the relevant RCHEs. From 2019-20 to 2023-24 (as at the end of December 2023), the number of inspections conducted by SWD at RCHEs is set out in Table 3 of Annex, while the respective numbers of advisory letters and warning letters issued to non-compliant RCHEs and the number of RCHEs convicted are set out in Table 4 of Annex.
- (4) & (5) The information regarding RCHEs that have been convicted of contravening the Ordinance, the Regulation or the Code of Practice from 2019-20 to 2023-24 (as at the end of December 2023) is provided in Table 5 of Annex. None of these RCHEs have had their licences cancelled or their licence renewals refused.

Table 1 Number of RCPs by type of subsidy and operation mode as at end-December 2023

Type of RCP	Subsidised place	Non-subsidised place	Total
NH place	3 466	1 786	5 252
C&A place	31 490	40 051	71 541
H/A place	9	414	423
Total	34 965	42 251	77 216

Table 2 SE ^{Note 1} and payroll cost for inspectors of LORCHE

Year	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24 (as at end-December 2023)
Total (person)	70	70	71	72	72
Payroll cost (\$ million)	50.53	50.53	51.31	53.14	41.69

Note 1 Excluding retired disciplined service officers employed on contract terms to assist in carrying out inspections at RCHEs and residential care homes for persons with disabilities.

Table 3 Number of inspections conducted by LORCHE

Year	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24 (as at end-December 2023)
Total	5 308	5 668	5 324	5 902	4 185

Table 4 Numbers of advisory letters and warning letters issued to non-compliant RCHEs by LORCHE and number of cases involving convicted RCHEs

Year	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24 (as at end-December 2023)
Advisory letter	2 394	2 199	2 348	2 229	1 599
Warning letter	118	114	112	114	61
Conviction case	13	40	28	8	7

Table 5 Information regarding RCHEs that have been convicted of contravening the Ordinance, the Regulation or the Code of Practice from 2019-20 to 2023-24 (as at end-December 2023)

	Name of RCHE	Address	Offence	Date of conviction	Penalty (Fine)
1	Touch Home For The Elderly Limited	1/F and 2/F, Comfort Mansion, 888 Canton Road, Kowloon	In contravention of section 11(1)(b) of the Regulation: Failed to meet the statutory staffing requirement on ancillary workers	21.5.2019	\$3,000
2	Yin Nin Home For The Elderly	G/F of 311, 313, 315 and 319 Wo Yi Hop Road, Kwai Chung, New Territories	In contravention of section 11(1)(d) of the Regulation: Failed to meet the statutory staffing requirement on health workers	5.6.2019	\$3,000
3	Prosperous Nursing Centre Limited	1/F, Sham Tsung Court, 17 to 19 Wong Chuk Street, Sham Shui Po, Kowloon	In contravention of section 11(1)(b) of the Regulation: Failed to meet the statutory staffing requirement on ancillary workers	4.7.2019	\$4,000
4	The Arch Home For The Elderly	1/F, Conwell Mansion, 120 Wharf Road, North Point, Hong Kong	In contravention of section 11(1)(b) of the Regulation: Failed to meet the statutory staffing requirement on ancillary workers	19.9.2019	\$3,000
5	Chun Fai Home For The Aged	Shops 1-4 on G/F and Units 1-4 on 1/F, Peter's House, 55-57 Ming Fung Street, Wong Tai Sin, Kowloon	In contravention of section 11(1)(d) of the Regulation: Failed to meet the statutory staffing requirement on health workers	17.10.2019	\$3,000
6	Cornwall Elderly's Home	Shops A to E of G/F and Flat A of 3/F, Dai Nam Building, Ping On Lane, Section D of Lot 1211 In DD6, Tai Po, New Territories	In contravention of section 11(1)(d) of the Regulation: Failed to meet the statutory staffing requirement on health workers	29.10.2019	\$3,000
7	(Ap Lei Chau) Kin Pak Home For Aged	2/F, Ning Fung Mansion, 25-31 Main Street, Ap Lei Chau, Hong Kong	In contravention of section 11(1)(c) of the Regulation: Failed to meet the statutory staffing requirement on care workers	31.10.2019	\$3,000
8	Hong Wai Home Centre Limited	Flats A and B on 1/F, 2/F and 4/F and Flat B on 3/F, Fook Hong Court, 18 Grampian Road, Kowloon City, Kowloon	In contravention of section 11(1)(b) of the Regulation: Failed to meet the statutory staffing requirement on ancillary workers	5.12.2019	\$2,000
9	Hong Wai Home Centre Limited	Flats A and B on 1/F, 2/F and 4/F and Flat B on 3/F, Fook Hong Court, 18 Grampian Road, Kowloon City, Kowloon	In contravention of section 11(1)(d) of the Regulation: Failed to meet the statutory staffing requirement on health workers	5.12.2019	\$2,000
10	Fu Hong Home For The Elderly	1/F (West Wing), Elite Garden, 11 Tsing Chui Path, Tuen Mun, New Territories	In contravention of section 11(1)(d) of the Regulation: Failed to meet the statutory staffing requirement on health workers	6.12.2019	\$2,500
11	Fu Hong Home For The Elderly	1/F (West Wing), Elite Garden, 11 Tsing Chui Path, Tuen Mun, New Territories	In contravention of section 11(1)(c) of the Regulation: Failed to meet the statutory staffing requirement on care workers	6.12.2019	\$2,500

	Name of RCHE	Address	Offence	Date of conviction	Penalty (Fine)
12	St Francis Old Age Home (Sheung Shui) Limited	1/F, 35 Fu Hing Street, Sheung Shui, New Territories	In contravention of section 11(1)(b) of the Regulation: Failed to meet the statutory staffing requirement on ancillary workers	23.12.2019	\$2,000
13	Grand Smile Home For The Aged	Flats A to G, 2/F, 190 Aberdeen Main Road, Aberdeen, Hong Kong	In contravention of section 11(1)(d) of the Regulation: Failed to meet the statutory staffing requirement on health workers	16.1.2020	\$4,000
14	Fung Shing Care Home	Shops 1 to 7, G/F, Kwai Loong Building, 53 to 73 Tai Loong Street, Kwai Chung, New Territories	In contravention of section 11(1)(d) of the Regulation: Failed to meet the statutory staffing requirement on health workers	6.5.2020	\$2,500
15	Fung Shing Care Home	Shops 1 to 7, G/F, Kwai Loong Building, 53 to 73 Tai Loong Street, Kwai Chung, New Territories	In contravention of section 11(1)(b) of the Regulation: Failed to meet the statutory staffing requirement on ancillary workers	6.5.2020	\$2,500
16	Lok Yee Sanatorium	Shop A on G/F, and 1/F, Moon Wah Building, 9 to 23 Sui Man Road, Chai Wan, Hong Kong	In contravention of section 21(6)(d) of the Ordinance: Failed to comply with the requirements of a direction given under section 19 of the Ordinance in writing by the Director of Social Welfare within the period indicated	7.5.2020	\$10,000
17	On Ling Aged Home	1/F and 2/F, View Court, 82 Pau Chung Street, Tokwawan, Kowloon	In contravention of section 11(1)(d) of the Regulation: Failed to meet the statutory staffing requirement on health workers	8.5.2020	\$2,000
18	Hong Wai Home Centre Limited	Flats A and B on 1/F, 2/F and 4/F and Flat B on 3/F, Fook Hong Court, 18 Grampian Road, Kowloon City, Kowloon	In contravention of section 11(1)(d) of the Regulation: Failed to meet the statutory staffing requirement on health workers	12.5.2020	\$4,000
19	Ping Che Elderly Caring Home Limited	Lot No. 1620 in DD 77, Ta Kwu Ling, New Territories (also known as Portion of G/F, Whole of 1/F and 2/F, No. 2 Ping Che New Village)	In contravention of section 11(1)(d) of the Regulation: Failed to meet the statutory staffing requirement on health workers	18.5.2020	\$4,000
20	Cornwall Elderly's Home	Shops A to E of G/F and Flat A of 3/F, Dai Nam Building, Ping On Lane, Section D of Lot 1211 in DD6, Tai Po, New Territories	In contravention of section 11(1)(d) of the Regulation: Failed to meet the statutory staffing requirement on health workers	26.5.2020	\$4,000
21	Grand Smile Home For The Aged	Flats A to G, 2/F, 190 Aberdeen Main Road, Aberdeen, Hong Kong	Section 21(3)(b) of the Ordinance: Operated an RCHE in any premises other than the premises indicated in the licence so issued	28.5.2020	\$5,000
22	Note 2	Note 2	Section 21(3)(b) of the Ordinance: Operated an RCHE in any premises other than the premises indicated in the licence so issued	28.5.2020	\$3,000

	Name of RCHE	Address	Offence	Date of conviction	Penalty (Fine)
23	Note 2	Note 2	Section 21(3)(b) of the Ordinance: Operated an RCHE in any premises other than the premises indicated in the licence so issued	28.5.2020	\$3,000
24	Note 2	Note 2	Section 21(3)(b) of the Ordinance: Operated an RCHE in any premises other than the premises indicated in the licence so issued	28.5.2020	\$3,000
25	Long Life Elderly Home	2/F, Silver Bright Building, 244 to 248 Tai Po Road, Kowloon	In contravention of section 11(1)(d) of the Regulation: Failed to meet the statutory staffing requirement on health workers	28.5.2020	\$3,000
26	Kong Shing Home For The Aged Limited	Front Portion of Shop A on G/F, and 1/F and 2/F, 373 to 379 Castle Peak Road, Kowloon	In contravention of section 21(6)(d) of the Ordinance: Failed to comply with the requirements of a direction given under section 19 of the Ordinance in writing by the Director of Social Welfare within the period indicated	23.6.2020	\$7,240
27	Note 2	Note 2	In contravention of section 21(6)(d) of the Ordinance: Failed to comply with the requirements of a direction given under section 19 of the Ordinance in writing by the Director of Social Welfare within the period indicated	23.6.2020	\$7,240
28	Kong Shing Home For The Aged Limited	Front Portion of Shop A on G/F, and 1/F and 2/F, 373 to 379 Castle Peak Road, Kowloon	In contravention of section 11(1)(d) of the Regulation: Failed to meet the statutory staffing requirement on health workers	23.6.2020	\$3,000
29	Chi Oi Home For The Aged	2/F, Wing Kee Commercial Building, 156 to 162 Castle Peak Road, Sham Shui Po, Kowloon	In contravention of section 11(1)(d) of the Regulation: Failed to meet the statutory staffing requirement on health workers	9.7.2020	\$5,000
30	Chi Oi Home For The Aged	2/F, Wing Kee Commercial Building, 156 to 162 Castle Peak Road, Sham Shui Po, Kowloon	In contravention of section 11(1)(b) of the Regulation: Failed to meet the statutory staffing requirement on ancillary workers	9.7.2020	\$5,000
31	Value Care Elderly Center	G/F (Portion) of 26 Fir Street and 1/F of Fuk Hing Building, 20-26 Fir Street, Tai Kok Tsui, Kowloon	In contravention of section 11(1)(b) of the Regulation: Failed to meet the statutory staffing requirement on ancillary workers	14.7.2020	\$5,000
32	Value Care Elderly Center	G/F (Portion) of 26 Fir Street and 1/F of Fuk Hing Building, 20-26 Fir Street, Tai Kok Tsui, Kowloon	In contravention of section 11(1)(c) of the Regulation: Failed to meet the statutory staffing requirement on care workers	14.7.2020	\$5,000
33	Value Care Elderly Center	G/F (Portion) of 26 Fir Street and 1/F of Fuk Hing Building, 20-26 Fir Street, Tai Kok Tsui, Kowloon	In contravention of section 11(1)(d) of the Regulation: Failed to meet the statutory staffing requirement on health workers	14.7.2020	\$5,000

	Name of RCHE	Address	Offence	Date of conviction	Penalty (Fine)
34	Gospel Mansion	1/F and 2/F, Cheong Fat Mansion, 2 Tak Cheong Lane, Mong Kok, Kowloon	In contravention of section 11(1)(b) of the Regulation: Failed to meet the statutory staffing requirement on ancillary workers	16.7.2020	\$15,000
35	Gospel Mansion	1/F and 2/F, Cheong Fat Mansion, 2 Tak Cheong Lane, Mong Kok, Kowloon	In contravention of section 11(1)(d) of the Regulation: Failed to meet the statutory staffing requirement on health workers	16.7.2020	\$15,000
36	Elder May Moon Happiness Home Limited	1/F, Morning Ray Mansion, 182 to 186 Ma Tau Wai Road, Hung Hom, Kowloon	In contravention of section 11(1)(d) of the Regulation: Failed to meet the statutory staffing requirement on health workers	30.7.2020	\$3,000
37	Comfort Home For Aged Limited	Shop 1 on G/F, and 1/F and 2/F, Kam Pui Building, 14 Shek Man Path, Kwai Chung, New Territories	In contravention of section 11(1)(e) of the Regulation: Failed to meet the statutory staffing requirement on nurses	5.8.2020	\$1,000
38	Cornwall Elderly's Home	Shops A to E of G/F and Flat A of 3/F, Dai Nam Building, Ping On Lane, Section D of Lot 1211 In DD6, Tai Po, New Territories	In contravention of section 21(6)(d) of the Ordinance: Failed to comply with the requirements of a direction given under section 19 of the Ordinance in writing by the Director of Social Welfare within the period indicated	11.8.2020	\$3,000
39	Note 2	Note 2	In contravention of section 21(6)(d) of the Ordinance: Failed to comply with the requirements of a direction given under section 19 of the Ordinance in writing by the Director of Social Welfare within the period indicated	11.8.2020	\$1,000
40	Ping Che Elderly Caring Home Limited	Lot No. 1620 In DD 77, Ta Kwu Ling, New Territories (also known as Portion of G/F, Whole of 1/F and 2/F, No. 2 Ping Che New Village)	In contravention of section 21(6)(d) of the Ordinance: Failed to comply with the requirements of a direction given under section 19 of the Ordinance in writing by the Director of Social Welfare within the period indicated	18.8.2020	\$4,000
41	Note 2	Note 2	In contravention of section 21(6)(d) of the Ordinance: Failed to comply with the requirements of a direction given under section 19 of the Ordinance in writing by the Director of Social Welfare within the period indicated	18.8.2020	\$1,000
42	Christianity Tin Lun Lok Home For Aged	Shop C of G/F, and 1/F to 3/F, Yee On Building, 163 Ap Lei Chau Main Street, Aberdeen, Hong Kong	In contravention of section 11(1)(d) of the Regulation: Failed to meet the statutory staffing requirement on health workers	25.8.2020	\$3,000

	Name of RCHE	Address	Offence	Date of conviction	Penalty (Fine)
43	Shun Yan Elderly Centre	1/F, Lee Tak Cheong Mansion, 94 to 98 Yee Kuk Street, Sham Shui Po, Kowloon	In contravention of section 21(6)(d) of the Ordinance: Failed to comply with the requirements of a direction given under section 19 of the Ordinance in writing by the Director of Social Welfare within the period indicated	1.9.2020	\$5,000
44	Note 2	Note 2	In contravention of section 21(6)(c) of the Ordinance: Refused to produce any book, document or other article upon being so required under section 18 or furnished any information which is false in a material particular and which he knows or reasonably ought to know is false in such particular	24.11.2020	\$6,000
45	Hang On Aged Home	Flats A, B and C, 1/F, Tung Fat House, 308 Sai Yeung Choi Street North, Kowloon	In contravention of section 11(1)(d) of the Regulation: Failed to meet the statutory staffing requirement on health workers	2.12.2020	\$1,500
46	Fu Hong Home For The Elderly	1/F (West Wing), Elite Garden, 11 Tsing Chui Path, Tuen Mun, New Territories	In contravention of section 11(1)(d) of the Regulation: Failed to meet the statutory staffing requirement on health workers	18.12.2020	\$6,000
47	Fu Hong Home For The Elderly	1/F (West Wing), Elite Garden, 11 Tsing Chui Path, Tuen Mun, New Territories	In contravention of section 11(1)(c) of the Regulation: Failed to meet the statutory staffing requirement on care workers	18.12.2020	\$6,000
48	I-Feng Aged Center	Flats 314, 315 and 316, 2/F, Block A, I-Feng Mansions, 237 To Kwa Wan Road, Kowloon	In contravention of section 11(1)(b) of the Regulation: Failed to meet the statutory staffing requirement on ancillary workers	30.12.2020	\$2,500
49	Chi Oi Home For The Aged	2/F, Wing Kee Commercial Building, 156 to 162 Castle Peak Road, Sham Shui Po, Kowloon	In contravention of section 11(1)(b) of the Regulation: Failed to meet the statutory staffing requirement on ancillary workers	7.1.2021	\$5,000
50	Chi Oi Home For The Aged	2/F, Wing Kee Commercial Building, 156 to 162 Castle Peak Road, Sham Shui Po, Kowloon	In contravention of section 11(1)(d) of the Regulation: Failed to meet the statutory staffing requirement on health workers	7.1.2021	\$5,000
51	Yan On Home For Aged	Flats A and B, 1/F, Golden Cell Court, 252 to 256 Castle Peak Road, Kowloon	In contravention of section 21(6)(d) of the Ordinance: Failed to comply with the requirements of a direction given under section 19 of the Ordinance in writing by the Director of Social Welfare within the period indicated	11.3.2021	\$3,000
52	Eternal Elderly Home (2nd Home)	2/F, Shui Fung Building, 9 Temple Street, Yau Ma Tei, Kowloon	In contravention of section 11(1)(b) of the Regulation: Failed to meet the statutory staffing requirement on ancillary workers	18.3.2021	\$5,000

	Name of RCHE	Address	Offence	Date of conviction	Penalty (Fine)
53	Eternal Elderly Home (2nd Home)	2/F, Shui Fung Building, 9 Temple Street, Yau Ma Tei, Kowloon	In contravention of section 11(1)(d) of the Regulation: Failed to meet the statutory staffing requirement on health workers	18.3.2021	\$5,000
54	Kwong On Home For Elderly (Yuen Long) Limited	1/F, Hing Loong Building, 6 Hung Min Court, Yuen Long, New Territories	In contravention of section 11(1)(d) of the Regulation: Failed to meet the statutory staffing requirement on health workers	30.4.2021	\$7,000
55	The King's Elderly Home	Shop 1 of G/F, and 1/F, Empire Apartments, 293 to 299 King's Road, North Point, Hong Kong	In contravention of section 11(1)(d) of the Regulation: Failed to meet the statutory staffing requirement on health workers	11.5.2021	\$2,500
56	The Perfect Harmony Home For The Elderly Limited	Flats A to F, 2/F, Tin Po Building, 74 Hau Tei Square, Tsuen Wan, New Territories	In contravention of section 11(1)(d) of the Regulation: Failed to meet the statutory staffing requirement on health workers	27.5.2021	\$3,000
57	Hong Tat (Shun Tin) Elderly Care Centre	Unit EH1, G/F, Shun Tin Market, Shun Tin Estate, Kwun Tong, Kowloon	In contravention of section 21(6)(d) of the Ordinance: Failed to comply with the requirements of a direction given under section 19 of the Ordinance in writing by the Director of Social Welfare within the period indicated	1.6.2021	\$10,000
58	Yan Chi Home For The Aged	2/F, Johnson Mansion, 428 to 438 Queen's Road West, Hong Kong	In contravention of section 21(6)(c) of the Ordinance: Refused to produce any book, document or other article upon being so required under section 18 or furnished any information which is false in a material particular and which he knows or reasonably ought to know is false in such particular	8.6.2021	\$10,000
59	Note 2	Note 2	In contravention of section 21(6)(c) of the Ordinance: Refused to produce any book, document or other article upon being so required under section 18 or furnished any information which is false in a material particular and which he knows or reasonably ought to know is false in such particular	8.6.2021	\$10,000
60	Yan Chi Home For The Aged	2/F, Johnson Mansion, 428 to 438 Queen's Road West, Hong Kong	In contravention of section 11(1)(b) of the Regulation: Failed to meet the statutory staffing requirement on ancillary workers	15.6.2021	\$4,000

	Name of RCHE	Address	Offence	Date of conviction	Penalty (Fine)
61	Health Care Home For Aged	G/F and M/F, 11 to 13 San Kin Street, Sheung Shui, New Territories	In contravention of section 21(6)(d) of the Ordinance: Failed to comply with the requirements of a direction given under section 19 of the Ordinance in writing by the Director of Social Welfare within the period indicated	22.6.2021	\$2,500
62	Health Care Home For Aged	G/F and M/F, 11 to 13 San Kin Street, Sheung Shui, New Territories	In contravention of section 21(6)(d) of the Ordinance: Failed to comply with the requirements of a direction given under section 19 of the Ordinance in writing by the Director of Social Welfare within the period indicated	22.6.2021	\$2,500
63	Note 2	Note 2	In contravention of section 21(6)(d) of the Ordinance: Failed to comply with the requirements of a direction given under section 19 of the Ordinance in writing by the Director of Social Welfare within the period indicated	22.6.2021	\$2,500
64	Note 2	Note 2	In contravention of section 21(6)(d) of the Ordinance: Failed to comply with the requirements of a direction given under section 19 of the Ordinance in writing by the Director of Social Welfare within the period indicated	22.6.2021	\$2,500
65	Tai Chung Elderly Care Centre Limited	Rooms 203, 204, 205, 301 and 302, Block B, I-Feng Mansion, 237A To Kwa Wan Road, Kowloon	In contravention of section 11(1)(b) of the Regulation: Failed to meet the statutory staffing requirement on ancillary workers	5.8.2021	\$5,000
66	Tai Chung Elderly Care Centre Limited	Rooms 203, 204, 205, 301 and 302, Block B, I-Feng Mansion, 237A To Kwa Wan Road, Kowloon	In contravention of section 11(1)(c) of the Regulation: Failed to meet the statutory staffing requirement on care workers	5.8.2021	\$5,000
67	Tai Chung Elderly Care Centre Limited	Rooms 203, 204, 205, 301 and 302, Block B, I-Feng Mansion, 237A To Kwa Wan Road, Kowloon	In contravention of section 11(1)(d) of the Regulation: Failed to meet the statutory staffing requirement on health workers	5.8.2021	\$5,000
68	Hong Tat (Shun Tin) Elderly Care Centre	Unit EH1, G/F, Shun Tin Market, Shun Tin Estate, Kwun Tong, Kowloon	In contravention of section 11(1)(b) of the Regulation: Failed to meet the statutory staffing requirement on ancillary workers	24.8.2021	\$3,800
69	Hong Tat (Shun Tin) Elderly Care Centre	Unit EH1, G/F, Shun Tin Market, Shun Tin Estate, Kwun Tong, Kowloon	In contravention of section 11(1)(d) of the Regulation: Failed to meet the statutory staffing requirement on health workers	24.8.2021	\$3,800
70	Po Pak Gerocomy Centre	2/F, Chelsea Court, 38 to 48 Shun Ning Road, Sham Shui Po, Kowloon	In contravention of section 11(1)(b) of the Regulation: Failed to meet the statutory staffing requirement on ancillary workers	2.9.2021	\$18,000

	Name of RCHE	Address	Offence	Date of conviction	Penalty (Fine)
71	Po Pak Gerocomy Centre	2/F, Chelsea Court, 38 to 48 Shun Ning Road, Sham Shui Po, Kowloon	In contravention of section 11(1)(d) of the Regulation: Failed to meet the statutory staffing requirement on health workers	2.9.2021	\$18,000
72	Hong Nga Residential Care Home (1)	1/F, Tak On Mansion, 32 to 34 Morrison Hill Road, Wan Chai, Hong Kong	In contravention of section 21(6)(c) of the Ordinance: Refused to produce any book, document or other article upon being so required under section 18 or furnished any information which is false in a material particular and which he knows or reasonably ought to know is false in such particular	7.9.2021	\$3,000
73	Note 2	Note 2	In contravention of section 21(6)(c) of the Ordinance: Refused to produce any book, document or other article upon being so required under section 18 or furnished any information which is false in a material particular and which he knows or reasonably ought to know is false in such particular	7.9.2021	\$3,000
74	Note 2	Note 2	In contravention of section 21(6)(c) of the Ordinance: Refused to produce any book, document or other article upon being so required under section 18 or furnished any information which is false in a material particular and which he knows or reasonably ought to know is false in such particular	7.9.2021	\$3,000
75	Hong Nga Residential Care Home (1)	1/F, Tak On Mansion, 32 to 34 Morrison Hill Road, Wan Chai, Hong Kong	In contravention of section 21(6)(c) of the Ordinance: Refused to produce any book, document or other article upon being so required under section 18 or furnished any information which is false in a material particular and which he knows or reasonably ought to know is false in such particular	7.9.2021	\$3,000
76	Shun Fuk Home For Aged	3/F, Fu Chau Building, 485 to 491 Un Chau Street, Cheung Sha Wan, Kowloon	In contravention of section 11(1)(b) of the Regulation: Failed to meet the statutory staffing requirement on ancillary workers	30.9.2021	\$3,000
77	Shun Fuk Home For Aged	3/F, Fu Chau Building, 485 to 491 Un Chau Street, Cheung Sha Wan, Kowloon	In contravention of section 11(1)(d) of the Regulation: Failed to meet the statutory staffing requirement on health workers	30.9.2021	\$3,000

	Name of RCHE	Address	Offence	Date of conviction	Penalty (Fine)
78	Kin Ling Elderly Home	2/F, Yen Yin Building, 7 to 10 Ferry Street, Jordan, Kowloon	In contravention of section 11(1)(d) of the Regulation: Failed to meet the statutory staffing requirement on health workers	7.10.2021	\$4,000
79	Elderly Care 2000 Company Limited	1/F, Wing Hang Building, 66 and 68 Fu Shin Street, Tai Po, New Territories	In contravention of section 11(1)(d) of the Regulation: Failed to meet the statutory staffing requirement on health workers	2.11.2021	\$1,000
80	Long Kind House	Entrance of G/F, and 1/F, Po Wai Building, 59 to 67 Bulkeley Street, Hung Hom, Kowloon	In contravention of section 11(1) of the Regulation: Failed to meet the statutory staffing requirement	16.12.2021	\$8,000
81	Hong Fook Sanatorium For The Aged Home	Flat E, 3/F, Maylun Apartments, 23 Shu Kuk Street, North Point, Hong Kong	In contravention of section 11(1)(b) of the Regulation: Failed to meet the statutory staffing requirement on ancillary workers	31.12.2021	\$1,000
82	Sun Hung Fook Home For The Elderlies	Flat B, 1/F, Kim Fat Mansion, 11 Shau Kei Wan Main Street East, Hong Kong	In contravention of section 11(1)(d) of the Regulation: Failed to meet the statutory staffing requirement on health workers	12.4.2022	\$6,000
83	Telford Home For The Elderly Limited	Flats A and B, 1/F, 36 Ting Yip Street, Ngau Tau Kok, Kowloon	In contravention of section 21(6)(d) of the Ordinance: Failed to comply with the requirements of a direction given under section 19 of the Ordinance in writing by the Director of Social Welfare within the period indicated	12.5.2022	\$7,000
84	Note 2	Note 2	In contravention of section 21(6)(d) of the Ordinance: Failed to comply with the requirements of a direction given under section 19 of the Ordinance in writing by the Director of Social Welfare within the period indicated	12.5.2022	\$4,000
85	Caine Home For The Elderly Limited	Upper Ground Floor, 3 and 3A Castle Road, Hong Kong	In contravention of section 11(1)(d) of the Regulation: Failed to meet the statutory staffing requirement on health workers	21.6.2022	\$2,000
86	Elder May Moon Happiness Home Limited	1/F, Morning Ray Mansion, 182 to 186 Ma Tau Wai Road, Hung Hom, Kowloon	In contravention of section 11(1)(d) of the Regulation: Failed to meet the statutory staffing requirement on health workers	21.6.2022	\$5,000
87	Loc Ling Elderly Home	Flats 1-12, 1/F, Hin Fai Building, 129 to 135 Castle Peak Road, Sham Shui Po, Kowloon	In contravention of section 11(1)(d) of the Regulation: Failed to meet the statutory staffing requirement on health workers	23.6.2022	\$3,500
88	City Nursing Centre Second Branch	Rooms A and E, 5/F, Continental Mansion, 294 King's Road, North Point, Hong Kong	In contravention of section 11(1)(d) of the Regulation: Failed to meet the statutory staffing requirement on health workers	19.7.2022	\$3,000

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89	Ming Yuet Home For The Elderly	1/F and 2/F, Ming Yuet Building, 47 to 51 Pau Chung Street, To Kwa Wan, Kowloon	In contravention of section 11(1)(b) of the Regulation: Failed to meet the statutory staffing requirement on ancillary workers	9.12.2022	\$4,800
90	Fook On Home For The Aged	3/F of 46 and 48, 5/F of 48 Leighton Road, Causeway Bay, Hong Kong	In contravention of section 11(1)(b) of the Regulation: Failed to meet the statutory staffing requirement on ancillary workers	6.6.2023	\$3,500
91	Ever Happy Aged Home	1/F, King Yip Building, 5 to 11 Un Chau Street, Sham Shui Po, Kowloon	In contravention of section 11(1)(d) of the Regulation: Failed to meet the statutory staffing requirement on health workers	28.6.2023	\$3,000
92	Shui On Nursing Centre (Hing Wah) Company Limited	Unit A, 6/F, Carpark Building, Hing Wah (I) Estate, Chai Wan, Hong Kong	In contravention of section 11(1)(d) of the Regulation: Failed to meet the statutory staffing requirement on health workers	25.7.2023	\$3,500
93	Yi Yeung Old Man's Home	1/F and 2/F, Lee Kong Commercial Building, 115 Woosung Street, Kowloon	In contravention of section 11(1)(d) of the Regulation: Failed to meet the statutory staffing requirement on health workers	23.8.2023	\$3,000
94	Gracious Alliance	Shop 3 (Portion) on G/F, The Whole of 1/F and 2/F, Harrow Mansion, 170 to 172 Aberdeen Main Road, Hong Kong	In contravention of section 11(1)(d) of the Regulation: Failed to meet the statutory staffing requirement on health workers	12.12.2023	\$1,500
95	Yi Yeung Old Man's Home	1/F and 2/F, Lee Kong Commercial Building, 115 Woosung Street, Kowloon	In contravention of section 11(1)(d) of the Regulation: Failed to meet the statutory staffing requirement on health workers	13.12.2023	\$2,500
96	Yi Yeung Old Man's Home	1/F and 2/F, Lee Kong Commercial Building, 115 Woosung Street, Kowloon	In contravention of section 11(1)(b) of the Regulation: Failed to meet the statutory staffing requirement on ancillary workers	13.12.2023	\$2,500

Note 2 As the person convicted was not the operator of the RCHE, the name and address of the relevant RCHE are not shown.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(W)069

(Question Serial No. 1718)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): ()
Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Charmaine LEE)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Starting this year, the Government will set up 10 more aided standalone child care centres (CCCs) in phases. The target is to provide nearly 900 additional places for day child care services within 3 years. The Government will also extend the After School Care Programme for Pre-primary Children (ASCP(PC)) in phases to cover all districts in Hong Kong starting this year. The number of service places will increase to nearly 1 200 within 3 years. In this connection, please provide the following information:

- (1) the specific arrangements for setting up 10 more aided standalone CCCs, including the number of phases involved, the number of CCCs to be established in each phase, the expenditure involved, the location of each CCC, the number of places provided, and the manpower required; and
- (2) the specific arrangements for extending ASCP(PC) to cover all districts in Hong Kong, including the number of phases involved, the districts covered in each phase, the number of places provided, the manpower required and the expenditure involved.
- (3) Has an assessment been conducted to determine the gap between the increased service places provided by the additional CCCs and the extension of ASCP(PC) and the actual demand in each district? Besides these 2 initiatives, what plan does the Government have to further narrow the gap?

Asked by: Hon CHIU Duncan (LegCo internal reference no.: 16)

Reply:

- (1) The Social Welfare Department (SWD) will set up 10 more aided standalone CCCs in phases within 3 years starting from 2024, providing about 900 additional places. Among them, 100 places in Queens Hill Estate and 56 places in Wah Ming Estate in Fanling have commenced service in January and March 2024 respectively. The 88 places in Shun Lee Estate in Kwun Tong and 100 places at the Treasury Building in Sham Shui Po are scheduled for commencing operation in 2024-25, whereas the 100 places at Cheung Shun Street in Sham Shui Po and 60 places in Kwai Fong Estate in Kwai Chung will be put into service in 2025-26. The remaining 4 aided standalone CCCs, proposed to be set up in districts such as Kowloon City and Kwun Tong, will collectively provide about 400 additional places, and are scheduled to commence service in 2026-27. The estimated annual expenditure for the 10 additional aided standalone CCCs is about \$66.4 million.

In accordance with the Child Care Services Regulations (CCSR) (Cap 243A), child care staff serving in a CCC have to be registered as child care workers upon successfully completing a training course approved by the Director of Social Welfare. In accordance with the Child Care Services Ordinance (Cap. 243) and CCSR, the manning ratio for qualified child care worker taking care of children aged 0 to below 2 in day CCCs is 1:8, while the manning ratio for taking care of children aged 2 to below 3 is 1:14. To improve service quality, the Government has allocated additional resources to enhance the above manning ratios to 1:6 and 1:11 respectively since the 2019/20 school year.

- (2) SWD will extend ASCP(PC) to cover all districts in Hong Kong in phases within a period of 3 years starting from 2024. The number of centres participating in ASCP(PC) will increase from 16 to 28, and the number of places will increase from 672 to 1 176. By the end of 2023-24, there are 16 centres of ASCP(PC) located in 8 districts including the Central & Western, Southern, Kwun Tong, Wong Tai Sin, Sham Shui Po, North, Yuen Long and Kwai Tsing districts. SWD plans to extend the service to cover the remaining 10 districts (namely the Islands, Eastern, Wan Chai, Sai Kung, Kowloon City, Yau Tsim Mong, Sha Tin, Tai Po, Tsuen Wan and Tuen Mun districts) in phases. The operating expenditure of ASCP(PC) is subsidised through Lump Sum Grant subvention. Each centre of ASCP(PC) provides 42 service places, and the staffing establishment includes 1 Assistant Social Work Officer and 2 supporting staff. SWD will invite non-governmental organisations to submit proposals, and plans to launch the first phase of service extension in the first quarter of 2025. The estimated annual expenditure involved is about \$14.2 million.
- (3) SWD will take into account the characteristics of individual districts, including the available CCC places, service utilisation, ratio of subsidised to private child care services, land supply situation, and service demand as a result of demographic changes, etc. when conducting service planning, in order to better meet the service demand in the community.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(W)070

(Question Serial No. 0388)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: Not Specified

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Charmaine LEE)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

In 2024-25, the estimated expenditure of the Social Welfare Department (SWD) is about \$120.1 billion, representing a 10.6% increase compared to the \$108.6 billion in 2023-24. In this connection, would the Government please inform this Committee of the following:

1. The amount of subventions granted to non-governmental organisations (NGOs) by SWD under the Lump Sum Grant Subvention System (LSGSS) in 2023-24, with a tabulated breakdown by NGO and the corresponding subvention amount received.
2. The estimated amount of subventions to be granted to NGOs by SWD under the LSGSS in 2024-25, with a tabulated breakdown by NGO and the provisional subvention amount to be received.
3. Will any portion of the increased estimate be used for introducing new dedicated subsidy schemes for district grassroots organisations, agriculture and fisheries organisations, youth groups, women's groups, and associations of Hong Kong residents in the Mainland, and increasing the subsidies for these organisations or groups by drawing reference from the "Clansmen Culture Promotion Scheme", in order to better achieve the objectives of "strengthening communications with district grassroots organisations and groups" and "setting up a systematic network of volunteers"?

Asked by: Hon CHOW Man-kong (LegCo internal reference no.: 23)

Reply:

- 1 & 2. The list of NGOs operating subvented welfare services under the LSGSS, along with the amount of subventions received by them, from 2023-24 to 2024-25 is set out at Annex.
3. The Government has always been committed to building a caring community and looking after the underprivileged, which is demonstrated by the continuous increase in recurrent expenditure on social welfare. To meet the ever-changing service needs in society, the Government will review publicly-funded services and projects from time to time, and provide different types of subsidies to NGOs. The objective is to empower NGOs to not only enhance and improve existing services

but also develop innovative modes of welfare service delivery, thus keeping pace with the latest social developments and changing times.

Currently, SWD invites NGOs to bid for subvented services by submitting proposals. Starting from the first quarter of 2024, SWD has implemented 2 new measures regarding bidding for new subvented welfare projects, including (1) adding a requirement to the assessment criteria for track record in the past 3 years of organising or assisting to organise activities or service projects in response to or in support of government policies/measures, such as activities related to social or welfare policies/measures, national affairs/national development, celebrations of the anniversary of the founding of the People's Republic of China and the anniversary of the reunification of Hong Kong with China; and (2) increasing the weighing of establishing liaison or service networks in the districts to highlight the importance of strategic collaborations at the district level. These new measures will help ensure that NGOs fully implement various welfare initiatives to benefit those in need and the underprivileged in the community.

**SWD's subventions (revised estimate) to NGOs
under LSGSS in 2023-24**

<u>S/N</u>	<u>Name of NGO</u>	<u>2023-24</u> <u>Subventions</u> ^{Note 1} <u>(revised estimate)</u> <u>(\$)</u>
1	Tung Wah Group of Hospitals	2,083,018,665
2	Caritas - Hong Kong	1,553,336,404
3	Po Leung Kuk	1,407,445,547
4	Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui Welfare Council Limited	1,262,272,540
5	SAHK	785,958,679
6	Salvation Army (The)	714,995,633
7	Neighbourhood Advice-Action Council (The)	692,923,422
8	Christian Family Service Centre	663,891,976
9	Hong Kong Christian Service	648,513,508
10	Hong Kong Family Welfare Society	611,397,361
11	Yan Chai Hospital	602,831,719
12	Heep Hong Society	586,449,219
13	Hong Chi Association	576,433,612
14	St. James' Settlement	530,404,159
15	Hong Kong Lutheran Social Service, the Lutheran Church - Hong Kong Synod Limited	505,845,928
16	Yang Memorial Methodist Social Service	483,805,209
17	Boys' and Girls' Clubs Association of Hong Kong (The)	481,949,040
18	Hong Kong Society for the Aged (The)	474,922,703
19	Fu Hong Society	469,799,625
20	Evangelical Lutheran Church Social Service - Hong Kong	446,092,380
21	Haven of Hope Christian Service	445,085,332
22	Hong Kong Young Women's Christian Association	443,609,288
23	New Life Psychiatric Rehabilitation Association	429,419,556
24	Pok Oi Hospital	318,788,166
25	Mental Health Association of Hong Kong (The)	312,361,887
26	Hong Kong Federation of Youth Groups (The)	299,356,765
27	Hong Kong Children and Youth Services	297,126,664
28	Wai Ji Christian Service	259,946,100
29	Heung Hoi Ching Kok Lin Association	255,586,734
30	Chinese Young Men's Christian Association of Hong Kong	250,543,426
31	Baptist Oi Kwan Social Service	239,249,065
32	Yan Oi Tong	239,182,337
33	Sik Sik Yuen	236,833,291
34	Hong Kong Society for the Blind (The)	183,006,035
35	Hong Kong Society for the Protection of Children	163,790,265
36	Society of Rehabilitation and Crime Prevention, Hong Kong (The)	156,323,664
37	International Social Service Hong Kong Branch	135,708,587
38	Aberdeen Kai-fong Welfare Association Social Service Centre	134,235,054
39	Tsung Tsin Mission of Hong Kong Social Service (The)	124,055,130
40	Lok Sin Tong Benevolent Society, Kowloon (The)	123,313,810
41	Hong Kong Playground Association	117,158,842
42	Kwun Tong Methodist Social Service	114,300,156
43	Helping Hand	114,165,190

<u>S/N</u>	<u>Name of NGO</u>	<u>2023-24</u>
		<u>Subventions</u> ^{Note 1} <u>(revised estimate)</u> <u>(\$)</u>
44	Chinese Rhenish Church Hong Kong Synod (The)	113,203,885
45	Stewards	111,798,210
46	Methodist Centre	99,086,619
47	Hong Kong Society for the Deaf (The)	87,404,746
48	Richmond Fellowship of Hong Kong	83,398,773
49	Hong Kong Student Aid Society Limited (The)	83,154,547
50	Sheng Kung Hui St. Christopher's Home Limited	82,885,365
51	Alice Ho Miu Ling Nethersole Charity Foundation	80,672,657
52	Methodist Epworth Village Community Centre, Social Welfare	79,706,922
53	Hong Kong PHAB Association	79,221,870
54	Society of Boys' Centres	76,277,154
55	Chi Lin Nunnery	74,917,895
56	Hong Kong Buddhist Association (The)	70,571,776
57	Asia Women's League Limited	66,270,764
58	Yuen Yuen Institute (The)	57,151,373
59	Scout Association of Hong Kong	54,436,151
60	Women's Welfare Club (Eastern District) Hong Kong (The)	53,546,456
61	Hong Kong Chinese Women's Club	52,591,141
62	Chung Sing Benevolent Society	51,979,821
63	Mongkok Kai-Fong Association Limited (The)	51,135,888
64	Chung Shak Hei (Cheung Chau) Home for the Aged Limited	50,292,094
65	Hong Kong Council of Social Service (The)	48,113,862
66	Ching Chung Taoist Association of Hong Kong Limited	47,786,946
67	Pentecostal Church of Hong Kong	47,077,928
68	Kiangsu Chekiang and Shanghai Residents (Hong Kong) Association	45,973,472
69	Hong Kong Society for Rehabilitation (The)	42,417,871
70	Chuk Lam Ming Tong Limited	40,005,003
71	Hong Kong Tuberculosis, Chest and Heart Diseases Association (The)	39,135,753
72	Hong Kong ABWE Social Services	38,436,643
73	Yuen Long Town Hall Management Committee Limited	38,211,629
74	Christian & Missionary Alliance Church Union Hong Kong Limited	36,780,316
75	Church of United Brethren in Christ Hong Kong Limited (The)	36,342,059
76	Hong Kong Catholic Marriage Advisory Council (The)	34,853,348
77	Fung Kai Public School	33,822,074
78	The Mother Superior of the Congregation of Our Lady of Charity of the Good Shepherd of Angers at Hong Kong	29,375,873
79	Hong Kong Evangelical Church Social Service Limited	29,205,009
80	Asbury Methodist Social Service	28,445,551
81	Hong Kong Bodhi Siksa Society Limited (The)	28,285,768
82	Association for Engineering and Medical Volunteer Services	27,523,984
83	Hong Kong Women Development Association Limited	26,621,093
84	Evangelical Free Church of China Social Service Limited	25,655,907
85	Ebenezer School and Home for the Visually Impaired	25,119,459
86	Hong Kong Juvenile Care Centre	24,906,482
87	Hong Kong and Macau Lutheran Church Social Service Limited	24,147,299
88	Watchdog Limited	23,642,023

<u>S/N</u>	<u>Name of NGO</u>	<u>2023-24</u>
		<u>Subventions</u> ^{Note 1} <u>(revised estimate)</u> <u>(\$)</u>
89	Free Methodist Church of Hong Kong (The)	23,330,709
90	United Christian Nethersole Community Health Service	22,932,368
91	Mother's Choice Limited	22,612,879
92	Kowloon Women's Welfare Club (The)	21,310,644
93	Hong Kong-Macao Conference of Seventh-day Adventists	20,813,179
94	Hong Kong Down Syndrome Association (The)	20,013,864
95	Superioress of the Sisters of the Precious Blood (The)	19,130,746
96	Women's Welfare Club, Western District, Hong Kong	16,291,014
97	Hong Kong Mutual Encouragement Association Limited	16,223,998
98	Evangelical Free Church of China - Evangel Children's Home	16,039,251
99	New Territories Women and Juveniles Welfare Association Limited (The)	15,974,983
100	Hong Kong and Kowloon Kaifong Women's Association	15,510,434
101	Youth Outreach	15,455,010
102	Samaritan Befrienders Hong Kong (The)	15,107,339
103	Tung Lum Nien Fah Tong Limited	14,939,090
104	ABM Hong Kong Swatow Baptist Church Community Service Association (The)	14,531,004
105	Christian New Being Fellowship Limited (The)	14,408,248
106	Chinese Evangelical Zion Church Limited	13,793,072
107	Project Care	13,791,924
108	Hong Kong Christian Mutual Improvement Society	13,708,119
109	New Life Church of Christ Hong Kong Limited	12,865,935
110	Tung Sin Tan Home for the Aged	12,836,956
111	International Church of the Foursquare Gospel Hong Kong District Limited	12,581,625
112	Fung Ying Seen Koon	12,147,778
113	Harmony House Limited	11,916,694
114	Zion Social Service Limited	10,632,682
115	Child Development Centre (The)	10,327,027
116	Operation Dawn Limited	10,313,062
117	Baptist Mid-Missions	10,288,502
118	Lutheran Philip House Limited	9,803,597
119	Sai Kung District Community Centre	9,192,004
120	Lam Tin Estate Kai Fong Welfare Association Limited (The)	9,001,373
121	Barnabas Charitable Service Association Limited (The)	8,623,606
122	Hong Kong Red Cross	8,234,978
123	Mission Covenant Church Limited (The)	8,028,445
124	Asian Outreach Hong Kong Limited	7,815,892
125	Agency for Volunteer Service	7,532,188
126	Hong Kong Federation of Handicapped Youth	7,265,091
127	Boys' Brigade, Hong Kong (The)	6,878,317
128	Hong Kong Blind Union	6,870,253
129	Kowloon City Baptist Church Social Services	6,688,272
130	Hong Kong Women Foundation Limited	6,557,535
131	International Women's League Limited	6,438,023
132	Jordan Valley Kaifong Welfare Association	6,404,317
133	Light and Love Home Limited	6,369,341

<u>S/N</u>	<u>Name of NGO</u>	<u>2023-24</u>
		<u>Subventions</u> ^{Note 1} <u>(revised estimate)</u> <u>(\$)</u>
134	Christian Nationals' Evangelism Commission Grace Light Neighbourhood Elderly Centre	6,301,187
135	Fo Guang Shan International Buddhist Progress Society (Hong Kong) Limited	6,297,060
136	China Peniel Missionary Society Incorporation	6,296,834
137	Hong Kong West Point Baptist Church	6,256,972
138	Endeavourers Hong Kong (The)	6,253,448
139	Tsim Sha Tsui District Kaifong Welfare Association	6,253,072
140	Hop Yat Church, the Church of Christ in China, Social Service Department	6,150,134
141	Hong Kong and Macau Regional Centre of the World Fellowship of Buddhists Limited	6,044,903
142	Shamshuipo Kai Fong Welfare Advancement Association	5,757,755
143	Hong Kong Rehabilitation Power	5,749,462
144	Suen Mei Speech and Hearing Centre	5,403,119
145	Society for Community Organization	5,119,641
146	Hans Andersen Club	4,909,598
147	Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui St. Simon's Social Services	4,763,053
148	Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary	4,715,665
149	Kwun Tong Resident Association	4,615,137
150	Yuk Chi Resource Centre Limited	4,432,442
151	Lok Chi Association Limited	4,311,998
152	Hong Kong Federation of the Blind	4,184,891
153	Nesbitt Centre Limited (The)	4,122,481
154	Hong Kong, China Sports Association for Persons with Intellectual Disability	4,057,597
155	Tin Shui Wai Women Association Limited	3,930,895
156	Women Service Association Limited	3,878,891
157	Alice Lan and Vera Shen Education Fund Limited	3,689,208
158	Cheung Chau Rural Committee Integrated Youth Centre	3,640,614
159	Tai Hang Residents' Welfare Association	3,632,758
160	Hong Kong Southern District Women's Association Limited	3,605,359
161	Hong Kong Sports Association for the Physically Disabled	3,111,755
162	Five Districts Business Welfare Association	2,849,352
163	Kowloon Women's Organisations Federation Limited	2,848,842
164	Against Child Abuse Ltd	2,739,768
165	Neighbourhood & Worker's Education Centre Limited	2,453,916
166	SKH St. Matthias' Church Nursery School Limited	2,354,224
167	Society of St. Vincent de Paul Central Council of Hong Kong	2,212,050
168	Association for the Rights of Industrial Accident Victims Limited	1,965,053
169	Emmanuel Church	1,943,634
170	Cheung Sha Wan Kai Fong Welfare Association Lam Tam Yin Wah Day Nursery	1,938,233
171	People Service Centre Limited	1,424,421
172	Yuen Long District Women's Association Limited	1,424,421
	Total ^{Note 2}	24,090,193,343

Note 1 Subventions includes LSG subventions (including subventions on provident fund (PF)) and other subventions (such as Rent and Rates, Central Items, etc.).

Note 2 Individual figures may not add up to the total due to rounding.

**SWD's subventions (provisional) to NGOs
Under LSGSS in 2024-25**

<u>S/N</u>	<u>Name of NGO</u>	<u>2024-25</u> <u>Subventions</u> ^{Note 1} <u>(provisional)</u> <u>(\$)</u>
1	Tung Wah Group of Hospitals	2,051,430,901
2	Caritas - Hong Kong	1,535,519,864
3	Po Leung Kuk	1,375,795,576
4	Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui Welfare Council Limited	1,202,472,334
5	SAHK	750,172,839
6	Salvation Army (The)	703,768,454
7	Neighbourhood Advice-Action Council (The)	681,768,212
8	Christian Family Service Centre	663,909,859
9	Hong Kong Christian Service	620,590,963
10	Hong Kong Family Welfare Society	601,490,646
11	Yan Chai Hospital	593,321,336
12	Hong Chi Association	583,030,759
13	Heep Hong Society	575,704,181
14	St. James' Settlement	504,514,574
15	Hong Kong Lutheran Social Service, the Lutheran Church - Hong Kong Synod Limited	499,786,206
16	Hong Kong Society for the Aged (The)	476,080,967
17	Fu Hong Society	468,582,432
18	Yang Memorial Methodist Social Service	461,793,872
19	Boys' and Girls' Clubs Association of Hong Kong (The)	459,392,375
20	Haven of Hope Christian Service	438,530,969
21	New Life Psychiatric Rehabilitation Association	434,434,626
22	Evangelical Lutheran Church Social Service - Hong Kong	424,763,912
23	Hong Kong Young Women's Christian Association	419,330,642
24	Mental Health Association of Hong Kong (The)	314,450,223
25	Pok Oi Hospital	303,369,219
26	Hong Kong Federation of Youth Groups (The)	292,230,879
27	Hong Kong Children and Youth Services	284,890,360
28	Wai Ji Christian Service	259,959,936
29	Heung Hoi Ching Kok Lin Association	255,578,756
30	Chinese Young Men's Christian Association of Hong Kong	241,256,435
31	Sik Sik Yuen	239,909,615
32	Baptist Oi Kwan Social Service	238,450,374
33	Yan Oi Tong	197,836,258
34	Hong Kong Society for the Blind (The)	175,351,463
35	Society of Rehabilitation and Crime Prevention, Hong Kong (The)	156,210,095
36	International Social Service Hong Kong Branch	135,545,045
37	Aberdeen Kai-fong Welfare Association Social Service Centre	134,074,999
38	Hong Kong Society for the Protection of Children	129,013,004
39	Lok Sin Tong Benevolent Society, Kowloon (The)	124,949,003
40	Hong Kong Playground Association	117,085,563
41	Stewards	113,246,589
42	Tsung Tsin Mission of Hong Kong Social Service (The)	105,205,890
43	Chinese Rhenish Church Hong Kong Synod (The)	104,425,757
44	Helping Hand	103,182,851
45	Methodist Centre	95,825,871

<u>S/N</u>	<u>Name of NGO</u>	<u>2024-25</u> <u>Subventions</u> ^{Note 1} <u>(provisional)</u> <u>(\$)</u>
46	Richmond Fellowship of Hong Kong	85,084,095
47	Hong Kong Society for the Deaf (The)	84,902,953
48	Hong Kong Student Aid Society Limited (The)	81,945,783
49	Alice Ho Miu Ling Nethersole Charity Foundation	80,622,106
50	Hong Kong PHAB Association	80,208,798
51	Methodist Epworth Village Community Centre, Social Welfare	79,410,106
52	Sheng Kung Hui St. Christopher's Home Limited	77,920,151
53	Society of Boys' Centres	76,465,318
54	Chi Lin Nunnery	73,536,655
55	Hong Kong Buddhist Association (The)	69,569,563
56	Asia Women's League Limited	67,446,911
57	Women's Welfare Club (Eastern District) Hong Kong (The)	54,646,436
58	Scout Association of Hong Kong	54,175,087
59	Chung Sing Benevolent Society	53,298,953
60	Hong Kong Chinese Women's Club	52,738,977
61	Kwun Tong Methodist Social Service	51,485,006
62	Yuen Yuen Institute (The)	51,226,815
63	Chung Shak Hei (Cheung Chau) Home for the Aged Limited	51,003,908
64	Mongkok Kai-Fong Association Limited (The)	50,923,313
65	Hong Kong Council of Social Service (The)	48,472,614
66	Ching Chung Taoist Association of Hong Kong Limited	47,127,354
67	Kiangsu Chekiang and Shanghai Residents (Hong Kong) Association	45,412,699
68	Pentecostal Church of Hong Kong	45,329,210
69	Hong Kong Society for Rehabilitation (The)	41,867,159
70	Hong Kong Tuberculosis, Chest and Heart Diseases Association (The)	40,128,503
71	Chuk Lam Ming Tong Limited	40,079,867
72	Yuen Long Town Hall Management Committee Limited	38,714,448
73	Hong Kong ABWE Social Services	34,870,024
74	Hong Kong Catholic Marriage Advisory Council (The)	34,388,065
75	Fung Kai Public School	33,952,048
76	Christian & Missionary Alliance Church Union Hong Kong Limited	32,360,158
77	Church of United Brethren in Christ Hong Kong Limited (The)	29,414,612
78	The Mother Superior of the Congregation of Our Lady of Charity of the Good Shepherd of Angers at Hong Kong	29,324,662
79	Hong Kong Bodhi Siksa Society Limited (The)	29,299,872
80	Asbury Methodist Social Service	28,540,460
81	Association for Engineering and Medical Volunteer Services	27,714,246
82	Hong Kong Evangelical Church Social Service Limited	27,547,420
83	Watchdog Limited	25,116,268
84	Hong Kong Juvenile Care Centre	24,738,166
85	Hong Kong and Macau Lutheran Church Social Service Limited	24,355,892
86	Ebenezer School and Home for the Visually Impaired	24,197,584
87	Mother's Choice Limited	23,823,017
88	United Christian Nethersole Community Health Service	23,001,268
89	Evangelical Free Church of China Social Service Limited	22,980,734
90	Free Methodist Church of Hong Kong (The)	22,809,509
91	Hong Kong-Macao Conference of Seventh-day Adventists	21,056,190
92	Kowloon Women's Welfare Club (The)	21,053,490

<u>S/N</u>	<u>Name of NGO</u>	<u>2024-25</u> <u>Subventions</u> ^{Note 1} <u>(provisional)</u> <u>(\$)</u>
93	Hong Kong Down Syndrome Association (The)	20,121,036
94	Superioress of the Sisters of the Precious Blood (The)	19,093,598
95	Hong Kong Mutual Encouragement Association Limited	16,649,392
96	Evangelical Free Church of China - Evangel Children's Home	16,102,184
97	International Church of the Foursquare Gospel Hong Kong District Limited	15,606,663
98	Youth Outreach	15,533,343
99	Women's Welfare Club, Western District, Hong Kong	15,532,691
100	Samaritan Befrienders Hong Kong (The)	15,120,968
101	Tung Lum Nien Fah Tong Limited	15,072,608
102	ABM Hong Kong Swatow Baptist Church Community Service Association (The)	14,527,965
103	Christian New Being Fellowship Limited (The)	14,463,418
104	Hong Kong Christian Mutual Improvement Society	14,167,360
105	Project Care	13,761,316
106	New Territories Women and Juveniles Welfare Association Limited (The)	13,401,632
107	New Life Church of Christ Hong Kong Limited	13,334,447
108	Hong Kong and Kowloon Kaifong Women's Association	13,134,443
109	Fung Ying Seen Koon	12,684,637
110	Tung Sin Tan Home for the Aged	12,313,008
111	Harmony House Limited	11,935,178
112	Chinese Evangelical Zion Church Limited	10,784,141
113	Zion Social Service Limited	10,406,262
114	Operation Dawn Limited	10,354,642
115	Child Development Centre (The)	10,092,121
116	Lam Tin Estate Kai Fong Welfare Association Limited (The)	9,014,514
117	Baptist Mid-Missions	8,942,029
118	Sai Kung District Community Centre	8,889,351
119	Barnabas Charitable Service Association Limited (The)	8,685,373
120	Hong Kong Red Cross	8,256,510
121	Asian Outreach Hong Kong Limited	8,065,495
122	Lutheran Philip House Limited	7,971,277
123	Agency for Volunteer Service	7,761,680
124	Mission Covenant Church Limited (The)	7,742,171
125	Hong Kong Federation of Handicapped Youth	7,232,179
126	Jordan Valley Kaifong Welfare Association	7,196,786
127	Kowloon City Baptist Church Social Services	6,918,316
128	Boys' Brigade, Hong Kong (The)	6,888,756
129	Hong Kong Blind Union	6,833,842
130	Hong Kong Women Foundation Limited	6,820,520
131	International Women's League Limited	6,696,607
132	Light and Love Home Limited	6,615,515
133	Christian Nationals' Evangelism Commission Grace Light Neighbourhood Elderly Centre	6,550,550
134	Fo Guang Shan International Buddhist Progress Society (Hong Kong) Limited	6,546,654
135	China Peniel Missionary Society Incorporation	6,526,440
136	Hong Kong West Point Baptist Church	6,505,493
137	Hans Andersen Club	6,501,821
138	Endeavourers Hong Kong (The)	6,501,567

<u>S/N</u>	<u>Name of NGO</u>	<u>2024-25</u> <u>Subventions</u> ^{Note 1} <u>(provisional)</u> <u>(\$)</u>
139	Tsim Sha Tsui District Kaifong Welfare Association	6,484,070
140	Hop Yat Church, the Church of Christ in China, Social Service Department	6,135,258
141	Shamshuipo Kai Fong Welfare Advancement Association	6,007,341
142	Hong Kong Rehabilitation Power	5,770,097
143	Suen Mei Speech and Hearing Centre	5,405,758
144	Hong Kong Women Development Association Limited	5,333,028
145	Society for Community Organization	5,130,975
146	Yuk Chi Resource Centre Limited	4,436,112
147	Lok Chi Association Limited	4,223,632
148	Hong Kong Federation of the Blind	4,149,606
149	Nesbitt Centre Limited (The)	4,143,095
150	Hong Kong and Macau Regional Centre of the World Fellowship of Buddhists Limited	4,082,853
151	Hong Kong, China Sports Association for Persons with Intellectual Disability	4,020,270
152	Cheung Chau Rural Committee Integrated Youth Centre	3,644,406
153	Tai Hang Residents' Welfare Association	3,640,320
154	Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary	3,543,409
155	Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui St. Simon's Social Services	3,541,720
156	Hong Kong Sports Association for the Physically Disabled	3,071,288
157	Against Child Abuse Ltd	2,740,703
158	Alice Lan and Vera Shen Education Fund Limited	2,533,089
159	Kowloon Women's Organisations Federation Limited	2,388,602
160	Neighbourhood & Worker's Education Centre Limited	2,372,266
161	Association for the Rights of Industrial Accident Victims Limited	1,978,401
162	SKH St. Matthias' Church Nursery School Limited	1,931,633
163	Five Districts Business Welfare Association	1,891,064
164	Society of St. Vincent de Paul Central Council of Hong Kong	1,614,866
165	Cheung Sha Wan Kai Fong Welfare Association Lam Tam Yin Wah Day Nursery	1,417,910
166	Hong Kong Southern District Women's Association Limited	1,290,147
167	Women Service Association Limited	1,275,891
168	Tin Shui Wai Women Association Limited	1,240,847
169	People Service Centre Limited	1,194,302
170	Kwun Tong Resident Association	1,194,302
171	Yuen Long District Women's Association Limited	1,194,302
172	Emmanuel Church	850,071
	Total ^{Note 2}	23,416,249,290

Note 1 Including LSG subventions (including subventions on PF) and other subventions (such as Rent and Rates, Central Items, etc.). The subventions for 2024-25 is provisional. Certain subvented items (such as the food cost for the Short-term Food Assistance Service and the operating expenditure, fee waivers/reductions and incentive payments for the Neighborhood Support Child Care Project) are not included as their subventions are adjusted quarterly/half-yearly based on service usage.

Note 2 Individual figures may not add up to the total due to rounding.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(W)071

(Question Serial No. 0389)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Charmaine LEE)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

The Government is responsible for “providing child care services, enhancing child development and safeguarding children’s well-being”. Regarding children with special educational needs (SEN), particularly pre-school children with SEN who are followed up by the Bureau, would the Government please inform this Committee of the following:

1. the number of case referrals made by the Child Assessment Service (CAS) to pre-school rehabilitation services and school rehabilitation services in the past year;
2. the current average waiting time, number of service places, numbers of service places and waitlisted children broken down by administrative district of the Social Welfare Department (SWD), age distribution of service users, utilisation rate and average monthly cost per place for pre-school rehabilitation services (including on-site pre-school rehabilitation services (OPRS), early education and training centres (EETCs), integrated programme in kindergarten-cum-child care centres (IP) and special child care centres (SCCCs)); and
3. given the increase in the estimated expenditure under this Programme, whether there are other specific measures to support pre-school SEN children and grassroots families with SEN children; if yes, what is the estimated expenditure involved; if not, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon CHOW Man-kong (LegCo internal reference no.: 24)

Reply:

1. The CAS of the Department of Health provides comprehensive professional assessment services for children under the age of 12 with suspected developmental problems. In 2023, the total number of case referrals made by CAS to pre-school rehabilitation services and school rehabilitation services was 14 972 (provisional figure).
2. The current average waiting time, number of service places, numbers of service places and waitlisted children broken down by administrative district of SWD, as well as age distribution of service users, utilisation rate and average cost per place per month for various pre-school rehabilitation services (including OPRS, EETCs, IP and SCCC) are set out in Tables 1 to 7 of Annex 1. As places of OPRS are available in all districts in the territory and allocated on an agency basis, SWD does not have information on the number of OPRS places broken down by district.

3. The estimated expenditure for pre-school rehabilitation services in 2024-25 has increased by about \$84 million, mainly due to the addition of 372 service places for pre-school rehabilitation services (including EETCs and SCCCs), and the regularisation of the Tier 1 Support Services. The regularised Tier 1 Support Services have been extended to cover nearly 900 pre-primary institutions and have been integrated with OPRS, so as to provide comprehensive and timely assistance to pre-school children with different levels of special needs through inter-disciplinary service teams under a school-based and integrated approach.

Table 1: Average waiting time for pre-school rehabilitation services

Service type	Average waiting time (in months) ^{Note}
	2022-23
OPRS	4.2
EETC	5
IP	5.3
SCCC	19.3

^{Note} As the average waiting time is compiled on a financial-year basis covering the 1st day of April of a year to the 31st day of March of the next year, the figure for 2023-24 is not yet available.

Table 2: Number of service places for pre-school rehabilitation services

Service type	2023-24 (as at end-December 2023)
OPRS	10 124
EETC	4 393
IP	1 980
SCCC	2 456

Table 3: Number of service places for pre-school rehabilitation services broken down by administrative district of SWD

District	2023-24 (as at end-December 2023)		
	No. of service places for EETCs	No. of service places for IP	No. of service places for SCCCs
Central/Western/ Southern & Islands	473	138	313
Eastern/Wan Chai	401	168	246
Kwun Tong	390	228	186
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	604	240	425
Kowloon City/ Yau Tsim Mong	231	216	30
Sham Shui Po	523	114	357
Sha Tin	381	168	168
Tai Po/North	487	168	299
Yuen Long	172	186	108
Tsuen Wan/ Kwai Tsing	406	198	180
Tuen Mun	325	156	144
Total	4 393	1 980	2 456

Table 4: Number of children waitlisted for pre-school rehabilitation services broken down by administrative district of SWD

District	2023-24 (as at end-December 2023)			
	No. of children waitlisted for OPRS	No. of children waitlisted for EETCs	No. of children waitlisted for IP	No. of children waitlisted for SCCCs
Central/Western/ Southern & Islands	209	48	17	90
Eastern/Wan Chai	224	82	29	119
Kwun Tong	268	78	38	61
Wong Tai Sin/ Sai Kung	332	110	51	69
Kowloon City/ Yau Tsim Mong	292	78	38	106
Sham Shui Po	180	54	27	60
Sha Tin	301	109	33	53
Tai Po/North	333	70	43	84
Yuen Long	465	109	47	173
Tsuen Wan /Kwai Tsing	308	108	36	97
Tuen Mun	319	64	32	92
Total	3 231 ^{Note 1}	910 ^{Note 2}	391 ^{Note 1}	1 004 ^{Note 3}

Note 1 The figure does not include users of pre-school rehabilitation services who are now receiving transitional services of EETCs, or users who are waiting for a change of service type/choice of centre.

Note 2 The figure does not include users of pre-school rehabilitation services who are waiting for a change of service type/choice of centre.

Note 3 The figure does not include users of pre-school rehabilitation services who are now receiving transitional services of EETCs or OPRS, or users who are waiting for a change of service type/choice of centre.

Table 5: Age distribution of users of pre-school rehabilitation services

Service type	2023-24 (as at end-December 2023)			
	No. of service users			
	Aged 0 to 2	Aged 3 to 4	Aged 5 to 6	Total
OPRS	98	4 542	5 322	9 962
EETC	696	1 972	1 425	4 093
IP	89	898	890	1 877
SCCC	49	830	1 480	2 359

Table 6: Utilisation rate of pre-school rehabilitation services

Service type	2023-24 (as at end-December 2023)
OPRS	98.4%
EETC	93.2%
IP	94.8%
SCCC	96.1%

Table 7: Average cost per place per month for pre-school rehabilitation services

Service type	2023-24 (Revised estimate) (\$)
Pre-school rehabilitation services	10,695

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(W)072

(Question Serial No. 1070)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (7) Young People

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Charmaine LEE)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

The recruitment of mentees for the second cohort of the Strive and Rise Programme (the Programme) has concluded. In this connection, would the Government please inform this Committee of the following:

1. It has been reported that the number of mentees has increased from 2 800 to 4 000, and the Programme has been extended to include Secondary Four students from underprivileged families. Have there been any changes in the numbers of mentees and mentors in the second cohort?
2. It has been reported that the Programme has received support from over 170 enterprises and organisations, raising about \$140 million. Please provide details on the utilisation of funds as at February 2024, as well as the number and names of the supporting organisations.
3. According to the Programme, each mentee is paired with a volunteer mentor who primarily assists them in building self-confidence, fostering a positive mindset, setting personal goals, and developing sound financial concepts through sharing life experiences. Please provide a table listing the industries and fields that the participating mentors work in or come from, along with their respective occupations.

Asked by: Hon HO King-hong, Adrian Pedro (LegCo internal reference no.: 32)

Reply:

1. The second cohort of the Programme has admitted a total of 3 885 mentees upon verification of applications. As at end-February 2024, about 3 100 mentors have been recruited for the second cohort (some mentors are paired with 2 mentees).
2. The funds raised for the Programme are utilised to provide each mentee with a start-up sum of \$5,000 and a scholarship of \$5,000, with the administrative expenses borne by the Government. As at end-February 2024, start-up sums and scholarships totalling \$26.435 million have been provided to the mentees from the first cohort. The second cohort of the Programme has received support from over 210 organisations. The list of supporting organisations can be found on the Programme's website at <https://www.striveandrise.gov.hk/en/partners-page/>.

3. As at end-February 2024, the industries in which the participating mentors of the second cohort are engaged are at Annex.

Industries in which mentors of the Programme are engaged

Industry	
1.	Finance and insurance
2.	Communications/Information technology
3.	Engineering and construction
4.	Education
5.	Government/Public administration
6.	Transportation and logistics
7.	Social services
8.	Medical
9.	Legal
10.	Hotel/Tourism
11.	Catering
12.	Entrepreneur
13.	Science/Research
14.	Environmental protection/Green industry
15.	Disciplined services
16.	Performing arts/Art
17.	Sports
18.	Creative industry
19.	Fashion and beauty
20.	Others

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(W)073****(Question Serial No. 2728)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Charmaine LEE)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding 1) the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) Scheme, and 2) the Social Security Allowance (SSA) Scheme (which includes Old Age Allowance (OAA), the Old Age Living Allowance (OALA), the Guangdong (GD) Scheme and the Fujian (FJ) Scheme) under the social security system administered by the Social Welfare Department (SWD), please provide the following information:

The projected expenditure growth for these 2 schemes over the next 10 financial years; total expenditure for each scheme after 10 financial years; and the respective percentage shares of the total social welfare expenditure for each scheme.

Asked by: Hon HONG Wen, Wendy (LegCo internal reference no.: 15)

Reply:

The estimated expenditure for the CSSA Scheme in 2024-25 ^[Note] is approximately \$23.055 billion, representing an increase of 1.9% compared to the revised estimated expenditure for 2023-24 ^[Note], and accounting for 19.2% of the total estimated expenditure of SWD for 2024-25. Constituting 42.9% of the total estimated expenditure of SWD, the estimated expenditure for OAA, OALA, the GD Scheme and the FJ Scheme under the SSA Scheme in the same year ^[Note] is tabulated as follows:

Type of allowance	Estimated expenditure for 2024-25 ^[Note] (\$ million) (year-on-year growth)
OAA	7,270 (+10.4%)
OALA	42,806 (+17.8%)
GD Scheme	1,367 (+38.6%)
FJ Scheme	130 (+31.3%)

^[Note] The revised estimated expenditure for 2023-24 and the estimated expenditure for 2024-25 include the payment of an additional half-month of CSSA standard rates or the allowances in the year.

As the future expenditure of these 2 schemes is subject to various factors, such as the social and economic conditions of Hong Kong, the fiscal position of the Government, inflation, and the number of applicants and recipients under the 2 schemes, SWD is unable to provide estimates for the expenditure, growth rates and percentage shares of SWD's total expenditure for each scheme beyond 2024-25.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(W)074

(Question Serial No. 2745)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): ()
Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Charmaine LEE)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

It is stated in the Budget Speech (paragraph 200) that starting this year, the Government will set up 10 more aided standalone child care centres (CCCs) in phases. The target is to provide nearly 900 additional places for day child care services within 3 years. The Government will also extend the After School Care Programme for Pre-primary Children (ASCP(PC)) in phases to cover all districts in Hong Kong starting this year. The number of service places will increase to nearly 1 200 within 3 years. In this connection, will the Government inform this Committee of the following:

1. the number of organisations operating standalone CCCs, the number of places and the utilisation rate of standalone CCCs in Hong Kong by district in each of the past 3 years;
2. the districts, the locations and the number of places of the 10 aided standalone CCCs to be set up in the future;
3. the number of organisations, the number of places and the utilisation rate of ASCP(PC) in each district for the past 3 years;
4. the districts, the locations and the numbers of places involved in the phased extension of ASCP(PC) in future; and
5. given that the current utilisation rates of some of the standalone CCCs and ASCP(PC) are not high, whether the Government will review the effectiveness of their services and explore ways to increase the utilisation rates of these services to better support family carers?

Asked by: Hon HONG Wen, Wendy (LegCo internal reference no.: 32)

Reply:

1. The number of aided standalone CCCs in various districts in Hong Kong, their number of places and average utilisation rates in the past 3 financial years are set out at Annex 1.

2. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) will set up 10 more aided standalone CCCs in phases within 3 years starting from 2024, providing about 900 additional places. Among them, 100 places in Queens Hill Estate and 56 places in Wah Ming Estate in Fanling have commenced service in January and March 2024 respectively. The 88 places in Shun Lee Estate in Kwun Tong and 100 places at the Treasury Building in Sham Shui Po are scheduled for commencing operation in 2024-25, whereas the 100 places at Cheung Shun Street in Sham Shui Po and 60 places in Kwai Fong Estate in Kwai Chung will be put into service in 2025-26. The remaining 4 aided standalone CCCs, proposed to be set up in districts such as Kowloon City and Kwun Tong, will collectively provide about 400 additional places, and are scheduled to commence service in 2026-27.
3. The number of centres, the number of service places and the average utilisation rate of ASCP(PC) in each district for the past 3 financial years are set out at Annex 2.
4. SWD will invite non-governmental organisations to submit proposals to extend ASCP(PC) to suitable locations. The estimated number of places available in various districts upon the full extension of ASCP(PC) is set out at Annex 3.
5. SWD has been re-engineering Mutual Help Child Care Centres (MHCCCs) from 2021-22 onwards to provide after-school care service for pre-primary children in phases. Centres of ASCP(PC) have commenced service since August 2021 with both the number of service places and the average utilisation rate steadily increasing in general. SWD has put in place a performance monitoring mechanism, for which service operators are required to provide services in accordance with the requirements stipulated in the Funding and Service Agreement and meet the specified service output and outcome standards. In addition, SWD regularly produces publicity materials to promote day child care services, while service operators also organise promotional activities in various districts, including setting up street booths, distributing leaflets and displaying promotional banners to publicise their services and recruit service users.

Table 1: Number of centres, number of places and average utilisation rate of aided standalone CCCs by district (2021-22)

District	Aided standalone CCC		
	Number of centres	Number of places	Average utilisation rate (%)
Central & Western	1	48	100
Southern	-	-	N.A.
Islands	-	-	N.A.
Eastern	1	64	100
Wan Chai	1	48	100
Kwun Tong	-	-	N.A.
Wong Tai Sin	-	-	N.A.
Sai Kung	-	-	N.A.
Kowloon City	1	67	100
Yau Tsim Mong	1	99	100
Sham Shui Po	1	62	100
Sha Tin	2	177	91
Tai Po	-	-	N.A.
North	1	51	100
Yuen Long	1	64	100
Tsuen Wan	1	76	99
Kwai Tsing	1	32	100
Tuen Mun	1	64	100
Total	13	852	98

N.A. - Not applicable

Table 2: Number of centres, number of places and average utilisation rate of aided standalone CCCs by district (2022-23)

District	Aided standalone CCC		
	Number of centres	Number of places	Average utilisation rate (%)
Central & Western	1	48	100
Southern	-	-	N.A.
Islands	-	-	N.A.
Eastern	1	64	100
Wan Chai	1	48	100
Kwun Tong	-	-	N.A.
Wong Tai Sin	-	-	N.A.
Sai Kung	-	-	N.A.
Kowloon City	1	67	100
Yau Tsim Mong	1	99	100
Sham Shui Po	1	62	100
Sha Tin	2	177	98
Tai Po	1	92	20 ^[Note 1]
North	1	51	100
Yuen Long	2	152	91 ^[Note 2]
Tsuen Wan	1	76	98
Kwai Tsing	1	32	100
Tuen Mun	1	64	100
Total	15	1 032	97

N.A. - Not applicable

[Note 1] The first additional aided standalone CCC in the district commenced operation in January 2023.

[Note 2] The second additional aided standalone CCC in the district commenced operation in March 2023.

Table 3: Number of centres, number of places and average utilisation rate of aided standalone CCCs by district

(April to December 2023)

District	Aided standalone CCC		
	Number of centres	Number of places	Average utilisation rate (%)
Central & Western	1	48	100
Southern	-	-	N.A.
Islands	-	-	N.A.
Eastern	1	64	100
Wan Chai	1	48	100
Kwun Tong	-	-	N.A.
Wong Tai Sin	-	-	N.A.
Sai Kung	-	-	N.A.
Kowloon City	1	67	100
Yau Tsim Mong	1	99	100
Sham Shui Po	1	62	100
Sha Tin	2	177	99
Tai Po	1	92	83
North	1	51	100
Yuen Long	2	152	76 ^[Note]
Tsuen Wan	1	76	100
Kwai Tsing	1	32	100
Tuen Mun	1	64	96
Total	15	1 032	95

N.A. - Not applicable

^[Note] The second additional aided standalone CCC in the district commenced operation in March 2023.

Table 1: Number of centres, number of places and average utilisation rate of ASCP(PC) by district (2021-22)

District	ASCP(PC)		
	Number of centres	Number of places ^[Note]	Average utilisation rate (%)
Central & Western	-	-	N.A.
Southern	-	-	N.A.
Islands	-	-	N.A.
Eastern	-	-	N.A.
Wan Chai	-	-	N.A.
Kwun Tong	2	84	35
Wong Tai Sin	1	42	0
Sai Kung	-	-	N.A.
Kowloon City	-	-	N.A.
Yau Tsim Mong	-	-	N.A.
Sham Shui Po	3	126	46
Sha Tin	-	-	N.A.
Tai Po	1	42	39
North	1	42	1
Yuen Long	1	42	0
Tsuen Wan	-	-	N.A.
Kwai Tsing	1	42	20
Tuen Mun	-	-	N.A.
Total	10	420	32

N.A. - Not applicable

[Note] 10 centres in Kwun Tong, Sham Shui Po, Tai Po, Kwai Tsing, Wong Tai Sin, North and Yuen Long districts commenced service in August 2021 and February 2022.

Table 2: Number of centres, number of places and average utilisation rate of ASCP(PC) by district (2022-23)

District	ASCP(PC)		
	Number of centres	Number of places ^[Note]	Average utilisation rate (%)
Central & Western	-	-	N.A.
Southern	1	42	23
Islands	-	-	N.A.
Eastern	-	-	N.A.
Wan Chai	-	-	N.A.
Kwun Tong	3	126	43
Wong Tai Sin	1	42	69
Sai Kung	-	-	N.A.
Kowloon City	-	-	N.A.
Yau Tsim Mong	-	-	N.A.
Sham Shui Po	3	126	71
Sha Tin	-	-	N.A.
Tai Po	1	42	41
North	1	42	28
Yuen Long	1	42	42
Tsuen Wan	-	-	N.A.
Kwai Tsing	2	84	58
Tuen Mun	-	-	N.A.
Total	13	546	53

N.A. - Not applicable

[Note] 3 centres in Southern, Kwun Tong and Kwai Tsing districts commenced service in February 2023.

**Table 3: Number of centres, number of places and average utilisation rate of
ASCP(PC) by district
(April to December 2023)**

District	ASCP(PC)		
	Number of centres	Number of places ^[Note]	Average utilisation rate (%)
Central & Western	1	42	9
Southern	1	42	37
Islands	-	-	N.A.
Eastern	-	-	N.A.
Wan Chai	-	-	N.A.
Kwun Tong	3	126	54
Wong Tai Sin	1	42	85
Sai Kung	-	-	N.A.
Kowloon City	-	-	N.A.
Yau Tsim Mong	-	-	N.A.
Sham Shui Po	3	126	74
Sha Tin	-	-	N.A.
Tai Po	1	42	47
North	1	42	71
Yuen Long	3	126	48
Tsuen Wan	-	-	N.A.
Kwai Tsing	3	126	56
Tuen Mun	-	-	N.A.
Total	17	714	57

N.A. - Not applicable

[Note] 4 centres in Central & Western, Yuen Long and Kwai Tsing districts commenced service in August 2023. As at 31 December 2023, 17 centres provided a total of 714 places (42 places each), of which 2 will cease service after March 2024. In addition, 1 MHCCC completed re-engineering to commence service in the first quarter of 2024. Therefore, there will be a net increase of 3 centres of ASCP(PC) from 13 to 16 by the end of 2023-24 compared to 2022-23, while the number of places will increase from 546 to 672.

Number of places available in various districts upon the full extension of ASCP(PC)

District	Number of places		
	By the end of 2023-24	Additional places	Total
Central & Western	42	-	42
Southern	84	-	84
Islands	-	42	42
Eastern	-	42	42
Wan Chai	-	42	42
Kwun Tong	84	-	84
Wong Tai Sin	42	-	42
Sai Kung	-	42	42
Kowloon City	-	42	42
Yau Tsim Mong	-	42	42
Sham Shui Po	126	-	126
Sha Tin	-	42	42
Tai Po	-	42	42
North	42	-	42
Yuen Long	126	-	126
Tsuen Wan	-	42	42
Kwai Tsing	126	-	126
Tuen Mun	-	42	42
2 other centres will be located in districts with greater service demand		84	84
Total	672	504	1 176

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(W)075

(Question Serial No. 2747)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Charmaine LEE)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) Scheme administered by the Social Welfare Department (SWD), please inform this Committee of:

1. the number of CSSA cases, total number of recipients and total expenditure involved for each of the past 5 financial years;
2. the number of CSSA recipients who were children born in Hong Kong with both parents being Mainland residents, along with the expenditure involved for the past 5 financial years; and
3. the number of children who were born in Hong Kong with both parents being Mainland residents and had social workers from SWD serving as their guardians, and who successfully received CSSA in the past 5 financial years.

Asked by: Hon HONG Wen, Wendy (LegCo internal reference no.: 34)

Reply:

1. The numbers of CSSA cases and recipients from 2019-20 to 2023-24 are set out in Table 1 of Annex. The total expenditure for the CSSA Scheme from 2019-20 to 2023-24 is set out in Table 2 of Annex.
- 2 & 3. The number of CSSA recipients who were children born in Hong Kong with both parents being Mainland residents from 2019 to 2023 is set out in Table 3 of Annex. SWD does not have the other information sought.

Table 1 Numbers of CSSA cases and recipients from 2019-20 to 2023-24

	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24 (as at end-December 2023)
Number of cases	222 691	223 792	216 688	205 592	200 400
Number of recipients	310 153	319 191	302 599	285 253	273 941

Table 2 Total expenditure for the CSSA Scheme from 2019-20 to 2023-24

Year	Expenditure ^[Note] (\$ million)
2019-20 (Actual)	22,667
2020-21 (Actual)	22,853
2021-22 (Actual)	22,909
2022-23 (Actual)	23,196
2023-24 (Revised estimate)	22,625

[Note] The actual expenditure for 2019-20 includes the payment of 1 additional month of CSSA standard rates in the year, a one-off grant of \$2,500 to each needy student, and an extra 1 month of CSSA standard rates announced by the Financial Secretary in August 2019. The actual expenditure for 2020-21 includes the payment of 1 additional month of CSSA standard rates in the year. The actual expenditures for 2021-22 and 2022-23, and the revised estimate of expenditure for 2023-24 include the payment of an additional half-month of CSSA standard rates in the year.

Table 3 Number of CSSA recipients who were children born in Hong Kong with both parents being Mainland residents from 2019 to 2023

Year (as at end-December each year)	Number of recipients
2019	303
2020	321
2021	297
2022	278
2023	236

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(W)076

(Question Serial No. 2748)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Charmaine LEE)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the Social Security Allowance Scheme administered by the Social Welfare Department (SWD), please inform this Committee of the following:

1. For each of the past 5 financial years, please provide the number of recipients, total number of recipients and the expenditure involved of the Old Age Allowance (OAA), Old Age Living Allowance (OALA), Guangdong (GD) Scheme and Fujian (FJ) Scheme.
2. In respect of the measures to support the retirement of the elderly in GD and FJ (including the Portable Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (PCSSA) Scheme, GD Scheme and FJ Scheme), please provide the expenditure involved of each Scheme (excluding administrative costs) for each of the past 5 financial years.

Asked by: Hon HONG Wen, Wendy (LegCo internal reference no.: 35)

Reply:

1. The number of recipients and expenditure involved of OAA, OALA, GD Scheme and FJ Scheme from 2019-20 to 2023-24 are set out in Tables 1 and 2 of Annex respectively.
2. The expenditure for the PCSSA Scheme, GD Scheme and FJ Scheme from 2019-20 to 2023-24 is set out in Table 3 of Annex.

Table 1: Number of recipients of OAA, OALA, GD Scheme and FJ Scheme from 2019-20 to 2023-24

Type of allowance	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24 (as at end-December 2023)
OAA	270 080	291 228	312 218	326 456	341 421
OALA ^[Note 1]	572 029	605 574	637 016	687 331	719 873
GD Scheme	18 465	19 257	19 509	22 034	24 882
FJ Scheme	1 795	1 949	1 963	2 116	2 432
Total	862 369	918 008	970 706	1 037 937	1 088 608

Table 2: Expenditure for OAA, OALA, GD Scheme and FJ Scheme from 2019-20 to 2023-24

Type of allowance	Expenditure ^[Note 2] (\$ million)				
	2019-20 (Actual)	2020-21 (Actual)	2021-22 (Actual)	2022-23 (Actual)	2023-24 (Revised Estimate)
OAA	4,972	5,198	5,530	6,021	6,585
OALA ^[Note 1]	26,893	27,741	28,857	31,999	36,352
GD Scheme	360	685	686	740	986
FJ Scheme	37	73	74	79	99

Table 3: Expenditure for PCSSA Scheme, GD Scheme and FJ Scheme from 2019-20 to 2023-24

Type of allowance	Expenditure ^[Note 2] (\$ million)				
	2019-20 (Actual)	2020-21 (Actual)	2021-22 (Actual)	2022-23 (Actual)	2023-24 (Revised Estimate)
PCSSA Scheme	64	54	44	39	34
GD Scheme	360	685	686	740	986
FJ Scheme	37	73	74	79	99

^[Note 1] In September 2022, SWD merged the Normal and Higher OALAs. The merged OALA adopts the more lenient asset limits of the Normal OALA and the payment rate of the Higher OALA.

^[Note 2] The actual expenditure for 2019-20 includes the payment of 1 additional month of allowances in the year, and an extra 1 month of allowances announced by the Financial Secretary in August 2019. The actual expenditure for 2020-21 includes the payment of 1 additional month of allowances in the year. The actual expenditures for 2021-22 and 2022-23, as well as the revised estimate of expenditure for 2023-24 include the payment of an additional half-month of allowances in the year.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(W)077

(Question Serial No. 2749)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Charmaine LEE)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

In 2024-25, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) will provide an allowance to eligible social security recipients, equal to one half of a month of the standard rate Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) payments, the Old Age Allowance (OAA), the Old Age Living Allowance (OALA) or the Disability Allowance, while similar arrangements will apply to recipients of the Working Family Allowance. In this connection, please provide this Committee with the following information:

1. The total expenditure in each of the past 5 financial years for the provision of an additional one-off payment of CSSA, Old Age Allowance, and Old Age Living Allowance; and
2. The respective expenditures for the provision of an additional one-off payment of CSSA, OAA and OALA in each of the past 5 financial years, as well as the current financial year.

Asked by: Hon HONG Wen, Wendy (LegCo internal reference no.: 36)

Reply:

The total expenditure for the provision of an additional allowance for recipients of CSSA, OAA and OALA from 2019-20 to 2024-25, with a breakdown by type of allowance, is set out at Annex.

Expenditure for the provision of an additional payment for recipients of CSSA, OAA and OALA from 2019-20 to 2024-25

Year	Expenditure on the extra payment ^[Note 1] (\$ million)			
	CSSA Scheme	OAA ^[Note 2]	OALA ^[Note 2]	Total
2019-20 (Actual)	2,362	752	3,818	6,933
2020-21 (Actual)	1,695	398	2,113	4,206
2021-22 (Actual)	839	219	1,147	2,205
2022-23 (Actual)	586	241	1,234	2,060
2023-24 (Revised estimate)	577	264	1,431	2,272
2024-25 (Estimate)	598	301	1,765	2,664

^[Note 1] The actual additional expenditure for 2019-20 is for the payment of 1 additional month of CSSA standard rates or the allowances in the year, a one-off grant of \$2,500 to each needy students receiving CSSA, and 1 additional month of CSSA standard rates or allowance announced by the Financial Secretary in August 2019.

The actual additional expenditure for 2020-21 is for the payment of 1 additional month of CSSA standard rates or the allowances in the year.

The actual additional expenditures for 2021-22 and 2022-23, the revised estimated additional expenditure for 2023-24, and the estimated additional expenditure for 2024-25 are for the payment of an additional half-month of CSSA standard rates or the allowances in the year.

^[Note 2] Including the Guangdong (GD) Scheme and the Fujian (FJ) Scheme. OALA under the GD Scheme and the FJ Scheme was effective form 1 January 2020.

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

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(W)078

(Question Serial No. 2750)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Charmaine LEE)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the Integrated Employment Assistance Programme for Self-reliance (IEAPS), please inform this Committee of the following:

1. for each of the past 5 financial years, the number of participants, the number of participants who have successfully secured employment or have successfully returned to mainstream schooling, and the amount of expenditure involved; and
2. for each of the past 5 financial years, the number of approved CSSA applications involving persons with less than 7 years' residence in Hong Kong, the specific number of CSSA recipients among this group, the amount of CSSA payment involved, and the number of these CSSA recipients who have participated in the employment support measures under CSSA.

Asked by: Hon HONG Wen, Wendy (LegCo internal reference no.: 37)

Reply:

1. In January 2013, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) launched IEAPS, under which non-governmental organisations (NGOs) are commissioned to provide services to able-bodied CSSA recipients to encourage and assist them in increasing their employability and securing paid employment. In April 2020, SWD enhanced the services to improve the effectiveness of NGOs in providing the relevant services.

A total headcount of 15 292 persons received employment support services from April to the end of December 2023. Among them, 1 478 and 103 headcount of persons secured employment or returned to mainstream schooling respectively for at least 1 month, and 351 and 37 headcount of persons left the CSSA net owing to securing employment or returning to mainstream schooling respectively. SWD does not have a breakdown of the number of headcount of persons who received employment support services by year prior to April 2023.

The expenditure incurred by SWD on commissioning NGOs to provide IEAPS and employment support services from 2019-20 to 2023-24 is tabulated below:

Year	Expenditure (\$ million)
2019-20 (Actual)	137
2020-21 (Actual)	152
2021-22 (Actual)	153
2022-23 (Actual)	157
2023-24 (Revised Estimate)	160

2. Following the judgment of the Court of Final Appeal handed down on a judicial review case regarding the residence requirement before application of the CSSA Scheme, SWD has restored the “one-year residence requirement” since 17 December 2013, which was previously in effect before 1 January 2004. Those who had already been granted CSSA at that time were not affected. As was the case in the past, persons aged below 18 continue to be exempted from the residence requirement before application of the CSSA Scheme.

From 2019-20 to 2023-24, the number of approved CSSA applications involving persons aged 18 or above who had resided in Hong Kong for less than 7 years is as follows:

Year	Number of approved CSSA applications
2019-20	1 171
2020-21	1 654
2021-22	895
2022-23	829
2023-24 (as at 31 December 2023)	516

SWD does not have the information on the number of CSSA recipients aged 18 or above who had resided in Hong Kong for less than 7 years.

From 2019-20 to 2023-24, the CSSA expenditure on CSSA recipients who had resided in Hong Kong for less than 7 years is roughly estimated as follows^[Note]:

Year	CSSA Expenditure (\$ million)
2019-20	881
2020-21	904
2021-22	858
2022-23	800
2023-24 (as at 31 December 2023)	514

^[Note] As CSSA is payable on a household basis, the rough estimation of CSSA expenditure on recipients who had resided in Hong Kong for less than 7 years is calculated based on the percentage of the amount of recognised needs of these recipients in approved CSSA applications out of the total amount of recognised needs of recipients in all CSSA cases, the percentage of these recipients out of the total number of CSSA recipients in their respective case categories, as well as the overall CSSA expenditure.

SWD does not have information on the number of recipients in approved CSSA applications, breakdown by year, who had resided in Hong Kong for less than 7 years and received employment support services.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(W)079

(Question Serial No. 3079)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Charmaine LEE)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

To prevent social security assistance from being misused, please inform this Committee of the following regarding the assessment of applicants for Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA):

1. What was the number of CSSA fraud and abuse cases (including suspected cases reported, established fraud cases and prosecuted cases) for each of the past 5 years?
2. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) has appointed agents to help elderly persons who cannot return to Hong Kong to complete the application procedures for retirement in the Mainland due to health reasons. How many suspected fraud cases were discovered and established during the annual case review process conducted by the agents for each of the past 5 years?

Asked by: Hon HONG Wen, Wendy (LegCo internal reference no.: 38)

Reply:

1. The number of fraud cases relating to CSSA 2019-20 to 2023-24 is tabulated below. With respect to suspected fraud cases substantiated upon investigation, SWD will recover overpayment from the relevant applicants/recipients. SWD will issue written warnings to those concerned or refer serious suspected fraud cases to the Police for investigation. Persons convicted of fraud by the court may be imprisoned, bound over, sentenced to community service order or fined.

	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24 (as at end- December 2023)
Number of suspected cases reported by members of the public	1 239	1 685	1 143	1 968	1 877
Number of established fraud cases upon SWD's in-depth investigation	329	370	323	367	419
Number of prosecuted cases	55	45	24	21	15

2. In 2019-20 and 2020-21, SWD appointed the International Social Service Hong Kong Branch as the implementation agent for the Portable Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (PCSSA) Scheme, the Guangdong (GD) Scheme and the Fujian (FJ) Scheme. Starting from 2021-22, SWD has appointed the New Home Association and the International Social Service Hong Kong Branch as the implementation agents for the above schemes in GD and FJ provinces respectively. Apart from helping elderly persons who cannot return to Hong Kong due to health reasons to complete the application procedures of the GD Scheme and the FJ Scheme, the agents have to conduct annual case reviews by means of home visits and postal reviews for all cases under the PCSSA Scheme, the GD Scheme and the FJ Scheme to ascertain recipients' continued eligibility for the allowance. The agents also have to provide enquiry services to recipients, handle their reports of changes in personal circumstances, identify suitable appointees for recipients in need and recommending them to SWD, assist SWD in recovering overpayments from recipients and investigating suspected fraud cases, etc. In the past 5 years, the agents have not discovered any suspected or established fraud cases.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(W)080

(Question Serial No. 2110)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): ()
Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Charmaine LEE)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

It is stated in Paragraph 197 of the Budget Speech that the number of community care service vouchers (CCSVs) will increase to 11 000 in 2024-25, involving an annual expenditure of about \$900 million. In this connection, would the Government please inform this Committee of:

- 1) the number of recognised service providers (RSPs) (with a breakdown by operator), numbers of day care and home care service places, number of CCSV applicants, number of current CCSV users, cumulative number of CCSV recipients and the amount of subsidy in different phases of the CCSV Scheme for the Elderly (CCSV Scheme);
- 2) the cumulative number of elderly persons withdrawn from the CCSV Scheme and their reasons for withdrawal;
- 3) the manpower and actual expenditure involved in the implementation of different phases of the CCSV Scheme; and
- 4) the estimated manpower and expenditure for 2024-25.

Asked by: Hon KAN Wai-mun, Carmen (LegCo internal reference no.: 31)

Reply:

The Government launched the first, second and third phases of the Pilot Scheme on CCSV in September 2013, October 2016 and October 2020, respectively, and made it permanent in September 2023.

- 1) & 2) The information on various phases of the CCSV Scheme is set out at Annexes 1 and 2.
- 3) & 4) The staffing establishment and salary expenditure of the Community Care Service Voucher Office (CCSVO) from 2020-21 to 2024-25 are set out at Annex 3.

Table 1: Service statistics on the CCSV Scheme

	No. of RSPs	No. of service places		No. of applicants	Cumulative no. of persons issued with CCSVs	No. of CCSV users	CCSV subsidy ^{Note 2} (\$ million)
		Day care service	Home care service				
First phase of the Pilot Scheme	62	998	N.A.	2 968	2 968	1 053	175.8
Second phase of the Pilot Scheme	179	3 250	7 123	12 217	12 154 ^{Note 3}	4 379	695.6
Third phase of the Pilot Scheme	264	4 206	13 589	19 923	19 820 ^{Note 4}	7 557	1,000.2 (Revised estimate)
Upon converting into a permanent measure ^{Note 1} (as at end-December 2023)	258	4 102	13 885	13 703	13 529 ^{Note 5}	8 395	307.4 (Revised estimate)

N.A. - Not applicable.

^{Note 1} The Government has made the CCSV permanent since September 2023.

^{Note 2} The CCSV Scheme was implemented with funding support from the Lotteries Fund before being made permanent in September 2023.

^{Note 3} Including 1 054 CCSV holders migrated from the first phase to second phase.

^{Note 4} Including 6 159 CCSV holders migrated from the second phase to third phase.

^{Note 5} Including 11 228 CCSV holders migrated from the third phase of the Pilot Scheme on CCSV to the permanent CCSV Scheme.

Table 2: Number of RSPs under the CCSV Scheme (as at end-December 2023)

	Organisations	No. of RSPs
1.	Baptist Oi Kwan Social Service	5
2.	Caritas - Hong Kong	2
3.	Chi Lin Nunnery	1
4.	Christian Family Service Centre	4
5.	Evangelical Lutheran Church Social Service - Hong Kong	4
6.	Haven of Hope Christian Service	5
7.	Hong Kong Employment Development Service Limited	2
8.	Hong Kong Family Welfare Society	3
9.	Hong Kong Lutheran Social Service, Lutheran Church - Hong Kong Synod Limited	4
10.	Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui Welfare Council Limited	4
11.	The Hong Kong Society for the Aged	8
12.	Hong Kong Young Women's Christian Association	4
13.	PA Company Limited	1
14.	Methodist Centre	7
15.	Methodist Epworth Village Community Centre, Social Welfare	1
16.	The Neighbourhood Advice-Action Council	2
17.	Po Leung Kuk	21
18.	Pok Oi Hospital	3
19.	Sik Sik Yuen	3
20.	St. James' Settlement	3
21.	The Hong Kong Chinese Women's Club	1
22.	The Hong Kong Society for Rehabilitation	1
23.	The Lok Sin Tong Benevolent Society, Kowloon	1
24.	The Salvation Army	2
25.	The Tsung Tsin Mission of Hong Kong Social Service	1
26.	Tung Wah Group of Hospitals	6
27.	Yan Chai Hospital Social Services Department	8
28.	Yan Oi Tong Limited	4
29.	Yang Memorial Methodist Social Service	5
30.	Aberdeen Kai-fong Welfare Association Social Service Centre	1
31.	Chinese YMCA of Hong Kong	2
32.	Heung Hoi Ching Kok Lin Association	1
33.	Hong Kong Alzheimer's Disease Association	4
34.	Pentecostal Church of Hong Kong	1
35.	Wai Ying Investment Limited	4
36.	Wise Creation Holding Limited	1
37.	Woopie Social Enterprises Limited	13
38.	Sai Kung District Community Centre	1
39.	South Kwai Chung Social Service	1
40.	Alice Ho Miu Ling Nethersole Social Service Limited	1
41.	E.T. Investment Limited	4

	Organisations	No. of RSPs
42.	Trustful Medical and Domestic Services Co. Limited	2
43.	Charmind Limited	1
44.	Care U Professional Nursing Service Limited	1
45.	Wah Fung Nursing Centre Limited	1
46.	Association for Engineering and Medical Volunteer Services	1
47.	The Women's Welfare Club (Eastern District) Hong Kong	1
48.	Christian & Missionary Alliance Church Union Hong Kong Limited	2
49.	N.T. Women & Juveniles Welfare Association Ltd	1
50.	Senior Citizen Home Safety Association	1
51.	Hong Kong Baptist Mr. & Mrs. Au Shue Hung Rehabilitation & Healthcare Home Ltd	1
52.	Evercare Health Limited	1
53.	Kato (Hong Kong) Holdings Limited	5
54.	Spark Medical Limited	1
55.	Spark Plus Company Limited	1
56.	Sincerity Rehabilitation Service Group Limited	2
57.	Eden Elder Care Specialists Limited	1
58.	Active Global Specialised Caregivers (Hong Kong) Pte Ltd	1
59.	Hope Worldwide	1
60.	Cedar Seeds Foundation Limited	1
61.	Walking Easy	1
62.	I Passion Limited	3
63.	On Fuk Nursing Home Limited	2
64.	Bamboos Professional Nursing Services Limited	1
65.	Lucky Stable Limited	1
66.	Oi Kwan Care for the Aged Home Limited	2
67.	Mie King Home for Aged Limited	1
68.	Senior Care Limited	1
69.	Senior Care Nursing Home Limited	1
70.	Health & Young (Hong Kong) Limited	2
71.	Health & Young Limited	2
72.	Devco Technology Limited	1
73.	Chak Oi Company Limited	1
74.	Jackson Elderly Care Limited	1
75.	Senior Care Elderly Limited	1
76.	Fook Yen Home for the Aged Limited	1
77.	Tin Tin Home for the Aged Limited	1
78.	Mercy Medirehab Professional Group Limited	1
79.	Delightful RCHE Limited	1
80.	Grateful Life Experience Centre	1
81.	V-Professional Nursing Centre	1
82.	Doctor Now Limited	1
83.	Mastery Speech and Swallowing Clinic Limited	1

	Organisations	No. of RSPs
84.	Professional Physiotherapy and Chinese Medicine Centre Limited	1
85.	Hong Kong Outreach Therapy and Nursing Services Limited	1
86.	Step Forward Para-Medical Services	1
87.	OK Care Limited	1
88.	New Town Medical Care Limited	1
89.	St. Paul's Hospital	1
90.	Sparkle Healthcare Company Limited	1
91.	Empower Health & Rehabilitation Centre Limited	1
92.	Home of the Elderly Consultancy Limited	1
93.	LHK Social Service Limited	1
94.	Siu Yat Nursing Care Limited	2
95.	CHG Health Service Limited	1
96.	Chi Wah Elderly Home Limited	1
97.	Shun Yan Elderly Centre Limited	1
98.	Rehabvibe Medical Service Company Limited	1
99.	Caregivers Alliance (Home) Limited	1
100.	Going Home Nursing Care Limited	1
101.	Prestige Union Care Limited	1
102.	Agatha Corporation Limited	1
103.	Shining Social Services Limited	4
104.	On Golden Pond Limited	1
105.	Tsz Hong Professional Service Limited	1
106.	Hong Kong Healthcare Market Research and Consulting Limited	1
107.	Renascence Medical Limited	1
108.	Hong Kong Old Age Nursing Association Limited	1
109.	Quality HealthCare Nursing Agency Limited	1
110.	From Heart Escort Co., Limited	1
111.	Hygiene First Company Limited	1
112.	Ka Mei Elderly Care Centre Limited	1
113.	Treasure Tree Health & Nursing Limited	1
114.	Tri Tech Corporation Ltd.	1
115.	Hong Kong Women Development Association Limited	1
116.	Hong Kong Dandelion Association Limited	1
117.	Silvermorph Charity Limited	1
118.	Florence Nightingale Home Health & Nursing Ltd	1
119.	Hong Chi Culture & Media Limited	1
120.	Psybridge Medical Services Limited	1
121.	Supreme Care Limited	1
122.	Renhe Professional Nursing Services Limited	1
123.	Kerry Fung & Associates Limited	1
124.	International Church of the Foursquare Gospel Hong Kong District Limited	1
125.	GC System	1
126.	Home & Hope Services Limited	1

	Organisations	No. of RSPs
127.	Healthy Link Corporation Limited	1
128.	Ho Hok Fong Co. Limited	1
129.	Kin Pak Nursing Home Limited	1
130.	Nu Pro (Asia) Limited	1
131.	HelloToby Technology (HK) Limited	1
132.	New Page Speech Therapy & Rehab Consultancy Ltd	1
	Total	258

Number of elderly persons who left the CCSV Scheme and their reasons for leaving

	No. of persons			
	First phase	Second phase	Third phase	Upon converting into a permanent measure (as at end-December 2023)
Will be/have been allocated with/receiving subsidised community care services or subsidised/private residential care services	845	2 739	4 347	661
Deceased	298	1 808	3 412	470
Being taken care of by family members or domestic helpers, etc.	264	680	698	12
Others (e.g. hospitalisation, out of town, etc.)	106	473	135	5
No suitable RSPs/service packages	401	295	-	-
Total	1 914	5 995	8 592	1 148

Staffing establishment and salary expenditure of CCSVO from 2020-21 to 2024-25

Year	No. of posts in the Social Welfare Officer Grade and the Clerical Grade	Salary expenditure^{Note} (\$ million)
2020-21	22	12.88
2021-22	22	12.88
2022-23	22	13.88
2023-24 (Revised estimate)	26	15.48
2024-25 (Estimate)	26	17.38

^{Note} The figures are based on the notional annual mid-point salary value of the posts involved.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(W)081

(Question Serial No. 2111)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Charmaine LEE)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Paragraph 197 of the Budget Speech mentions that the number of residential care service vouchers (RCSVs) will increase to 5 000 in the second quarter of this year, involving an annual expenditure of about \$1,440 million. In this connection, would the Government please inform this Committee of:

- 1) the respective numbers of RCSV applicants and recipients, as well as the number of elderly persons not issued with RCSVs and the reasons for that, in the past 3 years (i.e. 2021-22 and 2023-24);
- 2) the cumulative number of elderly persons who left the RCSV Scheme and their reasons for leaving;
- 3) the manpower and actual expenditure involved in the implementation of the RCSV Scheme in the past 3 years (i.e. 2021-22 and 2023-24); and
- 4) the estimated staffing establishment for 2024-25.

Asked by: Hon KAN Wai-mun, Carmen (LegCo internal reference no.: 32)

Reply:

- 1) The numbers of persons who have applied for, been issued, or not been issued with RCSVs in each of the past 3 years, along with the reasons for application rejections, are set out at Annex 1.
- 2) As at the end of December 2023, a cumulative total of 2 823 elderly persons left the RCSV Scheme. Their reasons for leaving are set out at Annex 2.
- 3) & 4) The subsidy amounts for RCSV from 2021-22 to 2023-24 are set out below:

Year	Subsidy amount (\$ million)
2021-22 (Actual expenditure)	483.6
2022-23 (Actual expenditure)	465.2
2023-24 (Revised estimate)	744.4

In the past 3 years (2021-22 to 2023-24), staff from a total of 33 posts within the Social Welfare Department (SWD), including those from the Social Work, Social Security, Clerical and general supporting grades, were involved in the implementation of the RCSV Scheme. SWD has not separately calculated the payroll costs for staff implementing the RCSV Scheme as they also handle other duties.

SWD will expand the coverage of RCSVs from care-and-attention places to nursing home places, starting in the second quarter of 2024. An extra 1 000 RCSVs will also be provided, bringing the total to 5 000. In 2024-25, SWD's manpower for implementing the RCSV Scheme will remain unchanged.

Table 1: Number of persons who have applied for, been issued, or not been issued with RCSVs

Year	No. of RCSV applicants	No. of RCSV recipients	No. of persons not issued with RCSV
2021-22	1 450	719	641
2022-23	2 296	1 309	981
2023-24 (as at end-December 2023)	2 495	1 435	952

Table 2: Reasons for RCSV applicants not being issued with RCSVs

Reason for not being issued with RCSVs	No. of persons		
	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24 (as at end-December 2023)
Deceased	108	147	89
Withdrawn application	508	790	822
Ineligible	25	44	41
Total	641	981	952

**Cumulative number of elderly persons having left the RCSV Scheme
by reason for leaving (as at end-December 2023)**

Reason for leaving the RCSV scheme	No. of persons
Deceased	2 031
Having no immediate need for residential care services (e.g. being taken care of by family members or domestic helpers)	375
The preferred RSP was full/no suitable RSPs	171
Chose to wait for subsidised residential care places	120
Refused to accept the co-payment arrangement	56
Others (e.g. long-term hospitalisation and out of town, etc.)	70
Total	2 823

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(W)082

(Question Serial No. 2112)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): ()
Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Charmaine LEE)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

According to Paragraph 200 of the Budget Speech, the Government will set up 10 more aided standalone child care centres (CCCs) in phases starting this year. The target is to provide nearly 900 additional places for day child care services within 3 years. The Government will also extend the After School Care Programme for Pre-primary Children (ASCP(PC)) in phases to cover all districts in Hong Kong starting this year. The number of service places will increase to nearly 1 200 within 3 years. In this connection, please inform this Committee of the following:

- 1) the number of places, service fee and average utilisation rate of each type of day child care services in the past 3 years (2021-22 to 2023-24), broken down by District Council (DC) district;
- 2) the geographical distribution and additional places to be provided in respect of the 10 aided standalone CCCs to be set up by phases starting this year;
- 3) the number of places, service fee and average utilisation rate of ASCP(PC) in the past 3 years (i.e. 2021-22 to 2023-24), broken down by DC district; and
- 4) details on the phased extension of ASCP(PC), as well as the geographical distribution of the proposed additional places.

Asked by: Hon KAN Wai-mun, Carmen (LegCo internal reference no.: 33)

Reply:

- 1) The number of places and average utilisation rate of aided standalone CCCs and aided CCCs attached to kindergartens (KGs) in the past 3 financial years, broken down by DC district, are set out at Annex 1.

The monthly fees charged by aided standalone CCCs for children aged below 2 and the fees charged by aided CCCs (including aided standalone CCCs and aided CCCs attached to KGs) for children aged 2 to below 3 are tabulated as follows:

Table 1: Monthly fees charged by aided standalone CCCs for children aged below 2

Year	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
Highest monthly fee (\$)	6,700	6,710	6,720
Lowest monthly fee (\$)	4,385	4,385	4,385

Table 2: Monthly fees charged by aided CCCs for children aged 2 to below 3

Year	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
Highest monthly fee (\$)	6,509	6,521	6,802
Lowest monthly fee (\$)	540	1,831	1,831

- 2) The Social Welfare Department (SWD) will set up 10 more aided standalone CCCs in phases in districts including North, Sham Shui Po, Kwun Tong, Kwai Tsing and Kowloon City, etc., within 3 years starting from 2024, providing about 900 places in total.
- 3) The service fee, number of places and average utilisation rate of ASCP(PC) in the past 3 financial years, broken down by district, are set out at Annex 2.
- 4) By the end of 2023-24, there are 16 centres of ASCP(PC) in 8 districts including Central & Western, Southern, Kwun Tong, Wong Tai Sin, Sham Shui Po, Kwai Tsing, Yuen Long and North districts, providing a total of 672 service places. SWD will extend ASCP(PC) to cover the remaining 10 districts (namely Eastern, Wan Chai, Islands, Kowloon City, Yau Tsim Mong, Sai Kung, Sha Tin, Tai Po, Tsuen Wan and Tuen Mun districts) in phases within a period of 3 years starting from 2024. The number of centres participating in ASCP(PC) will increase from 16 to 28, while the number of places will increase from 672 to 1 176. SWD will invite non-governmental organisations to submit proposals, and plans to launch the first phase of service extension in the first quarter of 2025.

Table 1: Numbers of places and average utilisation rate of aided standalone CCCs and aided CCCs attached to KGs (2021-22)

District	Aided standalone CCCs		Aided CCCs attached to KGs ^[Note]	
	Number of places	Average utilisation rate (%)	Number of places	Average utilisation rate (%)
Central & Western	48	100	566	24
Southern	-	N.A.	324	55
Islands	-	N.A.	297	24
Eastern	64	100	413	50
Wan Chai	48	100	221	59
Kwun Tong	-	N.A.	566	70
Wong Tai Sin	-	N.A.	409	76
Sai Kung	-	N.A.	821	34
Kowloon City	67	100	495	45
Yau Tsim Mong	99	100	341	60
Sham Shui Po	62	100	384	60
Sha Tin	177	91	540	71
Tai Po	-	N.A.	341	42
North	51	100	416	47
Yuen Long	64	100	424	84
Tsuen Wan	76	99	281	70
Kwai Tsing	32	100	510	63
Tuen Mun	64	100	524	62
Total	852	98	7 873	54

N.A. - Not applicable

[Note] Figures provided by the Education Bureau (EDB) as at September 2021.

Table 2: Number of places and average utilisation rate of aided standalone CCCs and aided CCCs attached to KGs (2022-23)

District	Aided standalone CCCs		Aided CCCs attached to KGs [Note 1]	
	Number of places	Average utilisation rate (%)	Number of places	Average utilisation rate (%)
Central & Western	48	100	499	23
Southern	-	N.A.	287	57
Islands	-	N.A.	367	20
Eastern	64	100	375	53
Wan Chai	48	100	246	50
Kwun Tong	-	N.A.	611	69
Wong Tai Sin	-	N.A.	400	80
Sai Kung	-	N.A.	965	31
Kowloon City	67	100	547	41
Yau Tsim Mong	99	100	365	55
Sham Shui Po	62	100	463	51
Sha Tin	177	98	589	71
Tai Po	92	20 [Note 2]	424	41
North	51	100	379	49
Yuen Long	152	91 [Note 3]	385	83
Tsuen Wan	76	98	273	66
Kwai Tsing	32	100	488	66
Tuen Mun	64	100	490	60
Total	1 032	97	8 153	52

N.A. - Not applicable

[Note 1] Figures provided by EDB as at September 2022.

[Note 2] The first additional aided standalone CCC in the district commenced operation in January 2023.

[Note 3] The second additional aided standalone CCC in the district commenced operation in March 2023.

Table 3: Number of places and average utilisation rate of aided standalone CCCs and aided CCCs attached to KGs (April to December 2023)

District	Aided standalone CCCs		Aided CCCs attached to KGs ^[Note]	
	Number of places	Average utilisation rate (%)	Number of places	Average utilisation rate (%)
Central & Western	48	100	474	27
Southern	-	N.A.	274	50
Islands	-	N.A.	349	22
Eastern	64	100	358	59
Wan Chai	48	100	235	42
Kwun Tong	-	N.A.	579	69
Wong Tai Sin	-	N.A.	381	88
Sai Kung	-	N.A.	919	31
Kowloon City	67	100	520	43
Yau Tsim Mong	99	100	347	57
Sham Shui Po	62	100	441	52
Sha Tin	177	99	560	74
Tai Po	92	83	403	47
North	51	100	360	54
Yuen Long	152	76	393	93
Tsuen Wan	76	100	261	72
Kwai Tsing	32	100	464	70
Tuen Mun	64	96	466	73
Total	1 032	95	7 784	56

N.A. - Not applicable

^[Note] Figures provided by EDB as at September 2023.

**Service fee, number of places and average utilisation rate of
ASCP(PC) by district**

District	2021-22		2022-23		2023-24 (as at December 2023)	
	Service fee: \$250 to \$500 (per 2 weeks) \$30 to \$60 (per session)					
	Number of places <small>Note 1</small>	Average utilisation rate (%)	Number of places <small>Note 2</small>	Average utilisation rate (%)	Number of places <small>Note 3</small>	Average utilisation rate (%)
Central & Western	-	N.A.	-	N.A.	42	9
Southern	-	N.A.	42	23	42	37
Islands	-	N.A.	-	N.A.	-	N.A.
Eastern	-	N.A.	-	N.A.	-	N.A.
Wan Chai	-	N.A.	-	N.A.	-	N.A.
Kwun Tong	84	35	126	43	126	54
Wong Tai Sin	42	0	42	69	42	85
Sai Kung	-	N.A.	-	N.A.	-	N.A.
Kowloon City	-	N.A.	-	N.A.	-	N.A.
Yau Tsim Mong	-	N.A.	-	N.A.	-	N.A.
Sham Shui Po	126	46	126	71	126	74
Sha Tin	-	N.A.	-	N.A.	-	N.A.
Tai Po	42	39	42	41	42	47
North	42	1	42	28	42	71
Yuen Long	42	0	42	42	126	48
Tsuen Wan	-	N.A.	-	N.A.	-	N.A.
Kwai Tsing	42	20	84	58	126	56
Tuen Mun	-	N.A.	-	N.A.	-	N.A.
Total	420	32	546	53	714	57

N.A. - Not applicable

Note 1 10 centres in Kwun Tong, Sham Shui Po, Tai Po, Kwai Tsing, Wong Tai Sin, North and Yuen Long districts commenced service in August 2021 and February 2022.

Note 2 3 centres in Southern, Kwun Tong and Kwai Tsing districts commenced service in February 2023.

Note 3 4 centres in Central & Western, Yuen Long and Kwai Tsing districts commenced service in August 2023. As at December 2023, 17 centres provided a total of 714 places (42 places per centre), of which 2 centres will cease service after March 2024. In addition, 1 Mutual Help Child Care Centre completed re-engineering to commence service in the first quarter of 2024. Therefore, there will be a net increase of 3 centres of ASCP(PC) from 13 to 16 by the end of 2023-24 compared to 2022-23, while the number of places will increase from 546 to 672.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(W)083

(Question Serial No. 2610)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): ()
Programme: Not Specified
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Charmaine LEE)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

In 2022-23, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) recorded an actual expenditure of approximately \$101.4 billion. In 2023-24, the actual expenditure was about \$108.6 billion, and it is estimated to reach approximately \$120.1 billion in 2024-25. In this regard, please provide the following information:

- (1) Please provide a list of the top 20 non-governmental organisations (NGOs) receiving the highest amount of subventions. For each NGO, please state the amount of subventions received in 2023-24 and the estimated amount for 2024-25.
- (2) Please provide the operational expenses of each of these NGOs, as well as the number of citizens served by the activities they organise.
- (3) What supervisory mechanisms does the Government have in place for these NGOs? If such mechanisms exist, please provide the relevant details. For example, what kind of information is communicated to them, and how frequently are meetings held between government departments and NGO leadership?

Asked by: Hon KONG Yuk-foon, Doreen (LegCo internal reference no.: 28)

Reply:

- (1) The list of the top 20 NGOs receiving the highest amount of subventions in 2023-24, along with the amount of subventions they will receive in 2024-25, is set out at Annex.
- (2) SWD allocates, on an NGO basis, Lump Sum Grant (LSG) subventions annually, covering staff salaries, provision for provident fund (PF) and other charges, after deducting the recognised fee income (e.g., annual membership fees of service users). Subject to their compliance with the requirements of the Funding and Service Agreements (FSAs) and the relevant statutory requirements (if applicable), NGOs may flexibly deploy resources to achieve the service output and outcomes required. SWD does not require NGOs to report the number of participants in activities organised under the subvented services.
- (3) SWD issues the Social Welfare Services Lump Sum Grant Subvention Manual (the Manual) to NGOs receiving subventions under the LSG Subvention System. The Manual sets out the principles, procedures, standards and requirements for operating

subvented welfare services, and provides administrative guidelines on management and internal control, with a view to ensuring proper use of public funds, and enhancing accountability, efficiency and cost-effectiveness. SWD will issue practice notes or hold meetings with the governing board and management of NGOs from time to time, reminding them to put in place an effective internal monitoring mechanism to properly monitor and manage their daily operations. This is to ensure compliance with the requirements of FSAs and make them accountable to the community for the use of public funds. SWD reviews the operation of various services and monitor the performance of service units in accordance with the existing mechanisms. It also conducts scheduled or surprise visits by random selection to assess the NGOs' compliance with the terms and requirements of FSAs.

**Top 20 NGOs receiving the highest amount of subventions in 2023-24
and the amount of subventions in 2024-25**

S/N	Name of NGO	2023-24 Subventions Note (Revised estimate) (\$ million)	2024-25 Subventions Note (Provisional) (\$ million)
1.	Tung Wah Group of Hospitals	2,083.0	2,051.4
2.	Caritas - Hong Kong	1,553.3	1,535.5
3.	Po Leung Kuk	1,407.4	1,375.8
4.	Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui Welfare Council Limited	1,262.3	1,202.5
5.	SAHK	786.0	750.2
6.	Salvation Army (The)	715.0	703.8
7.	Neighbourhood Advice-Action Council (The)	692.9	681.8
8.	Christian Family Service Centre	663.9	663.9
9.	Hong Kong Christian Service	648.5	620.6
10.	Hong Kong Family Welfare Society	611.4	601.5
11.	Yan Chai Hospital	602.8	593.3
12.	Heep Hong Society	586.4	575.7
13.	Hong Chi Association	576.4	583.0
14.	St. James' Settlement	530.4	504.5
15.	Hong Kong Lutheran Social Service, the Lutheran Church - Hong Kong Synod Limited	505.8	499.8
16.	Yang Memorial Methodist Social Service	483.8	461.8
17.	Boys' and Girls' Clubs Association of Hong Kong (The)	481.9	459.4
18.	Hong Kong Society for the Aged (The)	474.9	476.1
19.	Fu Hong Society	469.8	468.6
20.	Evangelical Lutheran Church Social Service - Hong Kong	446.1	424.8

Note Including LSG subventions (including subventions on PF) and other subventions (such as Rent and Rates, Central Items, etc.). The subventions for 2024-25 is provisional. Certain subvented items (such as the food cost for the Short-term Food Assistance Service and the operating expenditure, fee waivers/reductions and incentive payments for the Neighborhood Support Child Care Project) are not included as their subventions are adjusted quarterly/half-yearly based on service usage.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(W)084

(Question Serial No. 2611)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): ()
Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Charmaine LEE)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Since early this year, the Legislative Council has been discussing the legislation of dying in place and amendments to the related subsidiary legislation. The aim is to allow residents of residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs) to pass away in a familiar environment. To this end, RCHEs will need corresponding support and resources, including end-of-life (EOL) care training, establishment of hospice rooms and provision of appropriate care. Arrangements should also be made for a RCHE resident to be attended to by a registered medical practitioner within 14 days prior to his/her passing, and for a registered medical practitioner to conduct a final diagnosis at the RCHE after the resident's passing to confirm a natural cause of death.

Since 2015, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) has been providing additional subsidy to new contract RCHEs to support the provision of EOL care services to residents. In this connection, would the Government please inform this Committee of the following:

1. the number of RCHEs receiving the subsidy as at 2023-24;
2. the amount of subsidy for each RCHE per year;
3. whether there are any specific guidelines or requirements on how RCHEs should use the additional subsidy;
4. whether RCHEs are required to submit reports or information to demonstrate how the subsidy has been used;
5. whether SWD will consider expanding the scope of subsidy to cover RCHEs that are not new contract RCHEs, in order to support dying in place in all RCHEs; and
6. whether SWD will, at the same time, conduct a review to assess if the amount of subsidy is sufficient to support RCHEs in providing EOL care?

Asked by: Hon KONG Yuk-foon, Doreen (LegCo internal reference no.: 29)

Reply:

1. In 2023-24 (as at the end of December 2023), a total of 49 contract RCHEs have been subsidised to provide EOL care services.

2. In the revised estimates for 2023-24, the average monthly cost for each subsidised residential care place in contract RCHEs, including the cost of providing EOL care services, is \$23,564.
3. SWD provides contract RCHEs with resources to hire additional medical staff and related personnel to provide EOL care services. As stipulated in the service contract, contract RCHEs are required to provide professional and systematic EOL care services to residents suffering from terminal illnesses or in hospice care, including having in place a protocol for implementing EOL care services; establishing a multi-disciplinary team to assess and screen suitable cases for services (including medical and nursing care, psychological support, and bereavement counselling services); providing relevant information (such as social and family support, spiritual care and preparation for life's end, etc.) to residents and their carers/family members; taking care of and alleviating the pain and discomfort of residents; and setting up a room specifically for the use of residents and their family members, etc.
4. In addition to providing EOL care services in accordance with the provisions and requirements stipulated in the service contract, operators of contract RCHEs are also required to submit monthly statistics on the provision of EOL care services to SWD on a quarterly basis, and keep the records available for review and inspection by SWD from time to time. SWD evaluates the contract RCHEs' compliance with relevant contractual requirements through various means, including conducting regular on-site inspections, examining service records and policy documents, and conducting telephone or face-to-face interviews with management, staff and/or residents and their carers/family members.
5. & 6. The Government encourages RCHEs to implement EOL care services in different models, put in place a protocol, and provide relevant training/educational activities for residents, their carers/family members and staff on a regular basis. SWD will arrange relevant training for staff in the elderly service sector as needed, continue to monitor the care needs of elderly persons, service utilisation and the sector's progress in providing continuing care services, and, depending on the availability of financial resources, examine the way forward for expanding EOL care services in RCHEs.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(W)085

(Question Serial No. 2612)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

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

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Charmaine LEE)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

The Social Welfare Department (SWD) currently provides home respite services through home-based support services, including Integrated Home Care Services (Ordinary Cases) [IHCS(OC)], Integrated Home Care Services (Frail Cases) [IHCS(FC)], Enhanced Home and Community Care Services (EHCCS), Home Care Service for Persons with Severe Disabilities (HCS) and Integrated Support Service for Persons with Severe Physical Disabilities (ISS). Please provide the following information on the above services in table form for the past 3 years:

1. number of service units;
2. number of beneficiaries for each service;
3. number of persons currently waitlisted for each service;
4. average waiting time for each service;
5. average fee for each service;
6. total expenditure incurred by each service; and
7. average monthly cost per case for each service.

Asked by: Hon KONG Yuk-foon, Doreen (LegCo internal reference no.: 30)

Reply:

1. In the past 3 years, 24 non-governmental organisations (NGOs) were subvented by SWD to operate 61 IHCS Teams, which provided both IHCS(OC) and IHCS(FC). Besides, there were 14 NGOs operating 31 EHCCS Teams, and 6 NGOs operating 6 HCS Teams and 2 ISS Teams.
2. The number of service users of IHCS(FC), EHCCS and IHCS(OC), and the number of service users of HCS and ISS in the past 3 years are set out in Table 1 and Table 2 of Annex 1, respectively.

- 3 & 4. The average waiting time and the number of persons waitlisted for IHCS(FC) and EHCCS, and the number of persons waitlisted for IHCS(OC) in the past 3 years are set out in Annex 2. SWD does not have information on the waiting time for IHCS (OC). As service users of HCS and ISS do not have to waitlist for the services through the Central Referral System for Rehabilitation Services, SWD does not have information on the number of persons waitlisted/ the average waiting time for the 2 services. Applications made by service users with pressing needs will be processed with priority by service units.
5. The fees and charges for IHCS(FC), EHCCS and IHCS(OC), and the fees and charges for HCS and ISS in the past 3 years are set out in Table 1 and Table 2 of Annex 3, respectively.
- 6 & 7. The average monthly cost per case served and the total annual expenditure for IHCS and EHCCS in the past 3 years are set out in Table 1 and Table 2 of Annex 4, respectively. The total annual expenditure for HCS and ISS is set out in Table 3 of Annex 4. SWD does not have information on the average monthly cost per case for these 2 services.

**Table 1: Number of service users of IHCS(FC), EHCCS and IHCS(OC)
from 2021-22 to 2023-24**

Year	No. of service users ^{Note}		
	IHCS(FC)	EHCCS	IHCS(OC)
2021-22	5 524	12 203	23 045
2022-23	5 654	12 766	22 214
2023-24 (as at end-December 2023)	5 136	11 744	19 680

^{Note} The figure represents the number of persons served as at the end of March of the year concerned except for 2023-24.

**Table 2: Number of service users of HCS and ISS
from 2021-22 to 2023-24**

Year	No. of service users	
	HCS	ISS
2021-22	4 643	1 150
2022-23	4 769	1 189
2023-24 (as at end-December 2023)	4 549	1 172

Table 1: Average waiting time and number of persons waitlisted for IHCS(FC) and EHCCS

Year ^{Note 1}	Average waiting time (in months) (average of the past 3 months)	No. of waitlisted persons ^{Note 2}
2021-22	6	3 980
2022-23	6	4 341
2023-24 (as at end-December 2023)	7	5 839

Note 1 The figure represents the number of waitlisted persons as at the end of March of the year concerned except for 2023-24.

Note 2 Frail elderly persons having been assessed as suitable for community care services or residential care services under the Standardised Care Need Assessment Mechanism for Elderly Services can be waitlisted for IHCS(FC) and/or EHCCS. The number of waitlisted persons exclude elderly persons classified as inactive cases because of their participation in the Community Care Service Voucher (CCSV) Scheme for the Elderly.

Note 3 In addition, the number of CCSVs will be increased by 1 000 in 2024-25, bringing the total to 11 000, and will be further increased to 12 000 in 2025-26. This allows more eligible elderly persons to have the flexibility to choose recognised service providers and service packages based on their needs without having to wait.

Table 2: Number of persons waitlisted for IHCS(OC)

Year	No. of waitlisted persons ^{Note}
2021-22	4 621
2022-23	4 024
2023-24 (as at end-December 2023)	4 158

Note The figure represents the number of waitlisted persons as at the end of March of the year concerned except for 2023-24.

**Table 1: Service fees and charges for IHCS(FC), EHCCS and IHCS(OC)
(from 2021-22 to 2023-24)**

Service type	Service fees and charges (\$) (subject to income level)		
	Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) level or below	Between CSSA to 1.5 CSSA level	Above 1.5 CSSA level
Meal service	13	16	19
Laundry service	Light	0.7	
	Medium	0.9	
	Heavy	1.8	
Personal care, home respite service and escort service (per hour)	5.5	12	19

**Table 2: Service fees and charges for HCS and ISS
(from 2021-22 to 2023-24)**

Category of services under HCS and ISS	Service fees and charges
<i>Full service package</i> ^{Note 1}	\$1,002 (monthly ceiling)
<i>Individual service</i>	
Personal care service	\$33/hour
Escort service	\$33/hour
Home respite service	\$33/hour
Rehabilitation training	\$33/hour
Nursing care (provided by health worker)	\$33/session ^{Note 2}
Home visit by occupational therapist/physiotherapist/speech therapist	\$52/session ^{Note 2}
Home visit by nurse	\$43/session ^{Note 2}
<i>Other service</i>	
Transportation service	\$10/trip

^{Note 1} The full service package includes personal care service, escort service, home respite service, rehabilitation training, nursing care (provided by health workers), home visits by occupational therapists/physiotherapists/speech therapists and home visits by nurses.

^{Note 2} Each session lasts at least 45 minutes.

Table 1: Average monthly cost per case served and total annual expenditure for IHCS (from 2021-22 to 2023-24)

Year	Average monthly cost per case served (\$) ^{Note 1}	Total annual expenditure (\$ million)
2021-22 (Actual)	3,133	1,083.1
2022-23 (Actual) ^{Note 2}	2,931	1,101.1
2023-24 (Revised estimate) ^{Note 2}	3,319	1,417.8

Note 1 SWD does not keep separate records of the average monthly cost per case served and the total annual expenditure for IHCS(OC) and IHCS(FC).

Note 2 Starting from January 2023, the average monthly cost and total expenditure of IHCS include that for IHCS(FC), IHCS(OC) and Home Care and Support Services for Elderly Persons with Mild Impairment, which has been converted into a regular measure since January 2023. The abovementioned services are all rendered by IHCS Teams.

Table 2: Average monthly cost per case served and total annual expenditure for EHCCS (from 2021-22 to 2023-24)

Year	Average monthly cost per case served (\$)	Total annual expenditure (\$ million)
2021-22 (Actual)	9,398	1,051.3
2022-23 (Actual)	9,597	1,073.8
2023-24 (Revised estimate)	9,984	1,121.4

Table 3: Total annual expenditure for HCS and ISS (From 2021-22 to 2023-24)

Year	HCS	ISS
	Total annual expenditure (\$ million)	Total annual expenditure (\$ million)
2021-22 (Actual)	329.7	72.6
2022-23 (Actual)	336.5	74.4
2023-24 (Revised estimate)	351.6	77.3

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(W)086

(Question Serial No. 2613)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): ()
Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Charmaine LEE)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding community care services (CCS) for the elderly, please provide the following information for the past 5 years:

1. the number of service places, average waiting time and number of persons waitlisted for various types of CCS for the elderly (including residential and day respite services), with a breakdown by gender, age groups (60 to 65, 65 to 70, 70 to 75, 76 to 80, and 81 or above) and 18 District Council (DC) districts; and
2. the per capita cost, fees, and total amount of subsidy for various types of CCS for the elderly (including residential and day respite services).

Asked by: Hon KONG Yuk-foon, Doreen (LegCo internal reference no.: 31)

Reply:

1. The numbers of service places for Day Care Centres/Units for the Elderly (DEs/DCUs), Integrated Home Care Services (Frail Cases) [IHCS(FC)] and Enhanced Home and Community Care Services (EHCCS) from 2019-20 to 2023-24 by DC district are set out at Annexes 1 to 3.

Since December 2023, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) has required private residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs) under the Enhanced Bought Place Scheme (EBPS) to provide day respite services when there are vacant residential respite places. Subsidised DEs/DCUs will continue to provide day respite services for elderly persons. The number of designated day respite service places in DEs/DCUs, and the number of day respite service places in private RCHEs under EBPS with "Designated Places of Residential Respite Service for the Elderly" from 2019-20 to 2023-24 by district are set out at Annexes 4 to 5. SWD does not have information on the waiting time and the number of persons waitlisted for respite service by gender, age group and DC district.

The average waiting time and number of persons waitlisted for DEs/DCUs, IHCS(FC) and EHCCS in various districts from 2019-20 to 2023-24 are set out at Annexes 6 to 8. SWD does not have information on the waiting time and the number of persons waitlisted by gender and age group.

The number of places for designated residential respite service for the elderly from 2019-20 to 2023-24 by district is set out at Annex 9. SWD does not have information on the waiting time and the number of persons waitlisted by gender, age group and DC district.

- The average monthly cost per place and the total annual expenditure for DEs/DCUs from 2019-20 to 2023-24 are as follows:

Year	Average monthly cost per place (\$)	Total annual expenditure (\$ million)
2019-20 (Actual)	10,721	421.0
2020-21 (Actual)	12,260	454.5
2021-22 (Actual)	12,083	473.9
2022-23 (Actual)	12,346	505.2
2023-24 (Revised estimate)	12,829	545.5

The average monthly cost per case served and the total annual expenditure for IHCS from 2019-20 to 2023-24 are as follows:

Year	Average monthly cost per case served (\$) ^{Note 1}	Total annual expenditure (\$ million)
2019-20 (Actual)	2,453	740.6
2020-21 (Actual)	2,735	830.0
2021-22 (Actual)	3,133	1,083.1
2022-23 (Actual) ^{Note 2}	2,931	1,101.1
2023-24 (Revised estimate) ^{Note 2}	3,319	1,417.8

^{Note 1} SWD does not keep separate records of the average monthly cost per case served and the total annual expenditure for IHCS (Ordinary Cases) [IHCS(OC)] and IHCS(FC).

^{Note 2} Starting from January 2023, the average monthly cost and the total expenditure of IHCS include that for IHCS(FC), IHCS(OC) and Home Care and Support Services for Elderly Persons with Mild Impairment, which was converted into a regular measure in January 2023. The above services are all rendered by IHCS teams.

The average monthly cost per case served and the total annual expenditure for EHCCS from 2019-20 to 2023-24 are as follows:

Year	Average monthly cost per case served (\$)	Total annual expenditure (\$ million)
2019-20 (Actual)	6,646	638.1
2020-21 (Actual)	8,337	926.2
2021-22 (Actual)	9,398	1,051.3
2022-23 (Actual)	9,597	1,073.8
2023-24 (Revised estimate)	9,984	1,121.4

SWD does not have information on the per capita cost and the total amount of subsidies for designated day respite service provided by DEs/DCUs and designated residential respite service for the elderly.

The fees and charges for DEs/DCUs, day respite service provided by private RCHEs under EBPS with “Designated Places of Residential Respite Service for the Elderly”, IHCS(FC), EHCCS and designated residential respite places for the elderly from 2019-20 to 2023-24 are set out in Tables 1 to 3 of Annex 10.

Number of service places in DEs/DCUs

District	No. of service places				
	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24 (as at end- December 2023)
Central & Western	129	129	129	129	124
Eastern	256	256	258	258	258
Wan Chai	110	130	130	130	130
Southern	108	108	108	108	108
Islands	40	40	40	40	40
Kwun Tong	432	452	452	452	452
Wong Tai Sin	290	350	350	350	347
Sai Kung	205	225	225	225	225
Kowloon City	158	158	158	158	158
Sham Shui Po	280	280	280	284	324
Yau Tsim Mong	152	152	152	152	152
Sha Tin	318	318	378	408	408
Tai Po	64	64	124	124	124
North	44	44	88	148	188
Yuen Long	198	218	218	218	218
Tsuen Wan	154	174	183	183	183
Kwai Tsing	262	302	295	295	295
Tuen Mun	208	268	268	328	328
Total	3 408	3 668	3 836	3 990	4 062

Number of IHCS(FC) places

District	No. of service places		
	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22 to 2023-24 (as at end-December 2023)
Central & Western	40	70	110
Eastern	80	220	360
Wan Chai	30	65	95
Southern	80	130	190
Islands	20	45	45
Kwun Tong	150	355	575
Wong Tai Sin	100	260	420
Sai Kung	30	105	175
Kowloon City	30	90	155
Sham Shui Po	90	150	210
Yau Tsim Mong	40	80	110
Sha Tin	120	230	350
Tai Po	30	100	170
North	30	110	190
Yuen Long	90	135	175
Tsuen Wan	40	120	200
Kwai Tsing	90	240	385
Tuen Mun	30	115	205
Total	1 120	2 620	4 120

Number of EHCCS places

District	No. of service places				
	1 April to 30 September 2019		1 October 2019 to 31 August 2020		1 September 2020 to 31 December 2023
	By district team	By cluster team	By district team	By cluster team	By district team ^{Note}
Central & Western	171	347	209	501	242
Eastern	206		250		677
Wan Chai	154		185		226
Southern	158		200		200
Islands	89	-	105	-	105
Kwun Tong	421	497	535	675	1 210
Wong Tai Sin	406	769	505	952	1 173
Sai Kung	228		268		552
Kowloon City	290	535	323	682	554
Sham Shui Po	255		325		647
Yau Tsim Mong	188		210		339
Sha Tin	192	394	247	548	795
Tai Po	129		175		175
North	141		190		190
Yuen Long	178	766	225	1 005	326
Tsuen Wan	235		280		463
Kwai Tsing	336		450		970
Tuen Mun	160		200		401
Total	7 245		9 245		9 245

Note In the past, EHCCS was provided by cluster teams and district teams. To integrate resources and enhance the effectiveness of the service, all cluster teams of EHCCS have been reorganised into district teams since 1 September 2020 to serve the elderly by 18 districts.

Number of designated day respite service places in DEs/DCUs by district

District	No. of service places				
	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24 (as at end- December 2023)
Central & Western	13	13	13	13	11
Eastern	3	3	3	3	3
Wan Chai	3	3	3	3	3
Southern	2	2	2	2	2
Islands	2	2	2	2	2
Kwun Tong	36	36	36	41	41
Wong Tai Sin	6	14	14	14	15
Sai Kung	13	13	13	16	16
Kowloon City	-	-	-	-	-
Sham Shui Po	26	26	26	29	34
Yau Tsim Mong	5	5	5	5	3
Sha Tin	20	20	25	28	31
Tai Po	2	2	12	12	12
North	-	-	5	10	16
Yuen Long	13	13	13	13	13
Tsuen Wan	18	18	18	18	18
Kwai Tsing	12	15	15	15	15
Tuen Mun	15	23	23	28	28
Total	189	208	228	252	263

**Number of service places in private RCHEs
providing “Designated Places of Residential Respite Service for the Elderly”
and day respite service for the elderly by district ^{Note}**

District	No. of service places in 2023-24 ^{Note} (as at end-December 2023)
Central & Western	22
Eastern	18
Wan Chai	6
Southern	14
Islands	-
Kwun Tong	14
Wong Tai Sin	8
Sai Kung	-
Kowloon City	40
Sham Shui Po	18
Yau Tsim Mong	22
Sha Tin	-
Tai Po	10
North	-
Yuen Long	32
Tsuen Wan	18
Kwai Tsing	26
Tuen Mun	22
Total	270

^{Note} Private RCHEs under EBPS provide day respite services when vacant residential respite places are available. The number of places is the same as that of “Designated Places of Residential Respite Service for the Elderly”.

Table 1: Average waiting time for DEs/DCUs

Year	Average waiting time (in months) ^{Note} (average of the past 3 months)
2019-20	11
2020-21	13
2021-22	8
2022-23	4
2023-24 (as at end-December 2023)	4

^{Note} Except for 2023-24, the figures represent the average waiting time as at the end of March in the year concerned.

Table 2: Average waiting time for IHCS(FC) and EHCCS

Year	Average waiting time (in months) ^{Note} (Average of the past 3 months)
2019-20	12
2020-21	9
2021-22	6
2022-23	6
2023-24 (as at end-December 2023)	7

^{Note} Frail elderly persons who are assessed as suitable for CCS or residential care services (RCS) under the Standardised Care Need Assessment Mechanism for Elderly Services (SCNAMES) can be waitlisted for IHCS(FC) and/or EHCCS. Except for 2023-24, the figures represent the average waiting time as at the end of March in the year concerned.

Number of persons waitlisted for DEs/DCUs by district

District	No. of waitlisted persons ^{Note}				
	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24 (as at end-December 2023)
Central & Western	129	95	63	39	32
Eastern	609	539	301	247	225
Wan Chai	77	45	22	26	29
Southern	257	195	143	138	149
Islands	24	25	19	23	21
Kwun Tong	414	179	169	90	132
Wong Tai Sin	515	352	324	179	183
Sai Kung	242	226	127	119	116
Kowloon City	223	172	106	87	107
Sham Shui Po	136	115	83	43	51
Yau Tsim Mong	115	150	82	39	44
Sha Tin	685	622	399	212	355
Tai Po	156	131	96	17	17
North	161	164	99	36	37
Yuen Long	179	44	54	101	130
Tsuen Wan	155	96	73	55	81
Kwai Tsing	237	69	77	35	63
Tuen Mun	205	191	134	95	125
Total	4 519	3 410	2 371	1 581	1 897

^{Note} The figures exclude the number of elderly persons classified as inactive cases because of their participation in the Community Care Service Voucher (CCSV) Scheme for the Elderly (CCSV Scheme). Except for 2023-24, the figures represent the number of waitlisted persons as at the end of March in the year concerned.

Number of persons waitlisted for IHCS(FC) and EHCCS

District	No. of waitlisted persons ^{Note}				
	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24 (as at end- December 2023)
Central & Western	140	143	141	161	233
Eastern	495	440	373	455	484
Wan Chai	148	95	101	114	126
Southern	235	192	181	232	361
Islands	55	21	68	97	115
Kwun Tong	788	514	431	503	686
Wong Tai Sin	529	343	280	274	330
Sai Kung	292	203	116	168	287
Kowloon City	241	189	118	134	237
Sham Shui Po	218	211	180	210	249
Yau Tsim Mong	131	127	117	93	154
Sha Tin	416	320	489	487	682
Tai Po	247	173	188	238	334
North	303	243	129	98	168
Yuen Long	175	84	163	189	251
Tsuen Wan	286	147	152	233	301
Kwai Tsing	550	468	458	337	523
Tuen Mun	346	330	295	318	318
Total	5 595	4 243	3 980	4 341	5 839

^{Note} Frail elderly persons who are assessed as suitable for CCS or RCS under SCNAMES can be waitlisted for IHCS(FC) and/or EHCCS. The number of waitlisted persons exclude the number of elderly persons classified as inactive cases because of their participation in the CCSV Scheme. Except for 2023-24, the figures represent the number of waitlisted persons as at the end of March in the year concerned.

Number of designated residential respite places for the elderly ^{Note}
by district

District	No. of service places				
	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24 (as at end- December 2023)
Central & Western	31	25	24	24	22
Southern	24	18	18	18	18
Islands	2	2	2	2	2
Eastern	27	23	22	22	19
Wan Chai	9	5	7	7	7
Kwun Tong	23	19	18	17	17
Wong Tai Sin	17	13	13	11	11
Sai Kung	3	3	3	3	3
Kowloon City	68	42	42	41	41
Yau Tsim Mong	34	25	25	23	22
Sham Shui Po	28	23	22	22	21
Sha Tin	5	5	5	6	6
Tai Po	18	12	12	12	12
North	14	12	12	12	2
Yuen Long	38	36	36	35	35
Tsuen Wan	36	22	22	21	21
Kwai Tsing	48	30	29	29	28
Tuen Mun	33	23	23	23	23
Total	458	338	335	328	310

^{Note} Designated residential respite places provided by subvented RCHEs, contract homes and private RCHEs under EBPS.

**Table 1: Service fees and charges for subsidised DEs/DCUs
(from 2019-20 to 2023-24)**

Service type	Fees and charges (\$)
Subvented DE/DCU	1,002/month
DCU for the elderly attached to contract homes	1,014/month
Designated day respite services and day respite services provided by private RCHEs under EBPS with “Designated Places of Residential Respite Service for the Elderly”	41.5/day

**Table 2: Fees and charges for IHCS(FC) and EHCCS
(from 2019-20 to 2023-24)**

Service type	Service fees and charges (\$) (subject to income level)		
	Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) level or below	Between CSSA to 1.5 CSSA level	Above 1.5 CSSA level
Meal Service	13	16	19
Laundry service	Light	0.7	
	Medium	0.9	
	Heavy	1.8	
Direct care, home respite service and escort service (per hour)	5.5	12	19

Table 3: Service fees and charges for designated residential respite places for the elderly

Type of residential care places	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
	Daily charge (\$)				
Homes for the aged place			52		
Care-and-attention (C&A) place ^{Note 1}			62		
Nursing home (NH) place ^{Note 2}			72		

Note 1 Including places in subvented C&A homes providing continuum of care, C&A places in contract homes, and places in private RCHEs under EBPS.

Note 2 NH places in contract homes.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 2614)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (2) Social Security
(3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Charmaine LEE)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the escalating trend of population ageing in Hong Kong, which has now reached the stage of super-ageing, please provide the following information:

- (1) The total budget of the Social Welfare Department (SWD) for 2024-25 is approximately HK\$120 billion, with only around 13% allocated to elderly services. Could SWD confirm whether this budget is sufficient to meet the actual needs for elderly services? What are the rationales and basis for setting this budget proportion?
- (2) Regarding the annual provision for Programme (2) Social Security in 2024-25, apart from the expenditure for administering the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) Scheme and the Social Security Allowance (SSA) Scheme, how much of the provision will be used to support the elderly, and how many elderly persons are expected to benefit from it? If available, please provide detailed information.

Asked by: Hon KONG Yuk-foon, Doreen (LegCo internal reference no.: 32)

Reply:

- (1) Given the increasing demand for elderly services, SWD's expenditure on elderly services has risen significantly in recent years. The estimated total expenditure on elderly services in 2024-25 is about \$16.4 billion, representing an 8% increase compared to the revised estimate of about \$15.2 billion for 2023-24 and a 60% increase compared to the actual expenditure of \$10.3 billion in 2019-20. The Government is committed to providing appropriate services for frail elderly persons with long-term care needs, but no specific proportion of the SWD's overall expenditure has been designated for elderly services.
- (2) SWD estimates that the expenditure on elderly Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) cases for 2024-25 is about \$12.4 billion ^{Note 1}, involving about 130 000 recipients ^{Note 2}. The estimated expenditure on the Social Security Allowance (SSA) Scheme (which includes the Old Age Allowance, the Old Age Living Allowance, the Disability Allowance, the Guangdong Scheme and the Fujian Scheme) for elderly persons aged 65 or above is about \$53 billion ^{Note 1}, involving about 1.25 million recipients.

[Note 1] The estimated expenditure for 2024-25 includes the payment of an additional half-month of CSSA standard rates or the allowances in the year.

[Note 2] CSSA is payable on a household basis. Elderly cases may include non-elderly recipients.

Apart from the CSSA Scheme and the SSA Scheme, social security schemes also include (1) the Criminal and Law Enforcement Injuries Compensation Scheme, (2) the Traffic Accident Victims Assistance Scheme and (3) Emergency Relief. While each scheme serves different purposes and target beneficiaries, elderly persons who meet the relevant eligibility criteria may also benefit from these schemes. SWD does not have information regarding the estimated expenditure or number of elderly beneficiaries for the above 3 schemes.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(W)088

(Question Serial No. 2615)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

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

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Charmaine LEE)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

It is mentioned in the Budget that the Department will make an additional injection into the Innovation and Technology Fund for Application in Elderly and Rehabilitation Care (I&T Fund) and expand the I&T Fund's scope to allow eligible service units to procure gerontechnology products suitable for household use by elderly persons, persons with disabilities (PWDs) and their carers. In this connection, please provide the specific estimate for the additional injection into the I&T Fund.

Asked by: Hon KONG Yuk-foon, Doreen (LegCo internal reference no.: 33)

Reply:

It is announced in the 2023 Policy Address that the Government will inject an additional \$1 billion into the I&T Fund in 2024-25, and expand the scope of the I&T Fund to cover gerontechnology products suitable for household use. Eligible elderly and rehabilitation service units can procure suitable technology products for lending to elderly persons, PWDs and their carers for use at home. This will extend the application of technology products from residential care homes and community service units to households, thus improving the quality of life of the elderly and PWDs and relieving the pressure of the carers.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(W)089

(Question Serial No. 2616)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): ()
Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Charmaine LEE)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

With the passage of the Residential Care Homes (RCHs) Legislation (Miscellaneous Amendments) Bill 2022 (the Bill), there are several areas that require improvement. However, the estimates did not account for the relevant expenditure. In this connection, would the Government please provide this Committee with information regarding the resource allocation and estimated expenditure for implementing the Bill?

Asked by: Hon KONG Yuk-foon, Doreen (LegCo internal reference no.: 34)

Reply:

The RCH Legislation (Miscellaneous Amendments) Ordinance 2023 (the Amendment Ordinance) gazetted on 16 June 2023 mainly covers 8 aspects, including (a) strengthening the accountability of operators of residential care homes for the elderly and persons with disabilities; (b) enhancing the minimum staffing requirements; (c) increasing the minimum area of floor space per resident; (d) introducing a registration system for home managers; (e) improving the registration system for health workers; (f) enhancing the regulation of medicine administration, use of restraints and protection of residents' dignity and privacy; (g) increasing the penalties for certain offences; and (h) abolishing the certificate of exemption regime for residential care homes for the elderly.

The Social Welfare Department (SWD) is pressing ahead to bring the requirements of the Amendment Ordinance into effect, including revising relevant codes of practice, formulating guidelines for the new requirements, introducing the new requirements and their respective commencement dates to the sector, organising briefing sessions to explain the specific arrangements of the new requirements to the sector, and offering professional advice to address the specific needs of RCHs, etc., so as to assist RCHs in complying with the new statutory requirements.

In December 2023, the Finance Committee of the Legislative Council approved the proposal to make permanent 1 time-limited supernumerary Assistant Director of SWD post (Directorate Pay Scale Point 2), with effect from 23 April 2024, to continue to offer dedicated directorate support in the regulation and monitoring of RCHs (including the preparatory work and implementation of the new and enhanced measures under the Amendment Ordinance), child care centres and drug dependent persons treatment and rehabilitation centres. SWD takes forward the above work through internal redeployment of existing manpower and hence no additional resources are involved.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(W)090

(Question Serial No. 2617)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (2) Social Security
(4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Charmaine LEE)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

At present, there are approximately 530 000 persons with disabilities (PWDs) in Hong Kong. Despite the Government's efforts over the years to promote inclusion, the support provided to PWDs is still far from adequate. In this connection, please provide the following information:

- (1) Currently, there are about 530 000 PWDs in Hong Kong. Based on the estimated total expenditure of around \$12 billion under Programme (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services for 2024-25, the average monthly subsidy for each PWD is less than \$2,000. Please confirm whether this estimated amount is sufficient to meet the living needs of PWDs. What are the reasons and basis for setting this budget ratio?
- (2) Regarding Programme (2) Social Security in the estimate for 2024-25, apart from the expenditure on implementing the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) Scheme and the Social Security Allowance (SSA) Scheme, how much of the estimate will be allocated to PWDs, and how many PWDs are expected to benefit from it? If possible, please provide specific information.

Asked by: Hon KONG Yuk-foon, Doreen (LegCo internal reference no.: 35)

Reply:

- (1) The Social Welfare Department (SWD) provides PWDs with various rehabilitation services, medical social services in clinics and hospitals, as well as other related services. For instance, SWD subsidises non-governmental organisations to provide pre-school rehabilitation services, day training, vocational rehabilitation services, residential care and community support services, and launch a series of programmes, dedicated funds and the Special Needs Trust to provide services and support for persons with different types of disabilities and their families/carers. To meet the needs of PWDs, SWD has been committed to increasing the numbers of places for day rehabilitation, residential care and respite services. As at the end of December 2023, the total number of service places has been increased to about 36 400. In 2024-25, the estimated expenditure for the aforementioned rehabilitation and medical social services is about \$12.25 billion, representing an increase of over \$900 million (or 8%) compared to the revised estimate of expenditure for 2023-24.

- (2) The social security schemes implemented by SWD are non-contributory, aiming to provide financial assistance to those in need. Apart from the CSSA Scheme and the SSA Scheme, these social security schemes also include the Criminal and Law Enforcement Injuries Compensation Scheme, the Traffic Accident Victims Assistance Scheme and Emergency Relief. While each scheme serves different purposes and target beneficiaries, PWDs who meet the relevant eligibility criteria may also benefit from these schemes. SWD does not have information regarding the estimated expenditure for supporting PWDs or the number of PWDs benefitting from the above 3 schemes.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(W)091

(Question Serial No. 3269)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): ()
Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Charmaine LEE)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

It is stated in the Budget Speech that starting this year, the Government will set up 10 more aided standalone child care centres (CCCs) in phases. The target is to provide nearly 900 additional places for day child care services within 3 years. In addition, the Government pledged in last November to establish 2 additional residential child care centres (RCCCs) to tie in with the implementation of the Mandatory Reporting of Child Abuse Bill. In this connection, will the Government inform this Committee of the following:

- (1) Are the 2 additional RCCCs mentioned last November included in the 10 aided standalone CCCs? When and where are the 2 RCCCs expected to commence operations?
- (2) Please provide a detailed breakdown of the expenditure for the set up and operation of each new aided standalone CCC this year.

Asked by: Hon KONG Yuk-foon, Doreen (LegCo internal reference no.: 43)

Reply:

- (1) The 2 additional RCCCs are not included in the 10 aided standalone CCCs. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) will set up an additional RCCC in Tuen Mun in 2024-25. Another new RCCC is under planning. These 2 RCCCs will be operational before the commencement of the proposed Mandatory Reporting of Child Abuse Ordinance, adding a total of 96 emergency care service places and catering for about 380 children each year.
- (2) SWD will provide the service operator of each new aided standalone CCC with a lump sum grant for fitting-out works and purchasing of furniture and equipment. SWD will also subsidise recognised operating costs, which include salaries, administrative support, minor repairs and maintenance at the CCCs, rent, building management fees, and ancillary services provided within the CCCs (such as Extended Hours Service and/or Occasional Child Care Service).

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(W)092

(Question Serial No. 2237)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): ()
Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Charmaine LEE)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

The divorce rate in Hong Kong has been consistently rising in recent years, more than doubling compared to 20 years ago. This surge in divorces has led to a significant increase in single-parent families, along with the growing difficulties they face, resulting in various social issues such as child abuse, family disputes, and juvenile delinquency. Since the discontinuation of government funding for 5 single parent centres (SPCs) operated by non-governmental organisations (NGOs) in 2004, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) has been providing services to single-parent families through Integrated Family Service Centres (IFSCs) and Specialised Co-parenting Support Centres (SCSCs). However, there are concerns that the current services offered by IFSCs and SCSCs do not adequately meet the needs of these families due to a lack of focus and continuity. In this connection, would the Government please inform this Committee of the following:

1. the number of single-parent families in Hong Kong and the number of children in these families in each of the past 3 years;
2. (i) the number of single-parent cases requesting assistance; (ii) the number of new cases requesting assistance handled each year; (iii) the number of existing cases requesting assistance handled each year; and (iv) the average time for handling such cases by IFSCs and SCSCs in each of the past 3 years;
3. (i) the staffing establishment; (ii) the average number of cases handled by each social worker; (iii) the average number of active cases handled by each social worker; and (iv) the average number of completed cases handled by each social worker in IFSCs and SCSCs in each of the past 3 years;
4. whether regular reviews will be conducted on the operation and staffing establishment of IFSCs and SCSCs, and whether consideration will be given to allocate additional resources in a timely manner to enhance their manpower; if so, the details; if not, the reasons;
5. whether consideration will be given to resume the provision of subvention to NGOs for opening SPCs; if so, the details; if not, the reasons; and
6. whether consideration will be given to strengthen support for carers of single-parent children, such as giving priority consideration to single-parent families for after-school care services and providing financial assistance or allowances to full-time carers of single-parent families at a level that can support their livelihoods; if so, the details; if not, the reasons.

Asked by: Hon KOON Ho-ming, Peter Douglas (LegCo internal reference no.: 12)

Reply:

1. According to the “2021 Population Census - Thematic Report: Single Parents” by the Census and Statistics Department, the numbers of single parents and dependent children of single parents in Hong Kong were 72 279 and 94 508 respectively in 2021.

2. In the past 3 years, the number of cases involving single-parent families handled by IFSCs operated by SWD or subvented NGOs is set out in Table 1 of Annex. SWD does not have information on the average case-handling time for cases involving single parents seeking assistance.

In addition, SWD has subvented NGOs to operate 5 SCSCs to provide one-stop specialised services for separated/divorcing/divorced parents and their children. SWD does not have a breakdown of the number of cases involving single parents seeking assistance. The number of cases handled by each SCSC in the past 3 years is set out in Table 2 of Annex.

3. IFSCs arrange their manpower according to the district’s service demand, caseload and complexity of the cases. The staffing establishment of IFSCs for calculating recurrent subvention is set out in Table 3 of Annex. The staffing establishment of each SCSC consists of 7 registered social workers (including 1 centre supervisor). Under the Lump Sum Grant Subvention System, NGOs may, subject to their compliance with the requirements of the Funding and Service Agreements, flexibly deploy resources and employ staff to achieve the service output and outcomes required. SWD does not have information on the number of cases handled by each social worker of IFSCs or SCSCs.

4 & 5. The Government has studied different modes of delivering family services. After reviewing and consolidating the views of various stakeholders, it is considered that the current IFSC mode, with the introduction of a community-based concept, can effectively utilise resources and provide more comprehensive and convenient support services for families in need. To meet the needs of single-parent families, IFSCs organise groups and programmes tailored to them, such as mutual help groups and talks. Social workers at IFSCs conduct comprehensive assessment on the needs of service users and provide suitable services, including effective parenting and strategies for active coping with life challenges. These services are delivered through early identification and intervention, service integration, and partnership with other service stakeholders. IFSCs also provide additional services for families in need, such as intensive counselling, clinical counselling arrangements and assistance catering for special needs (e.g. Compassionate Rehousing, Emergency Relief Fund, etc.).

Since the adoption of the integrated family service model, the Government has from time to time enhanced social worker manpower for IFSCs to address the growing complexity of cases. From 2004-05 to 2018-19, IFSCs were provided with the additional manpower of 154 social workers. To enhance preventive and supportive services for vulnerable children and youth, the Government has provided IFSCs with additional resources, including a total of 26 frontline social workers and 14 family aide workers from 2019-20 onwards. Furthermore, SCSCs also provide a variety of services for separated/divorcing/divorced parents and their children.

SWD will review from time to time the current family service model to ensure the services are kept up to date and that families in need continue to receive appropriate support services. SWD will also continue to closely monitor the service needs, operations and staffing establishment of IFSCs and SCSCs, and allocate more resources when necessary.

6. In formulating various social welfare policies and services, the Government has focused on preserving and strengthening of family functions. It has also provided various support services for those in need, such as carers of children. SWD subsidises NGOs to offer a variety of child care services, including child care centres, Neighbourhood Support Child Care Project, and After School Care Programme for Pre-primary Children, etc. These services aim to assist families in caring for and nurturing their children, while providing families in need with fee-waiving or fee-reduction subsidies for child care services in order to alleviate the financial burdens of grass-roots families. In addition, the Government rolled out the School-based After School Care Service Scheme in the 2023/24 school year to allow primary students in need to stay after school to receive care and learning support. This initiative enables their parents to go to work and also benefits single-parent families.

Besides, the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) Scheme provides a safety net of last resort for those who cannot support themselves financially due to old age, ill health, disability, single parenthood, unemployment, low-earnings or other reasons to help them meet their basic needs in life. Single-parent families experiencing financial hardship may consider applying for the CSSA Scheme. Eligible single parents are provided with rates relatively higher than those received by other able-bodied adults. In addition, a single parent supplement is provided monthly to address the challenges faced by single parents in caring for their families single-handedly. At the same time, the Working Family Allowance Scheme supports working households that do not receive CSSA but have longer working hours and lower income. Single-parent households may benefit from more relaxed working hour requirements.

Table 1: Number of cases involving single-parent families handled by IFSCs

Year	Total number of cases involving single parents	Number of new and re-activated cases involving single parents
2021-22	10 440	4 247
2022-23	10 082	4 173
2023-24 (as at 31 December 2023)	8 521	2 882

Table 2: Number of cases handled by SCSCs ^[Note]

Year	Total number of cases	Number of new and re-activated cases
2021-22	869	412
2022-23	1007	432
2023-24 (as at 31 December 2023)	1040	388

[Note] SCSCs do not have a breakdown of the number of cases involving single parents seeking assistance.

Table 3: Staffing establishment of IFSCs

Rank/post	Number of staff
Social Work Officer ^[Note]	1
Assistant Social Work Officer	8.23
Senior Social Work Assistant	3
Social Work Assistant	5
Assistant Clerical Officer	2
Clerical Assistant	2
Workman II	2

[Note] IFSCs established and operated by NGOs from 2012-13 onwards have been provided with manpower resources equivalent to 2 Social Work Officers by SWD.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(W)093

(Question Serial No. 2243)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Charmaine LEE)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

To address the acute shortage of manpower, the Government launched the Special Scheme to Import Care Workers for Residential Care Homes (RCHs) (the Special Scheme) last year. In this connection, would the Government please inform this Committee of the following:

1. the administrative expenses and manpower involved in the implementation of the Special Scheme; and
2. the number of applications received and approved, as well as the approval time, broken down by RCH type.
3. There are comments that the Social Welfare Department (SWD) has to process a substantial number of applications simultaneously, including new and renewal cases. Will the Government consider streamlining the procedures to expedite the vetting process and prevent delays that may affect the operation of RCHs?
4. Considering the worsening aging population and ongoing shortage of social welfare facilities and manpower, does the Government have any plans to regularise the Special Scheme to meet the high demand? If yes, what are the details? If no, will the Government conduct relevant assessments as soon as possible?

Asked by: Hon KOON Ho-ming, Peter Douglas (LegCo internal reference no.: 19)

Reply:

1. The Government launched the Special Scheme on 19 June 2023. 5 staff members of SWD are responsible for implementing the Special Scheme, including 1 Senior Social Work Officer, 1 Social Work Officer, 1 Executive Officer II, 1 Assistant Clerical Officer and 1 Clerical Assistant. The manpower expenditure was about \$2.88 million over a 10-month period in 2023-24. In addition to the aforementioned designated staff, SWD has deployed existing resources to assist in the implementation of the Special Scheme. 6 staff members of the Immigration Department, including 1 Chief Immigration Officer, 1 Senior Immigration Officer and 4 Immigration Officers, are designated to handle imported care workers' visa/entry permit applications under the Special Scheme. The manpower expenditure was about \$4.39 million over a 10-month period in 2023-24.

2. As at December 2023, 2 rounds of applications for quotas to import care workers have been completed. The numbers of quotas applied and approved, broken down by RCH type, are as follows:

	No. of quotas applied for (including those for contract renewal)	No. of quotas approved (including those for contract renewal)
Private and self-financing RCHs	3 491	2 139
Subvented and contract RCHs	1 347	757

It takes SWD around 2 months to complete the approval process for each round of quota applications.

- 3 & 4. The Special Scheme has simplified the application procedures for RCHs, and reduced the approval time from around 5 months under the Supplementary Labour Scheme to currently around 2 months under the Special Scheme. The Special Scheme is not a pilot programme. The Government will continue to implement the Special Scheme to address existing and future RCHs' demand for care workers.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(W)094****(Question Serial No. 2253)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: Not Specified

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Charmaine LEE)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

The Financial Secretary announced that a Productivity Enhancement Programme would be implemented in 2024-2025, under which all government departments would need to cut recurrent government expenditure by another 1%. In this connection, will the Government inform this Committee of the following:

1. the total amount of funding received by non-governmental organisations (NGOs) receiving subventions in the past 3 years and the estimated amount of funding for this year; and
2. the total number of employees, service hours and beneficiaries of these NGOs receiving subventions in the past 3 years.
3. As the Government further reduces allocations to the social welfare sector, how will it encourage private organisations to step up and fill the funding gap through charitable donations? Among these organisations, The Hong Kong Jockey Club is believed to be the largest charitable donor in Hong Kong. How will the Government ensure it has the capacity to continue supporting the Government and society with substantial donations?

Asked by: Hon KOON Ho-ming, Peter Douglas (LegCo internal reference no.: 29)

Reply:

1. The total amount of subventions received by NGOs from 2021-22 to 2023-24 and the amount of provisional subventions for 2024-25 are tabulated as follows:

Year	Amount of subventions (\$ billion)
2021-22 (Actual)	21.745
2022-23 (Actual)	22.405
2023-24 (Revised estimate)	24.130
2024-25 (Provisional)	23.445 ^{Note}

^{Note} The Government is going to implement the Productivity Enhancement Programme. Through internal redeployment of resources, the Labour and Welfare Bureau (LWB) and the Social Welfare Department (SWD) will fully cover the 1% reduction in allocation that all 177 NGOs receiving subventions under

Lump Sum Grant or the conventional subvention mode from SWD would have faced in 2024-25. The subventions for 2024-25 is provisional. Certain subvented items (such as the food cost for the Short-term Food Assistance Service and the operating expenditure, fee waivers/reductions and incentive payments for the Neighborhood Support Child Care Project) are not included as their subventions are adjusted quarterly/half- yearly based on service usage.

2. The Lump Sum Grant Subvention System (LSGSS) focuses on the effectiveness of service delivery and hence allows NGOs greater flexibility and efficiency in utilising public funds and providing quality services. It also helps simplify administrative work and enhance the quality of service substantively. Subject to their compliance with the requirements of the Funding and Service Agreements and the relevant statutory staffing requirements, NGOs may determine their staffing establishment in accordance with their human resources policies, and flexibly deploy resources and employ staff to achieve the service output and outcomes required. SWD does not have information on the NGOs' actual staffing establishments, service hours and number of beneficiaries. For staffing establishments of individual service areas, please refer to SWD's website (<https://www.swd.gov.hk/en/ngo/subventions/suballoc/subvention/>).
3. The Productivity Enhancement Programme (the Programme), which is a part of the Fiscal Consolidation Programme of the Government, aims to contain the growth of the Government's overall operating expenditure to ensure resilience and sustainability of our public finances. LWB and SWD have deployed internal resources and adjusted priorities and urgency as much as possible in order to introduce relief measures to support NGOs in implementing the Programme. In addition to the annual subventions from SWD, the Government has always encouraged social welfare organisations to make good use of various community resources and different charitable funds (including The Hong Kong Jockey Club Charities Trust) to promptly respond to the ever-changing welfare needs in society and complement their own development.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(W)095

(Question Serial No. 2257)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): ()
Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Charmaine LEE)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

It is stated in Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2024-25 of Programme (3) that the Social Welfare Department (SWD) will continue to provide additional subsidised day care and residential care service places for the elderly. At present, the waiting time for admission to subsidised residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs) is long and often spans years, placing enormous pressure on elderly persons and their carers. Some elderly persons have even passed away while waiting for the service. Would the Government please inform this Committee of the following:

1. (i) the estimated number of additional places for various types of residential care services (RCS) for the elderly, with a breakdown by year of service commencement; and (ii) the estimated number of additional places for various types of day and community care services for the elderly (including residential and day respite services), with a breakdown by year of service commencement for the coming 3 years by 18 District Council (DC) districts;
2. the number of elderly persons waitlisted for admission to subsidised RCHEs and their average waiting time;
3. the total number of elderly persons who passed away or withdrew their applications while waiting for places in subsidised care-and-attention (C&A) homes and subsidised nursing homes (NHs), and their percentages out of the number of waitlisted elderly persons, with a breakdown by age; and
4. the anticipated implementation schedule for expanding the Residential Care Services Scheme in Guangdong (GDRCS Scheme) to include RCHEs operated by Mainland entities, the estimated number of elderly persons who are currently waiting for admission to RCHEs that may join the GDRCS Scheme, and the expected reduction in waiting time.

Asked by: Hon KOON Ho-ming, Peter Douglas (LegCo internal reference no.: 33)

Reply:

1. (i) The number of service places for subsidised RCS for the elderly that are expected to commence operation between 2024-25 and 2026-27, broken down by DC district, is set out at Annex 1. In addition, the number of residential care service vouchers (RCSVs) will be increased from 4 000 to 5 000 in 2024-25. As RCSV adopts the “money-following-the-user” principle, SWD does not have the relevant breakdown figures by DC district or year of service commencement.
 - (ii) The number of places for day care service for the elderly that are expected to commence operation between 2024-25 and 2026-27, broken down by DC district, is set out at Annex 2. In addition, the number of community care service vouchers (CCSVs) will be increased from 10 000 to 11 000 in 2024-25, and will be further increased to 12 000 in 2025-26. More eligible elderly persons will be able to flexibly choose their own recognised service providers and service packages based on their needs without having to wait.
2. As at the end of December 2023, the average waiting time and number of elderly persons waitlisted for subsidised RCS are provided as follows:

Service type	Average waiting time (in months) ^{Note 1}	No. of persons waitlisted ^{Note 2}
C&A place ^{Note 3}	9	14 332
NH place	11	2 473

^{Note 1} The figures represent the average waiting time (in months) for elderly persons who applied for subsidised residential care places and were admitted during the last 3 months.

^{Note 2} The figure excludes applicants who have been classified as “inactive cases” upon receipt of community care services or applicants who choose to have their status of application changed to “inactive cases”.

^{Note 3} Elderly persons using the RCSVs may be admitted to RCHEs participating in the RCSV Scheme with government subsidies, without having to wait for a vacancy.

3. The respective numbers and percentages of elderly persons who passed away or withdrew their applications while waiting for subsidised C&A places are set out as follows:

	2023	
	C&A places	NH places
No. of elderly applicants who passed away	3 089	1 299
Percentage of elderly applicants who passed away out of the no. of waitlisted applicants	9.2%	18.8%
No. of elderly applicants who withdrew their applications	1 841	479
Percentage of elderly applicants who withdrew their applications out of the no. of waitlisted applicants	5.5%	6.9%

SWD has not conducted any statistical analysis on the age distribution of elderly persons who passed away or withdrew their applications while waiting for subsidised RCS for the elderly.

4. To identify suitable RCHEs to join the GDRCS Scheme, the Government is liaising with relevant departments in Mainland cities within the GBA, and conducting on-site inspections of eligible Mainland RCHEs. The Government will explore the expansion of the GDRCS Scheme to include RCHEs operated by Mainland entities in 2024. Eligible elderly persons may join the GDRCS Scheme at their discretion. At present, elderly persons do not have to wait for admission to RCHEs under the GDRCS Scheme.

Number of service places for subsidised RCS for the elderly that are expected to commence operation between 2024-25 and 2026-27 by DC district

(as at end-December 2023)

District	No. of service places for subsidised RCS	Expected year of service commencement
Eastern	30	2024-25
	135	2025-26
	60	2026-27
Wan Chai	8	2024-25
Central and Western	7	2025-26
Southern	5	2024-25
Sham Shui Po	17	2024-25
Kwun Tong	56	2024-25
	150	2026-27
Sai Kung	60	2024-25
Kowloon City	12	2025-26
	240	2026-27
	120	2026-27
Yau Tsim Mong	14	2024-25
Wong Tai Sin	17	2025-26
Sha Tin	2	2024-25
	60	2025-26
Tai Po	71	2025-26
	60	2026-27
North	90	2026-27
Yuen Long	72	2024-25
	27	2025-26
Tuen Mun	11	2024-25
	64	2025-26
	60	2026-27
Tsuen Wan	19	2026-27
Kwai Tsing	90	2025-26

**Number of places for day care service for the elderly
that are expected to commence operation between 2024-25 and 2026-27 by DC district
(as at end-December 2023)**

District	No. of places for day care service for the elderly	Expected year of service commencement
Eastern	60	2025-26
Islands	40	2025-26
Kwun Tong	4	2024-25
	60	2025-26
Sai Kung	78	2024-25
Kowloon City	120	2024-25
	60	2026-27
Yau Tsim Mong	40	2025-26
Tai Po	30	2025-26
	60	2026-27
North	60	2024-25
Kwai Tsing	60	2024-25

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(W)096

(Question Serial No. 2258)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

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

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Charmaine LEE)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

According to estimates, there are currently over 200 000 people in Hong Kong who are in need of care. Many carers face physical and mental stress in their daily lives. Regarding efforts to enhance support for carers, would the Government please inform this Committee of the following:

1. Has the Government conducted an extensive survey to determine the number of existing carers and categorised them accordingly? If yes, what are the details? If no, what are the reasons?
2. What are the manpower and estimated expenditure involved in operating the Information Gateway for Carers (the Information Gateway)? How many visits has it received? How is the effectiveness of the website measured?
3. What are the manpower and estimated expenditure involved in operating the Designated Hotline for Carer Support (the Carer Hotline)? How many carers have called the Carer Hotline? How is the effectiveness of the Carer Hotline measured?
4. Has the requests from callers to the Carer Hotline be comprehensively categorised and followed up? If yes, what are the details? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon KOON Ho-ming, Peter Douglas (LegCo internal reference no.: 34)

Reply:

1. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) does not possess information on the number of carers in Hong Kong.
2. On 30 November 2023, SWD launched the Information Gateway to provide information on services for elderly persons, persons with disabilities and their carers, caring skills, as well as community activities and resources for carers, etc. The funding for running the Information Gateway comes from The Hong Kong Jockey Club Charities Trust for the first 3 years. SWD does not have information on the manpower or estimated expenditure involved. As at 29 February 2024, the Information Gateway has a hit rate of over 280 000. SWD will regularly review the usage of the Information Gateway,

and step up publicity and promotion efforts through various means to make it better known and more widely used.

3. SWD has commissioned the Tung Wah Group of Hospitals (TWGHs) to operate the 24-hour Carer Hotline, with 30 phone lines answered by over 100 professional social workers on shift duties. The annual expenditure involved is about \$12 million. As at 29 February 2024, the Carer Hotline has received a total of 12 957 calls. TWGHs is required to provide the services specified in the relevant Funding and Service Agreement, which sets out the essential service requirements, as well as output and outcome standards, etc. SWD will evaluate TWGHs' performance and service effectiveness under the existing Service Performance Monitoring System, and will maintain liaison with TWGH to continuously improve the services.
4. The nature of calls received by the Carer Hotline and the services requested by callers as at 29 February 2024 are provided in Tables 1 and 2 of Annex, respectively.

**Table 1: Nature of calls received by the Carer Hotline in 2023-24
(as at 29 February 2024)**

Nature of call	Number of calls
Emotional problem	4 332
Enquiry on community support services	3 093
Care Issues	1 976
Financial problem	1 027
Health problem	578
Mental health problem	543
Enquiry on residential care services	427
Request for respite services	412
Family relationship problem	242
Housing/accommodation problem	145
Others	182
Total	12 957

**Table 2: Services requested by callers in 2023-24
(as at 29 February 2024)**

Service type	Count of service ^{Note 1}
Enquiry/consultation service	7 673
Emotional support	7 626
Counselling service	2 626
Respite service	16
Emergency support service/outreach visit	14
Total	17 955

Note 1 A caller may request for more than 1 type of service

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(W)097

(Question Serial No. 2259)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): ()
Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Charmaine LEE)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

It is stated in Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2024-25 under this Programme that the Social Welfare Department (SWD) will set up an additional Residential Child Care Centre (RCCC) to increase the number of emergency places for residential child care services (RCCS). In this connection, please inform this Committee of the following:

1. The number of RCCS places, the number of waitlisted children, their average waiting time and average length of stay over the past 3 years, as well as the projected numbers for the coming year.
2. The estimated number of places that the additional RCCC will be able to provide and the potential reduction in waiting time.
3. Due to the increased severity and complexity of family or behavioural problems among current residents using RCCS, professionals such as social workers or healthcare workers have to handle cases that are volatile and have special needs. The Government has previously published the Report of the Second Phase Review of Residential Child Care and Related Services, which outlines 39 improvement measures and recommendations. Please provide the estimated staffing establishment, expenditure and timetable for implementing these improvement measures and recommendations. Will the Government consider soliciting feedback from various stakeholders once the recommendations have been implemented, with the aim of conducting a comprehensive review and continuously enhancing the quality of RCCS? If yes, what are the details? if no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon KOON Ho-ming, Peter Douglas (LegCo internal reference no.: 35)

Reply:

1. The number of places for various types of RCCS in the past 3 financial years and the estimated number of number of places to be provided in 2024-25 are tabulated below:

Item	Year	Foster care service	Small group home (SGH)	Residential home for children (RHC)	Total
Number of places	2021-22	1 130	924	1 832	3 886
	2022-23	1 130	954	1 832	3 916
	2023-24	1 230	978	1 832	4 040
Estimated number of places to be provided	2024-25	1 230	978	1 880	4 088

The average number of waitlisted children, the average waiting time and the average length of stay for various types of RCCS in the past 3 financial years are tabulated below:

Item	Year	Foster care service	SGH	RHC	Total
Number of waitlisted children (average per month)	2021-22	314	363	224	901
	2022-23	289	388	296	973
	2023-24 ^[Note 1]	292	342	280	914
Average waiting time (months)	2021-22	1.66	4.60	2.18	N.A.
	2022-23	1.82	4.74	2.75	
	2023-24 ^[Note 1]	2.07	5.84	3.23	
Average length of stay (months) ^[Note 2]	2021-22	31.16	33.67	22.01	N.A.
	2022-23	34.90	32.27	24.57	
	2023-24 ^[Note 1]	42.50	36.18	21.69	

N.A. - Not applicable

^[Note 1] Statistics from April to December 2023.

^[Note 2] The figures include both ordinary service and emergency service.

- The newly established RCCC will provide 48 emergency residential care service places. As various types of emergency RCCS accept direct applications without a central referral system, SWD does not have information on the waiting time or the number of waitlisted children, nor can it estimate the potential reduction in waiting time.
- In response to the recommendations made in the Second Phase Review of RCCS, the Government will allocate an additional funding of approximately \$178 million to strengthen foster care support, as well as adding 30 SGH places and 4 emergency/short-term care places. These new measures are expected to be implemented in stages between 2024-25 and 2026-27. In addition, the Government

has already implemented recommendations that do not require additional resources, such as improving the service mode, strengthening the functions of caseworkers, and enhancing post-discharge support. For other recommendations that involve additional resources, such as strengthening manpower deployment and professional support, SWD will apply for resources through existing mechanisms. At the same time, non-governmental organisations are encouraged to flexibly utilise the subventions under the Lump Sum Grant Subvention System to meet the needs of service development. Moreover, the Government will continue to review the operation and regulation of various types of RCCS and take the views of stakeholders into account in order to improve the overall quality of RCCS.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(W)098****(Question Serial No. 2260)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Charmaine LEE)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the support for foster care services, please provide the following information:

1. For the past 3 years, the number of places, utilisation rate, age distribution of service users, average length of stay, number of waitlisted children, and average waiting time for various foster care services.
2. The expenditure for various foster care services for the past 3 years, and the estimated expenditure for the coming year.
3. There are comments that many families currently lack the necessary resources to become foster families. As a result, fewer and fewer families are willing to take on the role, leading to a shortage of available places to meet the demand. Are there measures in place to address this situation, such as providing more incentives for the public to become foster parents? If yes, what are the details? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon KOON Ho-ming, Peter Douglas (LegCo internal reference no.: 36)

Reply:

1. The number of places, utilisation rate, average length of stay, number of waitlisted children and average waiting time for foster care services in the past 3 years are tabulated below:

	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24 ^[Note 1]
Number of places	1 130	1 130	1 230
Utilisation rate ^[Note 2]	81%	78%	72%
Average length of stay (month) ^[Note 2]	31.16	34.90	42.50
Number of waitlisted children ^[Note 3]	314	289	292
Average waiting time (month) ^[Note 3] ^[Note 4]	1.66	1.82	2.07

^[Note 1] Statistics as at 31 December 2023.

^[Note 2] The figures include both ordinary and emergency foster care services.

^[Note 3] The figures exclude foster care (emergency) service. Regarding emergency service, caseworkers may directly enquire with foster care agencies that provide emergency service, and arrange children for admission as soon as suitable foster

families with vacancies are available. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) does not have the statistics on the number of waitlisted children and the average waiting time for foster care (emergency) service.

[Note 4] Figures only referred to cases that were successfully matched within a 3-month period but not difficult cases in matching.

The age distribution of children receiving foster care services in the past 3 years is tabulated below:

Year (as at end-December)	Age	Number of foster children
2021	Newborn to below 6	428
	6 to below 12	350
	12 to below 18	139
	18 or above [Note]	2
2022	Newborn to below 6	403
	6 to below 12	330
	12 to below 18	147
	18 or above [Note]	0
2023	Newborn to below 6	385
	6 to below 12	319
	12 to below 18	139
	18 or above [Note]	1

[Note] Under exceptional circumstances, children receiving foster care services may extend their stay in the foster families after reaching 18 years old.

2. The expenditure for foster care services for the past 3 financial years and the estimated expenditure for 2024-25 are tabulated below:

Year	Expenditure (\$ million)
2021-22 (Actual)	233.7
2022-23 (Actual)	237.1
2023-24 (Revised estimate)	252.6
2024-25 (Estimate)	435.4

3. To strengthen support for foster care services, the Government will roll out a series of enhancement and improvement measures, such as increasing the incentive payment for foster parents, providing additional support for foster families caring for children with special learning or care needs, arranging early assessments and appropriate professional therapy and training for foster children, and implementing flexible recruitment and caring arrangements. At the same time, SWD will also strengthen its publicity efforts and continue to collaborate with non-governmental organisations that provide foster care services to promote foster care through different and multi-faceted channels and media to recruit more foster families.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(W)099

(Question Serial No. 2261)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): ()
Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Charmaine LEE)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Due to the extended waiting time for subsidised residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs), the Government has exempted eligible RCHE premises from payment of land premium, and increased the maximum total gross floor area (GFA) that can be exempted to 12 000 m² or 10% of the total GFA permissible under lease, with a view to encouraging developers to build and operate RCHEs within private development projects. In this connection, please inform this Committee:

1. of the implementation status of the Incentive Scheme to Encourage Provision of RCHE Premises in New Private Developments (the Scheme) over the past 3 years, including the numbers of applications received, approved and rejected, the progress made and the estimated expenditure involved;
2. whether performance indicators will be established to assess if the relevant measures have achieved the expected goals; if so, of the details; if not, the reasons for that; and
3. whether additional incentives, apart from further GFA exemption, such as relaxing the current height restriction imposed on RCHEs (i.e. no more than 24 metres above the ground floor), will be provided to encourage more developers to participate in the Scheme.

Asked by: Hon KOON Ho-ming, Peter Douglas (LegCo internal reference no.: 37)

Reply:

1. A total of 15 applications have been received under the Scheme in the past 3 years, of which 2 have been approved, 12 are still being processed, and 1 was not approved due to title issues. As the Social Welfare Department (SWD) and the Lands Department implement the Scheme by re-deploying existing resources, no additional manpower or administrative expenses is involved.
2. As whether or not a private developer chooses to participate in the Scheme is a matter of business consideration and involves other factors, the Government has not established any performance indicators.

3. The Government enhanced the Scheme in June 2023. Apart from continuing to exempt eligible RCHE premises from payment of land premium, the number of RCHE premises eligible for premium payment exemption in each site will increase from 1 RCHE premises to an unrestricted number, as well as increasing the maximum total GFA from not exceeding 5 400 m² to 12 000 m² or 10% of the total GFA permissible under lease, whichever is greater. When calculating the total GFA of the entire project, the total GFA of the eligible RCHE premises in the private development project will be exempted and will not be counted towards the total permissible GFA of the entire project. The aforementioned enhancement measures will be reviewed after piloting for 3 years.

Regarding the height restrictions for RCHEs, SWD updated the Code of Practice for Residential Care Homes (Elderly Persons) (CoP) in August 2022 to specify that if an RCHE has in place facilities for fire safety, evacuation and rescue to the satisfaction of the Director of Social Welfare (DSW), DSW will approve its ancillary facilities to which elderly residents normally do not have access to be situated at a height of more than 24 metres above ground. SWD updated the CoP again in March 2023 to specify the additional building fire safety design and management requirements that RCHEs should comply with when placing parts of the RCHE used for dormitory purpose at a height of more than 24 metres above ground.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(W)100

(Question Serial No. 2262)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (7) Young People

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Charmaine LEE)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

To lift junior secondary school students out of intergenerational poverty and enhance their self-confidence, the Government has launched the Strive and Rise Programme (the Programme) to broaden their horizons and enrich their life experiences through mentorship. In this connection, please inform this Committee of the following:

1. The expenditure and staffing establishment of the Programme.
2. The numbers of participating mentees and mentors, the number of activities organised, the number of participants and attendance rate of these activities, the average number of mentor-mentee interactive sessions, and the number and percentage of mentees who have withdrawn from the Programme.
3. Some views suggest that certain activities of the Programme lack flexibility, and that some mentors are too busy to meet with their mentees, which makes it difficult to achieve the expected outcomes of the Programme. Would the Government consider pairing mentees and mentors based on their interests and expertise in the future to prevent the Programme from becoming mere ceremonial?

Asked by: Hon KOON Ho-ming, Peter Douglas (LegCo internal reference no.: 38)

Reply:

1. In 2024-25, the estimated expenditure for implementing the Programme is \$117.8 million, including launching the enhanced Programme and organising activities under the Alumni Club established for graduates of the Programme. The manpower involved in the implementation of the Programme is deployed from the Social Welfare Department. As the manpower involved is also responsible for other youth services, the staffing establishment cannot be separately identified.
2. The first cohort of the Programme successfully recruited 2 800 mentees and an ample number of mentors. 545 sessions of group activities were organised for the participation of mentees, either individually or together with mentors/parents, with a total attendance of 21 891 (including mentees, mentors and parents). Each mentee had about 12 interactive sessions with his/her mentor during the course of the Programme.

21 mentees and 16 mentors withdrew from the first cohort of the Programme, resulting in a withdrawal rate of 0.75% for mentees and 0.57% for mentors.

3. Enhancement measures have been introduced for the second cohort of the Programme. Each mentee will first be matched with a suitable mentor based on his/her career aspiration or hobbies/interests as indicated in his/her application form. Subsequently, he/she will be placed in a mentoring group consisting of 2 to 3 pairs of mentors and mentees. The goal is to promote interaction, sharing and support during the course of mentorship.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(W)101

(Question Serial No. 3110)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): ()
Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Charmaine LEE)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

The Financial Secretary mentioned in the 2023-24 Budget that the Government would increase the number of vouchers issued under the Community Care Service Voucher (CCSV) Scheme for the Elderly (CCSV Scheme) to 11 000 and increase the number of vouchers issued under the Residential Care Service Voucher (RCSV) Scheme for the Elderly (RCSV Scheme) to 5 000. Would the Government please inform this Committee of the number of applications, the number of elderly persons issued with CCSVs and RCSVs and the amount of subsidy for the CCSV Scheme and RCSV Scheme in the past 3 years? In addition, please provide information on the number of elderly persons who have withdrawn from the two schemes and the reasons for their withdrawal.

Asked by: Hon KOON Ho-ming, Peter Douglas (LegCo internal reference no.: 39)

Reply:

The Government has made the CCSV permanent since September 2023. The number of CCSVs will be increased by 1 000 in 2024-25, bringing the total to 11 000, and will be further increased to 12 000 in 2025-26.

Starting in the second quarter of 2024, the coverage of RCSVs will be expanded from care-and-attention places to nursing home places. An extra 1 000 RCSVs will also be provided, bringing the total to 5 000.

The respective numbers of CCSV and RCSV applicants and recipients, the amount of subsidy disbursed, the number of persons who left the 2 schemes, along with their reasons for leaving, broken down by year, are set out at Annex.

**Table 1: Numbers of CCSV applicants and recipients,
and the amount of CCSV subsidy disbursed**

Year	No. of CCSV applicants	No. of CCSV recipients	CCSV subsidy (\$ million)
2021-22	4 703	4 715	314.4
2022-23	4 375	4 396	361.7
2023-24 ^{Note 1} (as at end-December 2023)	4 875	4 727	573.5 ^{Note 2}

Note 1 The Government launched the third phase of the Pilot Scheme on CCSV in October 2020, and converted the CCSV Scheme into a recurrent measure in September 2023.

Note 2 Revised estimate for 2023-24.

**Table 2: Number of elderly persons who left the CCSV Scheme and
their reasons for leaving**

Reason for leaving	No. of persons who left		
	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24 (as at end-December 2023)
Will be/have been allocated with/receiving subsidised community care services or subsidised/private residential care services (RCS)	1 509	1 523	1 428
Deceased	905	1 435	1 064
Being taken care of by family members or domestic helpers, etc.	577	61	30
Others (e.g. hospitalisation, out of town, etc.)	44	48	8
Total	3 035	3 067	2 530

**Table 3: Numbers of RCSV applicants and recipients,
and the amount of RCSV subsidy disbursed**

Year	No. of RCSV applicants	No. of RCSV recipients	RCSV subsidy (\$ million)
2021-22	1 450	719	483.6
2022-23	2 296	1 309	465.2
2023-24 (as at end-December 2023)	2 495	1 435	744.4 ^{Note}

Note Revised estimate for 2023-24.

**Table 4: Number of elderly persons who left the RCSV Scheme and
their reasons for leaving**

Reason for leaving	No. of persons who left		
	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24 (as at end-December 2023)
Deceased	491	471	443
Having no immediate need for RCS (e.g. being taken care of by family members or domestic helpers, etc.)	63	41	81
The preferred RSP was full/no suitable RSPs	19	23	28
Chose to wait for subsidised residential care places	19	23	30
Refused to accept the co-payment arrangement	13	5	10
Other (e.g. long-term hospitalisation, out of town, etc.)	10	16	11
Total	615	579	603

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(W)102

(Question Serial No. 0177)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): ()
Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Charmaine LEE)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

It is mentioned under this Programme that the Social Welfare Department (SWD) will explore the expansion of the Residential Care Services Scheme in Guangdong (GD) (GDRCS Scheme) to include residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs) operated by Mainland entities. In this connection, please inform this Committee of:

- a. the Mainland cities and the number of RCHEs expected to be included in the expansion, and the estimated expenditure involved;
- b. further to the question above, whether SWD will formulate a relevant timetable; if yes, the details; if no, the reasons for that; and
- c. the average government subsidy per place.

Asked by: Hon KWOK Ling-lai, Lillian (LegCo internal reference no.: 19)

Reply:

The Labour and Welfare Bureau signed a Letter of Intent (LOI) on Collaboration on expanding the GDRCS Scheme with the Department of Civil Affairs of GD Province on 17 November 2023, agreeing to explore cooperation in selecting RCHEs operated by Mainland entities in jointly designated cities within the Greater Bay Area (GBA) for participation in the GDRCS Scheme. The LOI stipulates that participating Mainland RCHEs should be rated 4 stars or above on the "List of Star-rated Senior Care Organizations" by the Department of Civil Affairs of Guangdong Province based on the standards of "Classification and Accreditation for Senior Care Organization of China", with a minimum of 2 years of operational records.

To identify suitable RCHEs to join the GDRCS Scheme, the Government is liaising with relevant departments in Mainland cities within the GBA, and conducting on-site inspections of eligible Mainland RCHEs. The Government will explore the expansion of the GDRCS Scheme to include RCHEs operated by Mainland entities in 2024. The estimated expenditure for the GDRCS Scheme in 2024-25 is about \$32.5 million.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(W)103

(Question Serial No. 0179)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): ()
Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Charmaine LEE)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

It is mentioned under this Programme that the Social Welfare Department (SWD) will extend the scheme to provide full subsidies for home managers, health workers and care workers of residential care homes (RCHs) to enrol in training courses recognised under the Qualifications Framework (QF) for 3 years. In this connection, please provide the following information:

- a. The numbers of home managers, health workers and care workers of RCHs enrolled in these courses, the number of individuals who have successfully completed these courses, and the average expenditure per trainee, broken down by year, since the implementation of the training course scheme.
- b. Further to the question above, have there been any trainees who were unable to complete the course? If so, please provide details.
- c. Will SWD provide follow-up services for trainees who have completed the courses? If yes, what are the details? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon KWOK Ling-lai, Lillian (LegCo internal reference no.: 20)

Reply:

To enhance the service quality of residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs) and residential care homes for persons with disabilities (RCHDs) on a continuous basis, SWD has implemented a 5-year scheme in phases since March 2019 to provide full subsidies for home managers, health workers and care workers of all RCHEs and RCHDs in the territory to enrol in QF-recognised training courses. As at the end of December 2023, a total of 4 973 RCH staff have enrolled in the training courses under the Scheme. The number of trainees in the past 5 years is set out at Annex.

SWD has set the maximum course fee subsidy for each trainee of the relevant courses. A training allowance is also provided for the RCHEs and RCHDs concerned in order to maintain their operations through appropriate manpower deployment while their health workers and care workers are attending the courses, and to provide on-site training support and conduct on-the-job assessments for the trainees concerned. The amounts of course fee subsidy and training allowance (if applicable) for each trainee of the courses are as follows:

Course	Maximum course fee subsidy for each trainee	Amount of training allowance per trainee	Total
Training for Home Managers (Course A)	\$4,000	N.A.	\$4,000
Training for Home Managers (Course B)	\$6,000		\$6,000
Advanced Training for Health Workers	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$6,000
Training for Care Workers	\$2,000	\$2,200	\$4,200

N.A. - Not applicable

Once the trainees have been issued graduate certificates by the training institutes upon completion of the relevant courses, the RCHs concerned may apply to SWD for full reimbursement of the course fees already paid. SWD does not have information on trainees who have enrolled but failed to complete the courses.

Number of home managers, health workers and care workers of RCHs enrolled in related training courses from 2019-20 to 2023-24

Year	Course and no. of enrolment	Home manager		Advanced Training for Health Workers	Training for Care Workers	Total
		Training course (A) ^{Note 1}	Training course (B) ^{Note 2}			
2019-20 ^{Note 3}		50	226	64	164	504
2020-21 ^{Note 3}		150	184	143	414	891
2021-22		134	135	146	603	1 018
2022-23		344	177	90	748	1 359
2023-24 (as at end-December 2023)		272	208	64	657	1 201
Total:		950	930	507	2 586	4 973
		1 880				

Note 1 Trainees must be home managers currently employed by RCHEs or RCHDs or, other staff nominated by RCHEs or RCHDs, who are the related professionals registered under the Laws of Hong Kong, including social workers, nurses, medical practitioners, Chinese medicine practitioners, occupational therapists, physiotherapists or pharmacists.

Note 2 Trainees must be home managers currently employed by RCHEs or RCHDs, or other staff nominated by RCHEs or RCHDs.

Note 3 The number of trainees decreased during the COVID-19 pandemic as RCHE and RCHD staff had to focus on stepping up various anti-pandemic measures, and face-to-face classes were intermittently suspended by the training institutes.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(W)104

(Question Serial No. 0183)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): ()
Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Charmaine LEE)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

The Programme mentioned the continued strengthening of support for carers, such as promoting the Information Gateway for Carers (Information Gateway) and the Designated Hotline for Carer Support (Carer Hotline) and implementing the Care the Carers Campaign. In this connection, please inform this Committee:

- a. of the estimated expenditure for publicising and promoting the Information Gateway and the Carer Hotline;
- b. of the hit rate of the Information Gateway since its launch;
- c. of the number of calls received by the Carer Hotline since its launch;
- d. of the number of staff members operating the Carer Hotline and the average handling time per case;
- e. whether the Social Welfare Department (SWD) has regularly reviewed the effectiveness of its publicity and promotion efforts; if so, of the details; if not, of the reasons; and
- f. of the estimated number of activities held, the number of people reached, and the estimated expenditure in respect of the implementation of the Care the Carers Campaign.

Asked by: Hon KWOK Ling-lai, Lillian (LegCo internal reference no.: 21)

Reply:

- a, e & f. SWD has launched a 3-year territory-wide "Care the Carers Campaign" publicity campaign since 2023-24, with activities held under different themes every year. In the first year, under the theme of "Helping Carers Help Themselves", the publicity focused on encouraging carers to help themselves. In the second year, under the theme of "Walk with Carers", the publicity will emphasise standing by carers. In the third year, under the theme of "Fostering a Carer-Friendly Community", the publicity will focus on fostering a community environment that supports carers. The Government will organise different publicity activities in line with the annual themes and collaborate with non-governmental and local organisations to promote support for carers, encourage mutual assistance in the community and foster a carer-friendly environment.

SWD held a kick-off ceremony for the “Care the Carers Campaign” on 25 September 2023, attended by over 800 participants, including more than 500 stakeholders from different sectors of the community. In the same month, SWD launched the “Say Thank You to Carers” event, distributing a total of 10 000 Ocean Park admission tickets to carers of elderly persons and persons with disabilities (PWDs). In addition, 11 District Social Welfare Offices of SWD, in collaboration with non-governmental and local organisations providing elderly and rehabilitation services, organised over 340 different kinds of activities for supporting carers based on the characteristics of each district. These activities reached over 138 000 individuals.

SWD will continue to promote and publicise the “Care the Carers Campaign”, the Information Gateway and the Carer Hotline (182183) through various means. These include producing Television and Radio Announcements in the Public Interest, posters, service leaflets and publicity materials; placing advertisements in newspapers, online media and public transportation; as well as organising various publicity events at the district level. Organisers will collect participants’ feedback for individual events to review the effectiveness of the publicity activities. The expenditure for the 3 years of publicity campaign is approximately \$15 million.

- b. The Government launched the Information Gateway on 30 November 2023. It provides information on services provided for elderly persons and PWDs, caring skills, community activities and resources for carers, etc. As at 29 February 2024, the Information Gateway has a hit rate of over 280 000.
- c. The Government introduced the Carer Hotline on 26 September 2023. As at 29 February 2024, it has received a total of 12 957 calls.
- d. SWD has commissioned the Tung Wah Group of Hospitals to operate the 24-hour Carer Hotline, with 30 phone lines answered by over 100 professional social workers on shift duties. SWD does not maintain the average handling time for each case.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(W)105

(Question Serial No. 0208)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Charmaine LEE)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

It is mentioned under this Programme that the Social Welfare Department (SWD) provides support services for different families, including those in disadvantaged circumstances and lacking means to meet their needs. In this connection, please provide the following information:

- a. The estimated expenditure for foster care service in 2024-25 is nearly 70% higher than that of last year due to an increase in incentive payments for foster parents. Has SWD assessed the need to increase the expenditure on incentive payment? If yes, what are the details? If no, what are the reasons?
- b. Please provide a detailed breakdown of the average monthly cost per place for foster care service, including expenses on accommodation, food, services, support services or any other expenses.
- c. Will SWD regularly review the quality of foster care service? If yes, what are the details? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon KWOK Ling-lai, Lillian (LegCo internal reference no.: 28)

Reply:

- a. SWD set up the Committee on Review of Residential Child Care and Related Services (the Committee) in April 2022 to review in two phases the residential child care services, including foster care service. The review was completed in March 2023. The Committee put forward 12 recommendations regarding foster care service, which include increasing the amount of incentive payment for foster parents in order to strengthen support and attract more families to participate in providing foster care service.
- b. The cost per place for foster care service includes the incentive payment for foster parents, maintenance grant and setting-up grant for foster children, as well as personal emoluments of staff of non-governmental organisations (NGOs) providing foster care service and other expenses (such as provident fund and employees' compensation insurance policies). In 2023-24, the revised estimate of expenditure for foster care service is about \$253 million, providing 1 230 service places. As personal emoluments

and other expenses are covered by subventions under the Lump Sum Grant Subvention System, NGOs may flexibly deploy resources subject to their compliance with the requirements of the Funding and Service Agreements. Therefore, SWD does not have a breakdown of the average cost for the various items requested.

- c. To become foster parents, applicants have to be thoroughly investigated and assessed by the Central Foster Care Unit of SWD and NGOs providing foster care service, including criminal record checks, health examinations, family background and circumstances, child caring experience and ability, safety of the home environment, etc., to determine their suitability for becoming foster parents. Upon passing the relevant assessments, applicants are also required to attend a pre-service training workshop on foster care before they can formally provide the service. While foster families are providing care to the children, social workers from foster care agencies will conduct regular home visits, interviews and telephone calls to assess the well-being of the children under their care, and offer support and professional advice to the foster parents. In addition, the Central Foster Care Unit of SWD maintains regular contact with foster parents through various liaison and sharing groups in districts to understand their needs and keep track of the service provision. To ensure the service quality of foster families, SWD and NGOs providing foster care service review their eligibility, family conditions and ability to care for children on a yearly basis.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(W)106

(Question Serial No. 2865)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Charmaine LEE)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

According to the Labour and Welfare Bureau (LWB), the aim of the programme is to provide an environment which enables people to reach their full potential, thereby achieving self-reliance and contributing to the well-being of the community, and to ensure that appropriate welfare support is available to assist those in need. In this connection, please inform this Committee of the following:

- a. the total service expenditure on Home Care Service for Persons with Severe Disabilities (HCS) and Integrated Support Service for Persons with Severe Physical Disabilities (ISS), as well as the unit cost per capita and the service cost of each service sub-type under the 2 services;
- b. further to the question above, the total number of service places, the total number of service users, and the average waiting time for the 2 services in the past 5 years;
- c. the number of persons who requested household cleaning and meal delivery services and the actual number of times these services were provided under the 2 services in the past 5 years; and
- d. the expenditure incurred by the LWB on providing employment support services for persons with disabilities (PWDs).

Asked by: Hon KWOK Ling-lai, Lillian (LegCo internal reference no.: 32)

Reply:

- a. The expenditure on HCS and ISS in the past 5 years is set out at Annex 1. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) does not have information on the unit cost per capita or service cost of each service sub-type under the 2 services.
- b. In the past 5 years, there were 3 550 and 900 service places under HCS and ISS, respectively. The number of service users of the 2 services during the same period is set out at Annex 2. As there is no central referral system for these services, SWD does not have information on the average waiting time for either service. Service units will prioritise service users with urgent needs, taking into account their individual circumstances.

- c. The information on household cleaning service/meal support service provided under HCS and ISS in the past 5 years are set out at Tables 1 and 2 of Annex 3, respectively.
- d. Under the Enhancing Employment of People with Disabilities through Small Enterprise Project (3E Project), SWD provides seed money for non-governmental organisations (NGOs) to set up small enterprises/businesses, with a view to creating employment opportunities for PWDs and improving their employment situation through a market-driven approach. At least half of the employees hired by the applicant businesses should be PWDs. In the past 5 years, the 3E Project funded the establishment of about 21 businesses, creating a combined total of over 170 posts (including 112 posts specifically for PWDs). SWD has also implemented the Support Programme for Employees with Disabilities (SPED), where participating employers can apply for a one-off subsidy for each employee with disabilities, up to a maximum of \$40,000, for the procurement of assistive devices and/or workplace modifications. This is to facilitate employees with disabilities in discharging their duties at the workplace and enhance their work efficiency. The amount of funding granted under the 2 aforementioned schemes in the past 5 years is set out in Tables 1 and 2 of Annex 4.

In addition, for PWDs who are not yet able to take up open employment, SWD provides subvention to NGOs for providing vocational rehabilitation and training services, such as Sheltered Workshops (SWs), Integrated Vocational Rehabilitation Services Centres (IVRSCs) and Integrated Vocational Training Centres (IVTCs), etc. With appropriate vocational rehabilitation services in specially designed training environments, PWDs with different levels of disabilities and needs can learn to adapt to general work requirements, including developing social skills and interpersonal relationships. The expenditure on vocational rehabilitation services in the past 5 years is set out at Annex 5.

Expenditure on HCS and ISS from 2019-20 to 2023-24

Service type/Year	Expenditure (\$ million)				
	2019-20 (Actual)	2020-21 (Actual)	2021-22 (Actual)	2022-23 (Actual)	2023-24 (Revised estimate)
HCS	305.3	330.5	329.7	336.5	351.6
ISS	68.8	72.5	72.6	74.4	77.3

Number of HCS and ISS users

Service type	No. of service users				
	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24 (as at end- December 2023)
HCS	4 473	4 469	4 643	4 769	4 549
ISS	1 157	1 175	1 150	1 189	1 172

Table 1: Number of HCS users using meal support and household cleaning services

Service/Year	No. of persons served				
	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24 (as at end-December 2023)
Meal support service	157	155	146	184	216
Household cleaning service	25	44	67	97	98

Table 2: Number of ISS users using meal support and household cleaning services

Service/Year	No. of persons served				
	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24 (as at end-December 2023)
Meal support service	13	16	12	13	18
Household cleaning service	51	49	47	41	30

Table 1: Amount of grant approved under 3E Project from 2019-20 to 2023-24

Year	Grant (\$ million)
2019-20	16.1
2020-21	12.3
2021-22	9.6
2022-23	4.2
2023-24 (as at 31 December 2023)	1.2

Table 2: Amount of subsidy approved under SPED from 2019-20 to 2023-24

Year	Subsidy (\$)
2019-20	410,000
2020-21	540,000
2021-22	440,000
2022-23	140,000
2023-24 (as at 31 December 2023)	410,000

Expenditure on vocational rehabilitation services from 2019-20 to 2023-24

Service type/Year	Expenditure (\$ million)				
	2019-20 (Actual)	2020-21 (Actual)	2021-22 (Actual)	2022-23 (Actual)	2023-24 (Revised estimate)
SW	375.6	378.1	374.4	380.0	398.1
IVRS	312.7	347.4	370.1	361.8	406.7
IVTC - day	33.3	33.2	32.9	33.1	34.4
SE	100.4	100.0	98.9	100.1	106.3
On the Job Training Programme for People with Disabilities	21.9	21.8	21.8	22.1	22.7
Sunnyway - On the Job Training Programme for Young People with Disabilities	16.5	16.6	16.5	16.7	17.2

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(W)107

(Question Serial No. 3203)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Charmaine LEE)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

The Programme states that the Labour and Welfare Department aims to provide an environment that enables people to reach their full potential, thereby achieving self-reliance and contributing to the well-being of the community, and to ensure that appropriate welfare support is available to assist those in need. In this connection, please inform this Committee of the following information:

- a. Since the launch of the Navigation Scheme for Young Persons in Care Services (Navigation Scheme), what are the average annual expenditure, the number of enrolled trainees and the graduation rate each year?
- b. Further to the above question, what is the average amount of subsidy provided to each student?
- c. Will the Government provide assistance and follow up on the career development of graduates? If yes, what are the details? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon KWOK Ling-lai, Lillian (LegCo internal reference no.: 42)

Reply:

- a & b. The respective numbers of applicants, admissions and graduates, as well as the actual expenditure by year since the launch of the enhanced Navigation Scheme in 2020-21 are set out at Annex.
- c. Operators will follow up on the career development of the trainees until they complete the Navigation Scheme or withdraw from it.

**Numbers of applicants, admissions and graduates, as well as the actual expenditure
of the enhanced Navigation Scheme by year**

Admission year	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24 (as at end-December 2023)
No. of applicants	1 016	905	511	455
No. of admissions	418	368	222	225
No. of graduates	224	159	In training and have not graduated yet	In training and have not graduated yet
Actual expenditure (\$ million)	67.8	71.8	40.5	82.0 ^{Note}

^{Note} Revised estimate for 2023-24.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(W)108

(Question Serial No. 3279)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

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

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Charmaine LEE)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

It is stated under the Programme that the Labour and Welfare Department aims to provide an environment that enables people to reach their full potential, thereby achieving self-reliance and contributing to the well-being of the community, and to ensure that appropriate welfare support is available to assist those in need. In this connection, please inform this Committee of the following information:

- a. What is the estimated expenditure for the additional injection into the Innovation and Technology Fund for Application in Elderly and Rehabilitation Care (I&T Fund)?
- b. Further to the above, are there administrative and management expenses associated with the operation of the I&T Fund? If yes, what are the details?
- c. Since the launch of the I&T Fund, what are the average annual expenditure, the number of service units eligible for it, and the number of elderly beneficiaries each year?
- d. Will the Government assess the effect of gerontechnology products on the elderly in order to determine their effectiveness? If yes, what are the details? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon KWOK Ling-lai, Lillian (LegCo internal reference no.: 43)

Reply:

- a. In 2024-25, the Government will inject an additional \$1 billion into the I&T Fund, and expand the scope of the I&T Fund to cover gerontechnology products suitable for household use.
- b. In 2018-19, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) set up a secretariat to co-ordinate the operation of the I&T Fund. The secretariat has 11 time-limited posts in the Social Work Officer and supporting general grades, with an annual expenditure of about \$6.4 million. In addition, starting from 2018, SWD has commissioned the Hong Kong Council of Social Service to promote the use of technology products among social welfare organisations and carers, involving an annual expenditure of about \$3.75 million.

- c. As at the end of February 2024, grants totalling around \$660 million have been approved under the I&T Fund to subsidise about 1 900 elderly and rehabilitation service units to procure or rent over 18 000 items of technology products. The number of units and amount approved every year are set out at Annex. SWD does not maintain statistics on the number of elderly persons who have benefitted from using technology products.
- d. SWD regularly reviews the use of the I&T Fund, and collects feedback on the I&T Fund and technology products from stakeholders through on-site visits, questionnaires and other means to evaluate the effectiveness of the I&T Fund. Respondents, including service users, service operators and staff, have all provided positive feedback on the technology products approved for use by service units. In particular, they were of the opinion that these products could enhance the functioning of service users in daily activities, reduce the risk of workplace accidents, and enhance the occupational safety and health of staff.

**Statistics pertaining to the approval of applications under the I&T Fund
(as at 29 February 2024)**

Tranche no. (application period)	No. of units approved for the grant	Amount of grant approved (\$ million)
1 (December 2018 to February 2019)	216	37
2 (June to September 2019)	649	102
3 (February to April 2020)	451	63
4 (August to November 2020)	618	91
5 (February to May 2021)	618	86
6 (September to October 2021)	466	56
7 (January to March 2022)	314	34
8 ^{Note} (September to November 2022)	1 018	174
9 (May to August 2023)	258	19

Note The eligibility for applying for procurement and rental of technology products has been extended to non-subsidised private or self-financing residential care homes for the elderly and residential care homes for persons with disabilities starting with the Eighth Tranche launched in September 2022.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(W)109

(Question Serial No. 0125)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Charmaine LEE)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the Enhanced Bought Place Scheme (EBPS) launched by the Social Welfare Department (SWD), please inform this Committee of the following:

- (1) the number of participating EA1 homes and the total number of subsidised places they provided in each of the past 3 years;
- (2) the number of participating EA2 homes and the total number of subsidised places they provided in each of the past 3 years; and
- (3) in respect of SWD's invitation for all EA2 homes to upgrade to EA1 level in 2023, the final number of homes that participated in the upgrade, the number of subsidised places involved, and the additional annual provision involved in the future.

Asked by: Hon LAI Tung-kwok (LegCo internal reference no.: 12)

Reply:

- (1) & (2) The number of private residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs) participating in EBPS and number of subsidised residential care places (RCPs) they provided from 2021-22 to 2023-24 are set out at Annex.
- (3) SWD invited EA2 homes to participate in the upgrade in March 2023. Applications submitted by 53 EA2 homes were all approved, involving the upgrade of 2 037 EA2 places to EA1 level. Meanwhile, SWD further purchased an additional 236 EA1 places from these RCHEs. SWD has issued "Approval-in-Principle" to these RCHEs, requiring them to meet the standards and requirements of EA1 homes within 24 months. If all of the above EA2 homes complete the upgrade, an additional annual provision of about \$74.1 million will be required. As at end-December 2023, 1 RCHE has completed the upgrade.

Number of private RCHEs participating in EBPS and number of RCPs they provided

Year	Private RCHEs participating in EBPS			
	EA1 home		EA2 home	
	No. of homes	No. of subsidised RCPs	No. of homes	No. of subsidised RCPs
2021-22	134	8 335	57	2 158
2022-23	147	9 112	57	2 149
2023-24 (as at end-December 2023)	145	9 174	52	1 966

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(W)110

(Question Serial No. 0134)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Charmaine LEE)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Since 2019, the Special Needs Trust (SNT) has been accepting applications to provide reliable and affordable trust services for parents with sufficient assets for meeting the long-term daily needs of their children after their passing. In this connection, please inform this Committee of:

- (1) the number of applications received by SNT and the number of cases handled after approval in each of the past 5 years;
- (2) the number of beneficiaries served by SNT in each of the past 5 years, broken down by type of disability and health condition;
- (3) the number of accounts activated by SNT after the passing of parents in each of the past 5 years; and
- (4) the staffing establishment, payroll cost and total expenditure related to SNT in the past 5 financial years.

Asked by: Hon LAI Tung-kwok (LegCo internal reference no.: 21)

Reply:

- (1) The cumulative number of applications received by the Special Needs Trust Office (the SNT Office) and the number of active cases handled in each of the past 5 years are set out in Table 1 of Annex.
- (2) The number of active cases handled by the SNT Office, broken down by type of disability of beneficiaries, in each of the past 5 years is set out in Table 2 of Annex.
- (3) No SNT accounts were activated due to the passing of parents in the past 5 years.
- (4) The SNT Office are staffed by a total of 8 members of the social work, treasury accountant and clerical grades. The annual payroll cost and total expenditure of the SNT Office in the past 5 years are set out in Table 3 of Annex.

Table 1: Cumulative number of applications received by the SNT Office and number of active cases handled

Year	Cumulative no. of applications	No. of active cases
2019-20	14	12
2020-21	35	31
2021-22	47	38
2022-23	65	45
2023-24 (as at 31 December 2023)	78	57

Table 2: Number of active cases handled by the SNT Office broken down by type of disability of beneficiaries

Year	Type of disability of beneficiaries					Total no. of active cases
	Intellectual disability (including Down's Syndrome)	Mental disorder	Autism	Having more than 1 type of disability	Others (apart from the stipulated types of disabilities)	
2019-20	6	1	3	2	-	12
2020-21	14	4	4	9	-	31
2021-22	13	4	6	13	2	38
2022-23	18	5	8	13	1	45
2023-24 (as at 31 December 2023)	23	8	12	14	-	57

Table 3: Annual payroll cost and total expenditure of the SNT Office

Year	Payroll cost (\$ million)	Total expenditure (\$ million)
2019-20 (Actual)	4.9	5.9
2020-21 (Actual)	5.2	6.0
2021-22 (Actual)	5.6	6.4
2022-23 (Actual)	6.1	7.3
2023-24 (Actual) (as at 31 December 2023)	3.5	4.4

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(W)111

(Question Serial No. 0145)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Charmaine LEE)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

To strengthen the role of the family in caring for persons with disabilities (PWDs), the Social Welfare Department (SWD) provides subventions for non-governmental organisations (NGOs) to operate parents/relatives resource centres (PRCs) across the territory. These PRCs aim to provide emotional support and professional advice to the parents/relatives and carers of PWDs. In this connection, please inform this Committee of the following:

- (1) the district currently served by each PRC, the NGO responsible for its operations, whether there is a specialised ethnic minorities (EM) unit, and the amount of subvention received in each of the past 3 financial years;
- (2) the total actual expenditure or revised estimated expenditure incurred by SWD on PRCs in the past 3 financial years;
- (3) the number of participants in groups/programmes organised by the PRC in Kowloon East designated for carers of persons in mental recovery in each of the past 3 years; and
- (4) whether records on the number of participants in groups/programmes organised by the other 18 PRCs are maintained; if so, the number for each of the past 3 years; if not, the reasons for that.

Asked by: Hon LAI Tung-kwok (LegCo internal reference no.: 32)

Reply:

- (1) & (2) SWD provides subventions for NGOs to operate 19 PRCs in various districts across the territory. A list of these NGOs is provided at Annex 1. The 5 PRCs located in Central and Western, Kwun Tong, Yau Tsim Mong, Kwai Tsing and Yuen Long Districts have set up specialised EM units to provide services to EM with disabilities and their family members or carers in the district as well as nearby districts. The actual expenditure and revised estimated expenditure incurred by SWD on PRCs in the past 3 years are set out at Annex 2. SWD does not have a breakdown of the amount of subvention received by each PRC in the past 3 years.
- (3) & (4) The number of participants in groups/programmes organised by the PRC designated for carers of persons in mental recovery and by the other 18 PRCs in each of the past 3 years are set out at Annex 3.

Service operators of Parents/Relatives Resource Centres by district

District	Service operator
Central & Western	Caritas - Hong Kong
Southern	Heep Hong Society
Islands	The Neighbourhood Advice-action Council
Eastern	Heep Hong Society
Wan Chai	St. James' Settlement
Kwun Tong	Hong Kong Christian Service
Wong Tai Sin	The Hong Kong Down Syndrome Association
Sai Kung	Hong Kong Society for the Deaf
Kowloon City	Caritas - Hong Kong
Yau Tsim Mong	Heep Hong Society
Sham Shui Po	Hong Kong Christian Service
Sha Tin	The Salvation Army
Tai Po	Hong Kong PHAB Association
North	Heep Hong Society
Tsuen Wan	SAHK
Kwai Tsing	Caritas - Hong Kong
Tuen Mun	Yuk Chi Resource Centre Limited
Yuen Long	St. James' Settlement
PRC designated for carers of persons in mental recovery	
Territory-wide	Baptist Oi Kwan Social Service

Expenditure on PRCs from 2021-22 to 2023-24

Service	2021-22 (Actual) (\$ million)	2022-23 (Actual) (\$ million)	2023-24 (Revised estimate) (\$ million)
PRCs	82.9	94.9	94.1

**Number of participants in groups/programmes organised by PRCs
from 2021-22 to 2023-24**

No. of PRCs	Service target	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24 (as at 31 December 2023)
18	Parents/relatives/carers of PWDs	129 131	145 386	123 466
1	Parents/relatives/carers of persons in mental discovery	6 055	5 788	7 770
Total:		135 186	151 174	131 236

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(W)112

(Question Serial No. 1824)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): ()
Programme: (7) Young People
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Charmaine LEE)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the School-based After School Care Service Scheme (the Scheme), please inform this Committee of the following:

- (1) Please provide the following information regarding the Scheme since its implementation: (i) the number of service places, (ii) the number of service applications received, and (iii) the number of persons withdrawing from the Scheme in each participating school.
- (2) What is the total estimated expenditure for implementing the Scheme, as well as the monthly average cost per service place?
- (3) Has an evaluation been conducted on the effectiveness of the Scheme in encouraging parents to work? If yes, what are the details? If no, what are the reasons?
- (4) Some opinions suggest that the Scheme falls short in meeting the demand for after school child care services among grass-roots families, as it is currently running on a trial basis in 5 districts only. Will the Government consider expanding the Scheme to cover more districts? If yes, what are the details? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon LAM Chun-sing (LegCo internal reference no.: 16)

Reply:

- (1) The Government implemented the Scheme in the 2023/24 school year. There are currently a total of 59 primary schools participating, offering a total of 2 915 service places. Breakdown figures of participating students and withdrawals are not yet available as some schools joined the Scheme some time after the start of the school year. The number of service places for each participating school is set out at Annex.
- (2) With an estimated total expenditure of \$99.02 million and an estimated total of 3 000 service places for students, the monthly average cost per service place under the Scheme is estimated to be about \$2,750.
- (3) & (4) The Government will evaluate the effectiveness of the Scheme in due course, and determine its way forward based on the evaluation results and views from stakeholders.

Number of service places for each participating school under the Scheme

Participating school in the 2023/24 school year ^{Note 1}	Number of service places
Kowloon City	
S.K.H. Holy Cross Primary School	60
Oblate Primary School	60
S.K.H. Good Shepherd Primary School	55
St. Eugene de Mazenod Oblate Primary School	45
ELCHK Hung Hom Lutheran Primary School	60
Ma Tau Chung Government Primary School (Hung Hom Bay)	35
Farm Road Government Primary School	20
Kowloon Tong Government Primary School	30
Ma Tau Chung Government Primary School	8
Sub-total:	373
Yau Tsim Mong	
T.K.D.S Fong Shu Chuen School	45
Fresh Fish Traders' School	75
Jordan Road Government Primary School	60
CCC Wanchai Church Kei To Primary School	55
Canton Road Government Primary School	10
TWGHs Lo Yu Chik Primary School	40
Sub-total:	285
Sham Shui Po	
S.K.H. Kei Oi Primary School	60
S.K.H. St. Andrew's Primary School	75
Good Counsel Catholic Primary School	60
S.K.H. St. Clement's Primary School	65
Shamshuipo Kaifong Welfare Association Primary School	30
Li Cheng Uk Government Primary School	40
Fuk Wing Street Government Primary School	40
Sham Shui Po Government Primary School	45
S.K.H. St. Thomas' Primary School	50
S.K.H. Kei Fook Primary School	60
Sub-total:	525
Kwun Tong	
The Mission Covenant Church Holm Glad Primary School	60
HKTAYYI Chan Lui Chung Tak Memorial School	65
Sau Mau Ping Catholic Primary School	60
L.S.T. Yeung Chung Ming Primary School	82
Kwun Tong Government Primary School	35
Kwun Tong Government Primary School (Sau Ming Road)	65
Sub-total:	367

Participating school in the 2023/24 school year ^{Note 1}	Number of service places
Kwai Tsing	
S.K.H. Chu Oi Primary School	20
Salesian Yip Hon Primary School	60
CNEC Ta Tung School	25
Buddhist Lam Bing Yim Memorial School (Sponsored by HKBA)	40
Yan Chai Hospital Chiu Tsang Hok Wan Primary School	55
Cho Yiu Catholic Primary School	25
Tsuen Wan Trade Association Primary School	40
TWGHs Wong See Sum Primary School	30
Asbury Methodist Primary School	50
Salesian Yip Hon Millennium Primary School	30
TWGHs Chow Yin Sum Primary School	45
TWGHs Ko Ho Ning Memorial Primary School	60
Sub-total:	480
Tsuen Wan	
Tsuen Wan Public Ho Chuen Yiu Memorial Primary School	60
Holy Cross Lutheran School	70
Tsuen Wan Chiu Chow Public School	70
Ho Shun Primary School (Sponsored by Sik Sik Yuen)	60
C.C.C. Kei Wai Primary School	45
Hoi Pa Street Government Primary School	60
HKTA The Yuen Yuen Institute Shek Wai Kok Primary School	60
Sub-total:	425
Yuen Long	
Lions Clubs International Ho Tak Sum Primary School	60
Yuen Long Public Middle School Alumni Association Tang Ying Yip Primary School	60
Cumberland Presbyterian Church Yao Dao Primary School	60
TWGHs Leo Tung-hai Lee Primary School	60
S.K.H. Tin Shui Wai Ling Oi Primary School	60
Ho Ming Primary School (Sponsored by Sik Sik Yuen)	30
TWGHs Yiu Dak Chi Memorial Primary School (Yuen Long)	30
Chiu Yang Por Yen Primary School	60
Chinese Y.M.C.A Primary School	40
Sub-total:	460
Total:	2 915

Note 1 The participating schools in each district are listed based on their assigned serial numbers under the Scheme.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(W)113

(Question Serial No. 1825)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Charmaine LEE)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

The Social Welfare Department (SWD) has launched the Navigation Scheme for Young Persons in Care Services (the Navigation Scheme) to provide training and employment opportunities for young people interested in working in elderly and rehabilitation care services. In this connection, would the Government please inform this Committee of the following:

- (1) the number of young people successfully recruited under the Navigation Scheme in each of the past 5 years, broken down by operator;
- (2) the number of trainees who dropped out of the Navigation Scheme in each of the past 5 years, along with the reasons for their withdrawal; and
- (3) the number of trainees who have continued to be employed in social welfare service units upon graduation since the implementation of the Navigation Scheme, and their proportion out of the total number of graduates.
- (4) It is understood that SWD enhanced the Navigator Scheme in 2020-21 with a plan to provide a total of 1 200 training places within 5 years. Please provide an update on the current utilisation of these training places. Will SWD consider increasing the number of training places from time to time? If so, please provide details. If not, what are the reasons for that?

Asked by: Hon LAM Chun-sing (LegCo internal reference no.: 17)

Reply:

- (1) & (2) SWD launched the Navigation Scheme in 2015-16, and enhanced it in 2021-21 to provide a total of 1 200 training places through 5 service operators over the next 5 years. Operators will formulate their own admission plans and set their own target admission numbers based on the available quotas and resources each year, including any surplus resources resulting from trainee dropouts. The progress of each operator may vary from year to year. However, they are required to provide all the training quotas within the 5-year period. SWD will not disclose the number of young people admitted by each operator each year as it will involve revealing information about individual operators' resource deployment and planning. The number of trainees recruited by each operator as at the end of December 2023 ranged from 223 to 272.

The numbers of persons admitted and dropped out from the Navigation Scheme each year from 2019-20 to 2023-24 are tabulated as follows:

	Navigation Scheme	Enhanced Navigation Scheme			
Admission year	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24 (as at end-December 2023)
No. of persons admitted	140	418	368	222	225
No. of dropouts	64	194	200	113	76

The reasons for trainees to drop out of the Navigation Scheme include pursuing further studies and transitioning to other jobs, etc.

- (3) The Navigation Scheme has produced a total of 989 graduates so far since its launch. According to the information provided by some trainees at the time of graduation, 573 of them will continue to be employed in social welfare service units.
- (4) Operators may utilise the surplus resources from previous years resulting from trainee dropouts to recruit more trainees than the current year's training quota. As at the end of December 2023, the Enhanced Navigation Scheme has recruited a total of 1 233 trainees.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(W)114

(Question Serial No. 1844)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (7) Young People

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Charmaine LEE)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the first cohort of the Strive and Rise Programme (the Programme), would the Government please inform this Committee of the following:

- (1) The number of successfully recruited mentees, the number of mentees withdrawn from the Programme, the number of mentees who have participated but not yet completed the Programme, and the number of mentees who have participated and completed the Programme, broken down by their grade level (i.e. Secondary One, Two and Three); and specify the main reasons for withdrawal and non-completion for the respective groups;
- (2) The number of participating mentees who have been paired with mentors engaging in the mentees' ideal occupation or sharing similar interests, and the average number of mentor-mentee interactive sessions during the course of the Programme;
- (3) It is understood that participating mentees can enrol in electives for basic training (i.e. English and Chinese language skills enhancement, sports and music, social etiquette, strategy on programme choices, and guidance and support on physical and mental health) based on their needs. Please provide (i) the number of places, (ii) the number of applicants and (iii) the number of participants for each elective;
- (4) It is learnt that the performance indicator set for the Programme is that no less than 70% of mentees who completed the Programme are to achieve improvement in terms of personal development and positive thinking. What is the current status of achieving this performance indicator?
- (5) It is understood that mentees who have completed the Programme automatically become members of the "Alumni Club", which allows them to continue participating in a variety of activities organised by the Club. What are the number and types of activities organised, and the estimated and actual number of participants? What are the number and types of activities under planning, along with the estimated number of participants and expenditure involved?

Asked by: Hon LAM Chun-sing (LegCo internal reference no.: 36)

Reply:

- (1) The first cohort of the Programme successfully recruited 2 800 mentees. Among them, 2 630 mentees completed the Programme, 21 withdrew and 149 failed to complete the Programme. Their numbers broken down by grade level (i.e. Secondary One, Two and Three) are tabulated as follows:

Grade level	Number of mentees recruited	Number of mentees withdrawn	Number of mentees who failed to complete the Programme	Number of mentees who completed the Programme
Secondary One	831	5	38	788
Secondary Two	906	7	59	840
Secondary Three	1 063	9	52	1 002
Total	2 800 (100%)	21 (0.75%)	149 (5.32%)	2 630 (93.93%)

The main reasons for mentees to withdraw from or be unable to complete the Programme include busy schoolwork, scheduling conflicts with school or extra-curricular activities, and the need to attend tutoring classes on weekends.

- (2) When matching mentees with mentors, the career aspiration and hobbies/interests of the mentees will be taken into consideration. Suitable mentors are also matched based on the mentees' gender, language and special needs (such as visual impairment). On average, each mentee had 12 interactive sessions with his/her mentor during the course of the Programme.
- (3) Mentees can enrol in electives for basic training based on their interests and needs. The total numbers of places, as well as the numbers of applicants and participants in these electives are tabulated as follows:

Activity type ^{Note 1}	Total number of places	Number of applicants ^{Note 2}	Number of participants ^{Note 3}
Development of interests	2 950	144	121
Information technology	8 400	-	-
Language skills	518	68	53
Others	96	96	75

Note 1 Activities include both physical and online courses. Online courses are available to all mentees of the Programme at specific periods based on their interests/needs.

Note 2 Only includes the number of applicants for physical courses as there is no relevant information available for online courses.

Note 3 Only includes the number of participants in physical courses as there is no relevant information available for online courses.

- (4) The evaluation of the first cohort of the Programme is undertaken by a research team from the Hong Kong Polytechnic University, and was completed in March 2024.

- (5) The Alumni Club (the Club) was established in November 2023. Mentees who have completed the Programme will automatically become members of the Club. They can participate in a variety of activities organised by the Club for the following 2 years. The activities planned for the first 2 years of the Club include 600 sessions of a Whole Person Development Programme (with an expected attendance of 8 400), 4 study and exchange tours (the number of participants depending on individual tours), and 2 large-scale events (with an expected attendance of 4 000). As at end-February 2024, the Club has organised 108 sessions of activities, including orientation, whole person development and special group activities, with a total attendance of 2 345 alumni. In addition, the internship organiser of the Club will arrange career talks/orientation activities and an internship programme that offers work experience and internship opportunities for alumni aged 16 or older, with a view to broadening their horizons, and helping them develop job-related skills and establish life goals.

In 2024-25, the Government has set aside approximately \$23.50 million for organising activities of the Club.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(W)115

(Question Serial No. 1845)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (7) Young People

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Charmaine LEE)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the second cohort of the Strive and Rise Programme (the Programme), would the Government please inform this Committee of the following:

1. The manpower and expenditure involved in implementing the Programme.
2. The number of participating mentees, broken down by gender and grade level (i.e. Secondary One, Two, Three and Four).
3. The number of participating mentors, broken down by gender, age and occupation.
4. How many mentees are paired with mentors who are engaged in the mentees' ideal occupation or share similar interests? What is the average number of mentor-mentee interactive sessions since the launch of the Programme? Have there been any cases where mentees or their parents have raised concerns or complaints regarding difficulties in communication or having a distant relationship with their mentors? If yes, please provide details.
5. Group mentoring has been introduced on top of one-to-one mentor-mentee pairing for enhancing the learning experience of mentees and offering better peer support among mentors. Please provide the implementation details and effectiveness of group mentoring.
6. Under the Programme, participating mentees can enrol in electives for basic training (i.e. language skills enhancement, development of interests (sports, music, arts), social skills and etiquette, guidance for further studies, and guidance and support on physical and mental health) based on their needs. Please provide (i) the number of places, (ii) the number of applications and (iii) the number of participants for each elective since the implementation of the Programme.
7. Have any mentees or mentors voluntarily withdrawn from the Programme thus far? If so, please provide the number of individuals who withdrew and their reasons for doing so.

Asked by: Hon LAM Chun-sing (LegCo internal reference no.: 37)

Reply:

- (1) The manpower involved in the implementation of the Programme is deployed from the Social Welfare Department. As the manpower involved is also responsible for other youth services, the staffing establishment cannot be separately identified.

In 2024-25, the estimated expenditure for implementing the Programme is \$117.8 million, including launching the enhanced Programme and organising activities under the Alumni Club established for graduates of the Programme.

- (2) The number of mentees participating in the second cohort of the Programme as at end-February 2024, broken down by gender and grade level, is tabulated as follows:

Grade level	Male	Female	Total
Secondary One	624	518	1 142
Secondary Two	444	463	907
Secondary Three	445	491	936
Secondary Four	404	466	870
Total	1 917	1 938	3 855

- (3) The number of mentors for the second cohort as at end-February 2024 is about 3 100 (some mentors are paired with 2 mentees). Their numbers broken down by gender, age and occupation are set out at Annex.
- (4) Enhancement measures have been introduced for the second cohort of the Programme. Each mentee will first be matched with a suitable mentor based on his/her career aspiration or hobbies/interests as indicated in his/her application form. The number of mentor-mentee interactive sessions held during the course of the Programme can only be compiled and provided after the completion of the Programme. As at end-February 2024, the Social Welfare Department has not received any feedback or complaints from mentees or their parents regarding difficulties in communication or having a distant relationship with their mentors.
- (5) After mentees and mentors are matched on a one-to-one basis, they will form a mentoring group with 2 to 3 pairs of mentors and mentees. Together, they will participate in activities and exchanges, thereby enhancing interaction, sharing and support during the course of mentorship. We will closely monitor its implementation and gather feedback from mentees and mentors to evaluate the effectiveness of group mentoring.
- (6) Regarding the electives for basic training, preparations are currently underway and no relevant statistics are available at this stage.
- (7) A total of 30 mentees and 16 mentors have withdrawn from second cohort of the Programme as at end-February 2024. The main reasons for mentees to withdraw include busy schoolwork, scheduling conflicts with school or extra-curricular activities, the need to attend tutoring classes on weekends, and poor health. For mentors who withdrew from the Programme, it is mainly due to busy work schedules.

**Number of mentors participating in the second cohort of the Programme
broken down by gender, age and occupation as at end-February 2024**

Gender	Number
Male	1 637
Female	1 437

Age	Number
21-25	213
26-40	1 576
41-55	1 113
56+	172

Occupation/Sector		Number
1.	Finance and insurance	1 187
2.	Communications/Information technology	204
3.	Engineering and construction	159
4.	Education	152
5.	Government/Public administration	101
6.	Transportation and logistics	89
7.	Social services	64
8.	Medical	48
9.	Legal	47
10.	Hotel/Tourism	28
11.	Catering	26
12.	Entrepreneur	24
13.	Science/Research	22
14.	Environmental protection/Green industry	22
15.	Disciplined services	21
16.	Performing arts/Art	14
17.	Sports	12
18.	Creative industry	12
19.	Fashion and beauty	6
20.	Others	836

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(W)116

(Question Serial No. 0483)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): ()
Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Charmaine LEE)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

In 2020, the Government regularised the Pilot Scheme of Residential Care Services Scheme in Guangdong, and renamed it the Residential Care Services Scheme in Guangdong (GDRCS Scheme). It provides an additional option of subsidised services for elderly persons who are waitlisted for subsidised care-and-attention (C&A) places and plans to retire in the Mainland. Since 28 July 2023, the scope of beneficiaries and eligibility criteria for service providers of GDRCS Scheme has also been expanded. In this connection, please provide the following information:

1. the number of elderly persons participating in the GDRCS Scheme and their proportion among those waitlisted for subsidised C&A places in the past 2 years;
2. the number of applications submitted by eligible service providers and the number of recognised service providers (RSPs) in the past 2 years;
3. the relevant expenditure incurred in the past 2 years; and
4. the estimated number of elderly beneficiaries and the expenditure involved in the coming year.

Asked by: Hon LAM Kin-fung, Jeffrey (LegCo internal reference no.: 31)

Reply:

1. The number of elderly persons newly participated in the GDRCS Scheme and their proportion among those waitlisted for subsidised C&A places from 2022-23 to 2023-24 are as follows:

	2022-23	2023-24 (as at end-December 2023)
No. of participating elderly persons	6	63
No. of participating elderly persons as a percentage of the no. of elderly persons waitlisted for subsidised C&A places	0.04%	0.44%

2. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) has relaxed the eligibility criteria for service operators under the GDRCS Scheme on 28 July 2023 to allow Hong Kong organisations, including non-governmental and private ones, with experience and a good track record in providing subsidised residential care services for the elderly to join the GDRCS Scheme as RCPs and apply for their RCHEs located in Mainland cities within the Greater Bay Area to be included in the GDRCS Scheme. SWD has so far received 3 applications and the vetting of the applications is currently underway.
3. & 4. The number of places purchased by SWD each year depends on the number of elderly persons participating in the GDRCS Scheme. The annual expenditure from 2022-23 to 2024-25 is set out below:

Year	Expenditure (\$ million)
2022-23 (Actual)	13.1
2023-24 (Revised estimate)	33.7
2024-25 (Estimate)	32.5

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(W)117

(Question Serial No. 0488)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Charmaine LEE)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

In 2024-25, the Government will allocate funding of about \$130 million from the Community Care Fund (CCF) to implement a 3-year pilot scheme starting from the third quarter of this year to provide an additional subsidy of \$500 per month for employed disabled recipients of Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) as an incentive for employment. Please provide the following information:

1. the current number of persons with disabilities (PWDs) who are eligible for CSSA, as well as the percentage of employed PWDs among them;
2. the percentage of employed PWDs by type of employment and the average income for each type; and
3. the eligibility criteria and details of the scheme.
4. Considering the potential instability in employment for PWDs, will the Department revoke the employment subsidy if successful applicants suddenly become unemployed?
5. To encourage corporations to increase the proportion of PWD employees and ensure employment stability for PWDs, will the Department collaborate with relevant corporations or organisations or subsidise them to provide barrier-free facilities, etc.?

Asked by: Hon LAM Kin-fung, Jeffrey (LegCo internal reference no.: 37)

Reply:

1. As at the end of December 2023, there were 182 657 disabled CSSA recipients, with 6 042 of them engaged in paid employment. Due to limitations in statistical compilation, the above figures also include able-bodied persons aged 65 or above since both able-bodied and 50% disabled CSSA recipients aged 65 or above receive the same standard rate.
2. The number of disabled CSSA recipients engaging in paid employment with a breakdown by occupation as at the end of December 2023 is set out at Annex. Due to limitations in statistical compilation, the figures also include able-bodied persons aged 65 or above since both able-bodied and 50% disabled CSSA recipients aged 65 or above receive the same standard rate. The Social Welfare

Department (SWD) does not have information on the average income of disabled CSSA recipients by type of occupation.

- 3 & 4. As announced in the 2024-25 Budget Speech, the Government will seek funding of about \$130 million from CCF to implement a 3-year pilot scheme starting from the third quarter of 2024 to provide an additional subsidy of \$500 per month for employed disabled recipients of CSSA as an incentive for employment. The scheme is expected to benefit some 6 800 persons. SWD is carrying out the relevant preparatory work and will release the details of the pilot scheme before its implementation.
5. To support the employment of PWDs, SWD provides employers of PWDs with a subsidy for procuring assistive devices and/or carrying out workplace modifications through the Support Programme for Employees with Disabilities, with the aim to assist employees with disabilities in discharging their duties in the workplace and enhance their work efficiency. Employers may apply for a subsidy of up to \$40,000 for each employee with disabilities. Moreover, SWD has launched the Enhancing Employment of People with Disabilities through Small Enterprise Project to provide funding support for non-governmental organisations to set up small enterprises/businesses that hire PWDs. At least half of the employees hired by the applicant businesses should be PWDs, with a view to creating more employment and on-the-job training opportunities for them. A non-recurrent grant will be provided to the grantee for paying the necessary set-up costs in respect of equipment, fitting-out works, etc. and/or covering any losses incurred during the initial operating period, which can be up to 3 years. The maximum amount of grant for each business is \$3 million.

**Number of disabled CSSA recipients engaging in paid employment ^{Note}
with a breakdown by occupation**

Occupation	No. of disabled CSSA recipients engaging in paid employment ^{Note} (as at end-December 2023)
Cleaner	442
General worker/labourer (other than those engaging in construction works)	340
Waiter/waitress	167
Salesperson	139
Driver	104
Delivery worker	103
Watchman/guard	95
Clerk	71
Domestic helper/babysitter	24
Construction worker/labourer/fitting-out worker	23
Others	4 534
Total	6 042

^{Note} Due to limitations in statistical compilation, the number of disabled CSSA recipients engaging in paid employment also includes able-bodied persons aged 65 or above since both able-bodied and 50% disabled CSSA recipients aged 65 or above receive the same standard rate.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(W)118

(Question Serial No. 0489)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

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

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Charmaine LEE)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

The Government has indicated that it would make an additional injection into the Innovation and Technology Fund for Application in Elderly and Rehabilitation Care (I&T Fund) and expand the scope of the I&T Fund to allow eligible service units to procure gerontechnology products suitable for household use by elderly persons, persons with disabilities and their carers in 2024-25. In this connection, please inform this Committee of:

1. the respective numbers of applications received and approved by the I&T Fund, as well as the number and percentage of applications for each type of service unit for each of the past 3 years;
2. the approved funding amount and percentage for each type of service unit to date; and
3. the estimated number of families expected to benefit from the expanded coverage of the I&T Fund, and the amount of funding involved.

Asked by: Hon LAM Kin-fung, Jeffrey (LegCo internal reference no.: 38)

Reply:

1. The Government allocated \$1 billion to launch the I&T Fund in December 2018 to subsidise eligible elderly and rehabilitation service units to procure, rent or trial technology products, with a view to improving the quality of life of service users and reducing the pressure on care staff and carers. From 2021-22 to 2023-24 (as at the end of February 2024), grants totalling around \$370 million have been approved under the I&T Fund. The numbers of products applied for and approved are set out at Annex 1.
2. As at the end February 2024, grants totalling around \$660 million have been approved under the I&T Fund for about 1 900 elderly and rehabilitation service units. The approved amount and percentage for each type of service unit are set out at Annex 2.
3. It is announced in the 2023 Policy Address that the Government will inject an additional \$1 billion into the I&T Fund in 2024-25, and expand the scope of the I&T Fund to cover gerontechnology products suitable for household use. This new initiative will be implemented in 2024-25. The Social Welfare Department has not estimated the number of families expected to benefit or the amount of grants involved.

**Numbers of products applied for and approved under the I&T Fund
from 2021-22 to 2023-24**

(as at 29 February 2024)

Tranche no. (application period)	Type of service unit	No. of technology products applied	No. of technology products approved
5 (February to May 2021)	Subsidised elderly service unit	2 046	1 792
	Subsidised rehabilitation service unit	1 007	855
	Total	3 053	2 647
6 (September to October 2021)	Subsidised elderly service unit	1 254	1 129
	Subsidised rehabilitation service unit	377	334
	Total	1 631	1 463
7 (January to March 2022)	Subsidised elderly service unit	726	620
	Subsidised rehabilitation service unit	428	367
	Total	1 154	987
8 ^{Note} (September to November 2022)	Subsidised elderly service unit	2 268	2 115
	Subsidised rehabilitation service unit	1 200	1 023
	Non-subsidised private and self-financing residential care home for the elderly (RCHE)	3 570	2 302
	Non-subsidised private and self-financing residential care home for persons with disabilities (RCHD)	108	104
	Total	7 146	5 544
9 (May to August 2023)	Subsidised elderly service unit	1 465	274
	Subsidised rehabilitation service unit	646	176
	Non-subsidised private and self-financing RCHE	1 346	90
	Non-subsidised private and self-financing RCHD	84	7
	Total	3 541	547

^{Note} The eligibility for applying for procurement and rental of technology products has been extended to non-subsidised private or self-financing RCHEs and RCHDs starting with the Eighth Tranche launched in September 2022.

**Approved funding amount and percentage for various types of service units
under the I&T Fund**

(as at 29 February 2024)

Type of service unit	Approved amount (\$ million)	%
Subsidised elderly service unit	372	55.8%
Subsidised rehabilitation service unit	210	31.5%
Non-subsidised private and self-financing RCHE	81	12.1%
Non-subsidised private and self-financing RCHD	4	0.6%
Total	667	100%

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(W)119

(Question Serial No. 3030)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Charmaine LEE)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

The Government will set up 10 more aided standalone child care centres (CCCs) in phases starting this year. The target is to provide nearly 900 additional places for day child care services within 3 years. In this connection, please inform this Committee of the following:

1. the locations and the criteria used for selecting the locations for the 10 additional aided standalone CCCs;
2. the plan for establishing the additional CCCs, including specific details for each phase; and
3. the estimated additional manpower required for setting up each of these CCCs, along with the expenditure for various related items.

Asked by: Hon LAM Kin-fung, Jeffrey (LegCo internal reference no.: 36)

Reply:

- 1 & 2. According to the population-based planning ratio incorporated into the Hong Kong Planning Standards and Guidelines (i.e. 100 aided CCC places for children aged below 3 for every 25 000 persons), the Social Welfare Department (SWD) has been reserving suitable premises for operating CCCs in different new development areas. For developed areas, apart from referring to the above planning ratio, SWD will take into account the child care services provision in the districts and the characteristics of individual districts, including service utilisation, ratio of subsidised to private child care services, available CCC places, land supply situation, and the service demand as a result of demographic changes, etc. when conducting service planning.

SWD will set up 10 more aided standalone CCCs in phases within 3 years starting from 2024, providing about 900 additional places. Among them, 100 places in Queens Hill Estate and 56 places Wah Ming Estate in Fanling have commenced service in January and March 2024 respectively. The 88 places in Shun Lee Estate in Kwun Tong and 100 places at the Treasury Building in Sham Shui Po are scheduled for commencing operation in 2024-25, whereas the 100 places at Cheung Shun Street in Sham Shui Po and 60 places in Kwai Fong Estate in Kwai

Chung will be put into service in 2025-26. The remaining 4 aided standalone CCCs, proposed to be set up in districts such as Kowloon City and Kwun Tong, will collectively provide about 400 additional places, and are scheduled to commence service in 2026-27.

3. In accordance with the Child Care Services Ordinance (Cap. 243) and Child Care Services Regulations (Cap. 243A), the manning ratio for qualified child care worker taking care of children aged 0 to below 2 in day CCCs is 1:8, while the manning ratio for taking care of children aged 2 to below 3 is 1:14. To improve service quality, the Government has allocated additional resources to enhance the above manning ratios to 1:6 and 1:11 respectively since the 2019/20 school year. SWD will provide service operators with a lump sum grant for fitting-out works and purchasing of furniture and equipment. SWD will also subsidise recognised operating costs, which include salaries, administrative support, minor repairs and maintenance at the CCCs, rent, building management fees, and ancillary services provided within the CCCs (such as Extended Hours Service and/or Occasional Child Care Service). The estimated annual expenditure for the 10 additional aided standalone CCCs is about \$66.4 million.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(W)120

(Question Serial No. 0579)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): ()
Programme: Not Specified
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Charmaine LEE)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

The Government will continue to oversee the implementation of the Special Scheme on Privately Owned Sites for Welfare Uses (Special Sites Scheme). In this connection, please inform this Committee of:

- 1) the respective numbers of applications received and approved since the implementation of the Special Sites Scheme;
- 2) the average processing time for each application;
- 3) the current status of the Special Sites Scheme, including listing the names, service targets, available service places, commencement and completion dates of the projects etc; and
- 4) the measures to be taken to expedite the progress of outstanding projects.

Asked by: Hon LAM Lam, Nixie (LegCo internal reference no.: 37)

Reply:

The Government launched Phase One and Phase Two of the Special Sites Scheme in September 2013 and April 2019 respectively to encourage non-governmental organisations (NGOs) to provide or increase welfare facilities that are in acute demand through expansion, redevelopment or new development. Out of the 88 project proposals received under Phase One and Phase Two of the Special Sites Scheme, 23 proposals, which could not proceed further due to various reasons (including site constraints), had been withdrawn by the applicant NGOs or removed from the Special Sites Scheme. As at the end of February 2024, 6 projects have been completed and put into service, 2 projects have entered the construction stage, 10 projects are at the stage of detailed design, and 22 projects are at the stage of technical feasibility studies (TFS). Details of these 40 Special Sites Scheme projects are provided at Annex. The remaining 25 projects are currently at project formulation and preliminary planning stage. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) will support the relevant NGOs in proceeding with TFS, taking into account the actual progress of individual projects.

The progress of NGOs in implementing projects under the Special Sites Scheme may be affected by various factors, including restrictions of the surrounding environment of the sites,

provision of communal and transport facilities, requirements prescribed in the land lease, restrictions stipulated in the outline zoning plans (OZP), the outcome of local consultations, etc. The development progress also depends on whether the applicant NGOs will revise the project proposals during the development process or require more time to prepare relevant documents and the requisite information for submission. As NGOs generally lack professional teams or experience in project development, they may need more time to complete the relevant procedures during the planning process. The time needed to take forward individual projects also varies due to planning and development restrictions of the sites, technical problems, NGOs' own reasons, etc.

To facilitate and coordinate the implementation of projects under the Special Sites Scheme, SWD has been providing one-stop assistance to the applicant NGOs throughout the planning and development process, and has devised various guidelines and templates on the preparation of funding applications and tender documents for NGOs' reference. SWD has been maintaining close contact with relevant government departments, including the Architectural Services Department, Lands Department, Planning Department and Buildings Department to provide assistance and co-ordination to NGOs regarding issues involved in individual projects, including amendment to OZP, obtaining planning permission and lease modification. To further assist the applicant NGOs in pressing ahead with their projects, SWD proactively invited each of the NGOs participating in the Special Sites Scheme for a meeting between December 2022 and May 2023 to review and discuss the progress of their projects. In addition, the Director of Social Welfare convened an inter-departmental meeting in September 2023 with representatives from various departments specialising in planning, land administration, traffic and environment matters, etc. to strengthen the co-ordination among government departments and NGOs and to facilitate the applicant NGOs in tackling technical problems of their individual projects in the planning stage. SWD will continue to take the initiative to arrange for NGOs to meet with the government departments concerned having regard to the circumstances of individual projects so as to expedite their implementation.

**Completed projects and projects at construction, detailed design or TFS stages
under the Special Sites Scheme**

Project	Additional welfare service places
6 completed projects (Commenced service in 2016-2021)	
1. Hong Chi Association Redevelopment of Hong Chi Pinehill Integrated Vocational Training Centre - Minor Staff Quarter and Services Building, Pinehill Village, Tai Po	Hostel for Moderately Mentally Handicapped Persons (HMMH) (100 places)
2. Caritas - Hong Kong Redevelopment of Caritas Social Centre - Tsuen Wan at 9 Shing Mun Road, Tsuen Wan	Care and Attention Home providing Continuum of Care (CoC Home) (120 places); Day Care Centre for the Elderly (DE) (40 places); Well-being Centre for the Family and the Community; Trauma Treatment Centre
3. Heep Hong Society Redevelopment of Heep Hong Society Catherine Lo Centre at 19 Sandy Bay Road, Hong Kong	Special Child Care Centre (SCCC) (54 places); Early Education and Training Centre (EETC) (180 places)
4. Hong Chi Association New development on a vacant area originally used for environmental enhancement and farming in Hong Chi Pinehill Village, Tai Po	SCCC (60 places); EETC (50 places); Residential Special Child Care Centre (12 places); Small Group Home (SGH) for Mildly Mentally Handicapped Children (32 places)
5. Hong Chi Association Redevelopment of Hong Chi Pinehill Integrated Vocational Training Centre - Main Building, Pinehill Village, Tai Po	Hostel for Severely Mentally Handicapped Persons (HSMH) (200 places); Day Activity Centre (DAC) (200 places); Integrated Vocational Rehabilitation Services Centre (IVRSC) (180 places)
6. Haven of Hope Christian Service Expansion of Haven of Hope Woo Ping Care and Attention Home at 8 Pui Shing Lane, Tseung Kwan O	CoC Home (103 places)
2 projects at construction stage (estimated to be completed in 2025-2027)	
7. Caritas - Hong Kong Expansion works at Caritas Li Ka Shing Care and Attention Home in Tuen Mun	Day Care Unit for the Elderly (DCU) (30 places)
8. Pok Oi Hospital Development on a site at Fuk Hang Tsuen Road, Lam Tei, Tuen Mun	CoC Home (1 018 places); Nursing Home (NH) (416 places); Work-based Child Care Centre (CCC) (60 places)
10 projects at detailed design stage (estimated to be completed by phases in 2027-2031)	
9. Stewards Redevelopment of Stewards Peace Clinic Building at 145 Hong Ning Road, Kwun Tong	SCCC (90 places); DAC (50 places); HSMH (50 places); Parents/Relatives Resource Centre

Project	Additional welfare service places
10. Hong Kong Society for the Blind Redevelopment of Factory for the Blind at 19 Mok Cheong Street, To Kwa Wan	HSMH (150 places); HMMH (50 places); IVRSC (100 places); DAC (150 places); Care and Attention Home for the Aged Blind (48 places); Vocational Rehabilitation Services Centre for Persons with Disabilities
11. The Hong Kong Student Aid Society Proposed development on a site at Lei Yue Mun Path, Yau Tong	DAC (100 places); HSMH (50 places); SGH (60 places); Transitional Home for Vulnerable Youngsters (20 places); Career Development Service
12. Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui Welfare Council Limited Expansion of a Nursing Home at Chun Yan Street, Wong Tai Sin	NH (120 places); DE (60 places)
13. The Evangelical Gospel Lutheran Church Limited Development on a site at Ma Tin Road, Yuen Long	CoC Home (180 places)
14. Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui Welfare Council Limited Development on a site at the junction of Castle Peak Road - Yuen Long and Yau Tin East Road	CoC Home (117 places); DE (60 places); SCCC (60 places)
15. Po Leung Kuk Redevelopment of Wong Chuk Hang Service for the Elderly at 1 Wong Chuk Hang Path, Aberdeen	CoC Home (117 places); NH (300 places); DE (36 places)
16. Chinese Young Men's Christian Association of Hong Kong Development on a site in Tai Chung Hau, Sai Kung	CoC Home (250 places); DE (60 places)
17. Helping Hand Development on a vacant area of Cheung Muk Tau Holiday Centre for the Elderly	CoC Home (200 places)
18. The Hong Kong Society for Rehabilitation Redevelopment of the Hong Kong Society for Rehabilitation Lam Tin Complex at 7 Rehab Path, Lam Tin	CoC Home (400 places); DE (120 places); HSMH (100 places); HMMH (100 places); IVRSC (120 places); DAC (100 places); SCCC (60 places); Work-based CCC (35 places); Community Rehabilitation Network; Self-help Resource Hub; House of Aphasia; Training Institute on Holistic Rehabilitation and Wellness
22 projects at TFS stage (Completion date to be confirmed)	
19. Aberdeen Kai-fong Welfare Association Limited Redevelopment of the service building at 180B Aberdeen Main Road	CoC Home (174 places); DE (80 places); Outdoor Adventure Climbing Wall for the Youth

Project	Additional welfare service places
20. Asbury Methodist Social Service Partial redevelopment of a site at 1 Sheung Kok Street, Kwai Chung	DE (40 places); CCC (100 places); SGH (30 places); Dementia Centre for the Elderly
21. Baptist Oi Kwan Social Service Development on a vacant area of the Baptist Convention of Hong Kong at 88 Ping Che Road, Fanling	DE (60 places); CoC Home (240 places); IVRSC (120 places); HMMH (120 places)
22. Caritas – Hong Kong Development on a vacant site at Sha Tau Kok Road - Lung Yeuk Tau, Fanling	CoC Home (250 places)
23. Chinese Young Men's Christian Association of Hong Kong Development on a vacant area of the youth camp at 47 Mau Wu Tsai Village, Po Lam Road South, Tseung Kwan O	CoC Home (300 places); DE (80 places)
24. Ching Chung Taoist Association of Hong Kong Redevelopment of Ching Chung Home for the Aged at 8 Tsing Chung Path, Tuen Mun	CoC Home (276 places); DE (40 places)
25. Chuk Lam Ming Tong Limited Extension of Chuk Lam Ming Tong Care and Attention Home for the Aged at 5 Sha Wan Drive, Pokfulam	CoC Home (83 places)
26. Haven of Hope Christian Service Development on a vacant area at Lot No. 142RP in Survey District No. 5, Tseung Kwan O	NH (200 places); Care and Attention Home for Severely Disabled Persons (C&A/SD) (120 places)
27. Haven of Hope Christian Service Development within the site of Haven of Hope Sunnyside School at 301 Anderson Road, Tseung Kwan O	HSMH (120 places); DAC (162 places)
28. Heung Hoi Ching Kok Lin Association Redevelopment of Buddhist Po Ching Care and Attention Home for the Aged Women at 10 Chi Fuk Circuit, Fanling	CoC Home (122 places); DCU (20 places)
29. The Hong Kong Chinese Women's Club Redevelopment of The Hong Kong Chinese Women's Club Madam Wong Chan Sook Ying Memorial Care and Attention Home for the Aged at 6 Pik Wan Road, Yau Tong	CoC Home (259 places); DE (40 places); Elderly Learning Centre
30. Hong Kong Lutheran Social Service Partial redevelopment of Martha Boss Lutheran Community Centre at 89 Chung Hau Street, Homantin	CoC Home (96 places); DE (60 places); HSMH (30 places); DAC (30 places); SCCC (90 places); CCC (100 places); Office Base of On-site Pre-school Rehabilitation Services (OPRS)

Project	Additional welfare service places
31. Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui Welfare Council Limited Redevelopment of St. Thomas' Church at 43 Berwick Street, Sham Shui Po	DE (80 places); CCC (60 places); SCCC (30 places); Integrated Elderly Rehabilitation Services Centre
32. Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui Welfare Council Limited Development on a vacant site in Tai Po (Taxlord Lot No. T77RP in Demarcation District No. 34)	CoC Home (289 places); SCCC (100 places); CCC (65 places); SGH (30 places); Foster Care Services and Agency-based Enhancement of Professional Staff Support Services
33. Pok Oi Hospital Redevelopment of Pok Oi Hospital Yeung Chun Pui Care and Attention Home at 58 Sha Chau Lei Tsuen, Ha Tsuen, Yuen Long	CoC Home (49 places); DE (80 places); HSMH (50 places); HMMH (40 places); DAC (50 places); IVRSC (80 places); CCC (59 places)
34. Pok Oi Hospital Development of a Day Care Centre for the Elderly at Fuk Hang Tsuen Road, Lam Tei, Tuen Mun	DE (160 places)
35. Po Leung Kuk Partial redevelopment of Po Leung Kuk Headquarters at 66 Leighton Road, Causeway Bay	SCCC (90 places); Residential Child Care Centre (55 places); CCC (66 places); Office Base of OPRS; Children Section (20 places); Kindergarten-cum-Nursery (76 places)
36. The Salvation Army Redevelopment of Shaukeiwan Day Activity Centre at 456 Shau Kei Wan Road	HSMH (60 places); DAC (65 places); Family and Child Development Centre for Children with Special Needs
37. The Salvation Army Redevelopment of The Salvation Army Lai King Home at 200-210 Lai King Hill Road, Kwai Chung	HSMH (78 places) with Residential Respite Service (2 designated places); HMMH (80 places); IVRSC (120 places); DAC (78 places); C&A/SD (70 places)
38. Tung Wah Group of Hospitals Redevelopment of Jockey Club Care and Attention Home for the Elderly at 9 Sandy Bay Road	CoC Home (176 places); DE (40 places); C&A/SD (150 places); HSMH (88 places); HMMH (88 places); IVRSC (120 places); DAC (88 places); SCCC (60 places)
39. Yan Oi Tong Partial redevelopment of Yan Oi Tong Jockey Club Community and Sports Centre at 18 Kai Man Path, Tuen Mun	NH (100 places); DE (60 places); SCCC (50 places)
40. The Yuen Yuen Institute Redevelopment of Yuen Yuen Home for the Aged at 31 & 33 Lo Wai Road, Sam Dip Tam, Tsuen Wan	CoC Home (387 places); DCU (30 places); SCCC (40 places)

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(W)121

(Question Serial No. 3073)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): ()
Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Charmaine LEE)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

To enhance welfare support services for ethnic minorities (EMs), the Government has continued to implement the EM District Ambassador pilot scheme (the pilot scheme). In this connection, please provide this Committee with the following information:

- 1) The number of applications received in each of the past 3 years, and the number of EM District Ambassadors hired.
- 2) Has there been an evaluation of the pilot scheme's effectiveness thus far? What measures will be taken to enhance and expand EM services?

Asked by: Hon LAM Lam, Nixie (LegCo internal reference no.: 38)

Reply:

- 1) The Social Welfare Department (SWD) launched the pilot scheme in October 2020 in 9 districts with a higher EM population (i.e. Central and Western, Islands, Wan Chai, Eastern, Yau Tsim Mong, Kowloon City, Kwai Tsing, Yuen Long and Sham Shui Po). The pilot scheme aims to enhance welfare support services for EM communities by employing an additional 46 EMs or designated persons as EM District Ambassadors in some service units of SWD and subvented non-governmental organisations. As at December 2023, a cumulative total of 112 persons have been employed as ambassadors. SWD does not have information on the number of applications for these posts.
- 2) The pilot scheme has received positive feedback and support from various stakeholders since its implementation. The Government has extended the pilot scheme for 3 years to 2026 so as to continue strengthening welfare support for EM communities. SWD will keep reviewing the implementation of the pilot scheme and timely examine the way forward for the services.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(W)122

(Question Serial No. 3074)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): ()
Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Charmaine LEE)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the Government's plan to strengthen the home-based child care service (HCCS) under the Neighbourhood Support Child Care Project (NSCCP) and increase the level of incentive payment for home-based child carers and the number of places, please inform this Committee of the following:

- 1) the number of places, number of service users, average utilisation rate and fee charged for the service under NSCCP in the past 3 years;
- 2) a breakdown of the actual expenditure incurred by NSCCP in each of the past 3 years; and
- 3) the approving procedures and criteria adopted by the Government when examining funding applications, and the measures implemented to ensure the quality and standards of service operators.

Asked by: Hon LAM Lam, Nixie (LegCo internal reference no.: 39)

Reply:

- 1 & 2) The information on NSCCP for the past 3 financial years is provided at Annex. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) does not have information on the average utilisation rate of the services offered under NSCCP.

SWD allocates funding to service operators based on their expenditure in operating NSCCP, which includes staff salaries, costs for recruiting and training home-based child carers, incentive payments, service promotion costs and subsidies for service fee waivers/reductions, etc. At the same time, service operators are required to provide a minimum number of places and employ staff in accordance with the staffing establishment stipulated in the Service Agreement (SA) for operating NSCCP. They must also meet the output and outcome standards specified in the SA. Subject to their compliance with these requirements, service operators may flexibly deploy the funding to operate NSCCP. Therefore, SWD does not have a breakdown of the annual actual expenditure for NSCCP as requested in the question.

- 3) SWD adopts a “quality-based” approach in selecting non-governmental organisations to operate NSCCP. To ensure service quality, SWD has consistently required service operators of NSCCP to establish mechanisms for recruiting, assessing, selecting and training home-based child carers, and for service matching. Social workers from service operators are required to conduct monthly home visits to home-based child carers currently providing services, while child care workers will provide them with individual training/supervision. In addition, service operators are also required to continuously evaluate and follow up on the performance of home-based child carers. Statistics related to the amount of training/supervision provided are included in the service quality indicators, and service operators are required to submit relevant statistical information to SWD on a quarterly basis. SWD will also conduct regular and surprise visits to assess whether service operators are in compliance with the requirements specified in the SA.

Table 1: Number of places, number of children served, service fee and expenditure for NSCCP
2021-22

District	Number of places ^[Note 1]	Number of children served	Basic service fee per hour ^[Note 2]		Actual expenditure for 2021-22 ^[Note 3] (\$ million)
			HCCS	Centre-based care group (CCG)	
Central & Western	53	355	24	24	51.2
Wan Chai	53	287	22	22	
Eastern	53	428	22	22	
Southern	53	283	20	12	
Yau Tsim Mong	53	724	20	13	
Sham Shui Po	53	1 011	20	13	
Kowloon City	53	588	20	13	
Wong Tai Sin	53	621	18	10	
Kwun Tong	53	362	20	13	
Kwai Tsing	53	619	18	13	
Tsuen Wan	53	514	20	13	
Tuen Mun	53	767	20	13	
Yuen Long	53	1 309	18	13	
North	53	482	18	13	
Tai Po	53	552	20	13	
Sha Tin	53	916	20	13	
Sai Kung	53	513	20	13	
Islands	53	498	22	13	
Total	954	10 829	-	-	

[Note 1] Service operators are required to provide a minimum of 53 service places in each district (i.e. the total number of places in all 18 districts should be at least 954). Service operators may flexibly increase the number of HCCS places beyond this requirement so as to meet the actual service demand.

[Note 2] Operators may determine the amount of fees according to the circumstances of the district. Service users with social needs and/or financial difficulties can apply for fee waivers/reductions.

[Note 3] The expenditure for each year includes the operator's administrative expenses and subsidies granted to service users from low-income families.

Table 2: Number of places, number of children served, service fee and expenditure for NSCCP

2022-23

District	Number of places ^[Note 1]	Number of children served	Basic service fee per hour ^[Note 2]		Actual expenditure for 2022-23 ^[Note 3] (\$ million)
			HCCS	CCG	
Central & Western	53	413	24	24	28.3
Wan Chai	53	189	22	22	
Eastern	53	326	22	22	
Southern	53	171	20	12	
Yau Tsim Mong	53	793	20	13	
Sham Shui Po	53	842	20	13	
Kowloon City	53	455	20	13	
Wong Tai Sin	53	595	18	10	
Kwun Tong	53	395	20	13	
Kwai Tsing	53	679	18	13	
Tsuen Wan	53	645	20	13	
Tuen Mun	53	732	20	13	
Yuen Long	53	1 151	18	13	
North	53	446	18	13	
Tai Po	53	580	20	13	
Sha Tin	53	848	20	13	
Sai Kung	53	591	20	13	
Islands	53	468	22	13	
Total	954	10 319	-	-	

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[Note 2] Operators may determine the amount of fees according to the circumstances of the district. Service users with social needs and/or financial difficulties can apply for fee waivers/reductions.

[Note 3] The expenditure for each year includes the operator's administrative expenses and subsidies granted to service users from low-income families. The decrease in expenditure for the year was due to the fact that part of the funding for 2022-23 was disbursed in 2023-24.

Table 3: Number of places, number of children served, service fee and expenditure for NSCCP

2023-24 (April to December 2023)

District	Number of places ^[Note 1]	Number of children served	Basic service fee per hour ^[Note 2]		Revised estimate for 2023-24 ^[Note 3] (\$ million)
			HCCS	CCG	
Central & Western	53	387	24	24	107.7
Wan Chai	53	201	22	22	
Eastern	53	329	22	22	
Southern	53	422	20	12	
Yau Tsim Mong	53	640	20	13	
Sham Shui Po	53	706	20	13	
Kowloon City	53	280	20	13	
Wong Tai Sin	53	525	18	10	
Kwun Tong	53	404	20	13	
Kwai Tsing	53	495	18	13	
Tsuen Wan	53	380	20	13	
Tuen Mun	53	644	20	13	
Yuen Long	53	879	18	13	
North	53	400	18	13	
Tai Po	53	380	20	13	
Sha Tin	53	546	20	13	
Sai Kung	53	469	20	13	
Islands	53	397	22	13	
Total	954	8 484	-	-	

[Note 1] Service operators are required to provide a minimum of 53 service places in each district (i.e. the total number of places in all 18 districts should be at least 954). Service operators may flexibly increase the number of HCCS places beyond this requirement so as to meet the actual service demand.

[Note 2] Operators may determine the amount of fees according to the circumstances of the district. Service users with social needs and/or financial difficulties can apply for fee waivers/reductions.

[Note 3] The expenditure for each year includes the operators' administrative expenses and subsidies granted to service users from low-income families. The increase in expenditure for the year was due to the fact that part of the funding for 2022-23 was disbursed in 2023-24.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(W)123

(Question Serial No. 3158)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Charmaine LEE)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the Government's plan to extend the After School Care Programme for Pre-primary Children (ASCP(PC)) in phases to cover all 18 districts in Hong Kong, please inform this Committee of the following:

1. Please provide an overview of the implementation of ASCP(PC) in each district for the past 3 years, including the number of places, the number of service users, and the average utilisation rate.
2. Please provide the timetable for extending ASCP(PC) to cover all 18 districts in Hong Kong, as well as the number of places available in each district after the expansion.
3. Will the Government consider providing services on Saturdays, Sundays and public holidays to help the families in need?

Asked by: Hon LAM Lam, Nixie (LegCo internal reference no.: 40)

Reply:

1. The number of places and the average utilisation rate of ASCP(PC) in each district for the past 3 financial years are set out at Annex 1. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) does not have information on the number of service users.
2. SWD will extend ASCP(PC) to cover all districts in Hong Kong in phases within a period of 3 years starting from 2024. The number of centres participating in ASCP(PC) will increase from 16 to 28, while the number of places will increase from 672 to 1 176. SWD will invite non-governmental organisations to submit proposals, and plans to launch the first phase of service extension in the first quarter of 2025. The estimated number of places in various districts upon the full extension of ASCP(PC) is set out at Annex 2.
3. Centres of ASCP(PC) provide services in 3 sessions (i.e. the morning session, afternoon session and late afternoon session) from Monday to Friday. Some centres may offer additional sessions on Saturdays, Sundays or public holidays to meet the service demand in their respective districts.

**Number of places and average utilisation rate of ASCP(PC)
(2021-22, 2022-23 & April to December 2023)**

District	2021-22		2022-23		April to December 2023	
	Number of places ^[Note 1]	Average utilisation rate (%)	Number of places ^[Note 2]	Average utilisation rate (%)	Number of places ^[Note 3]	Average utilisation rate (%)
Central & Western	-	N.A.	-	N.A.	42	9
Southern	-	N.A.	42	23	42	37
Islands	-	N.A.	-	N.A.	-	N.A.
Eastern	-	N.A.	-	N.A.	-	N.A.
Wan Chai	-	N.A.	-	N.A.	-	N.A.
Kwun Tong	84	35	126	43	126	54
Wong Tai Sin	42	0	42	69	42	85
Sai Kung	-	N.A.	-	N.A.	-	N.A.
Kowloon City	-	N.A.	-	N.A.	-	N.A.
Yau Tsim Mong	-	N.A.	-	N.A.	-	N.A.
Sham Shui Po	126	46	126	71	126	74
Sha Tin	-	N.A.	-	N.A.	-	N.A.
Tai Po	42	39	42	41	42	47
North	42	1	42	28	42	71
Yuen Long	42	0	42	42	126	48
Tsuen Wan	-	N.A.	-	N.A.	-	N.A.
Kwai Tsing	42	20	84	58	126	56
Tuen Mun	-	N.A.	-	N.A.	-	N.A.
Total	420	32	546	53	714	57

N.A. - Not applicable

[Note 1] 10 centres in Kwun Tong, Sham Shui Po, Tai Po, Kwai Tsing, Wong Tai Sin, North and Yuen Long districts commenced service in August 2021 and February 2022.

[Note 2] 3 centres in Southern, Kwun Tong and Kwai Tsing districts commenced service in February 2023.

[Note 3] 4 centres in Central & Western, Yuen Long and Kwai Tsing districts commenced service in August 2023. As at 31 December 2023, 17 centres provided a total 714 places (42 places per centre), of which 2 will cease service after March 2024. In addition, 1 MHCCC completed re-engineering to commence service in the first quarter of 2024. Therefore, there will be a net increase of 3 centres of ASCP(PC) from 13 to 16 by the end of 2023-24 compared to 2022-23, while the number of places will increase from 546 to 672.

Number of places available in various districts upon the full extension of ASCP(PC)

District	Number of places		
	By the end of 2023-24	Number of additional places	Total
Central & Western	42	-	42
Southern	84	-	84
Islands	-	42	42
Eastern	-	42	42
Wan Chai	-	42	42
Kwun Tong	84	-	84
Wong Tai Sin	42	-	42
Sai Kung	-	42	42
Kowloon City	-	42	42
Yau Tsim Mong	-	42	42
Sham Shui Po	126	-	126
Sha Tin	-	42	42
Tai Po	-	42	42
North	42	-	42
Yuen Long	126	-	126
Tsuen Wan	-	42	42
Kwai Tsing	126	-	126
Tuen Mun	-	42	42
2 other centres will be located in districts with greater service demand		84	84
Total	672	504	1 176

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(W)124

(Question Serial No. 0837)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): ()
Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Charmaine LEE)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the legislative work on the mandatory reporting regime for suspected child abuse cases, there are concerns among the public about the adequacy of support for suspected child abuse victims. Specifically, there are concerns related to the availability of shelters and social workers, and the training provided to relevant personnel. In this connection, would the Government please inform this Committee of the following:

1. Does the Department intend to build more shelters for suspected child abuse victims? If so, what is the estimated expenditure involved? If not, what are the reasons?
2. For professionals who are affected and concerned about the impact of inadequate training on their ability to identify cases of child abuse in a timely manner, what publicity and training plans does the Department have in place? What is the estimated expenditure involved?

Asked by: Hon LAM San-keung (LegCo internal reference no.: 9)

Reply:

1. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) will set up an additional Residential Child Care Centre (RCCC) in Tuen Mun in 2024-25. Another new RCCC is under planning. These 2 RCCCs will be operational before the commencement of the proposed Mandatory Reporting of Child Abuse Ordinance, adding a total of 96 emergency care service places and catering for about 380 children each year. The estimated annual operating expenditure is about \$57.12 million.
2. The Government has set up an e-learning platform to provide training, reference materials and information for relevant professionals. The Child Protection Online Training comprises online self-learning training and webinars. Module 1 of the online self-learning training has been launched in February 2024 to provide training on the basic knowledge on child protection. Module 2 will be rolled out in phases after the enactment of the Mandatory Reporting of Child Abuse Bill and will cover the basic knowledge on the relevant legal and reporting issues related to the new legislation. In addition, the Government will also organise webinars to provide the professionals with enrichment programmes to discuss different topics related to child protection and to enhance cross-sectoral collaboration among professionals. Q&A sessions will also be

included according to training needs to encourage interactive learning. The expenditure involved in training and promotion is about \$2.8 million.

Apart from the Child Protection Online Training, relevant bureaux/departments/organisations have been providing, and will continue to provide, professionals with training (including talks, seminars, workshops and online training, etc.) relating to child protection and their specific professions to enhance their knowledge and skills in handling suspected child abuse. SWD will also continue to collaborate with different government departments and organisations to enhance training for social workers and relevant professionals, in order to strengthen their capability for early identification and handling of suspected child abuse cases.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(W)125

(Question Serial No. 1762)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (000) Operational Expenses
Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Charmaine LEE)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

The Budget Speech mentioned that the Government has implemented the Community Care Service Voucher (CCSV) Scheme for the Elderly (CCSV Scheme) and the Residential Care Service Voucher (RCSV) Scheme for the Elderly (RCSV Scheme) since last year. In this connection, please inform this Committee of the following information:

- (1) What are the utilisation rates of CCSVs and RCSVs (with a breakdown by different service areas)? What are the results of the effectiveness evaluation?
- (2) Please provide details on the current distribution of expenditure on CCSVs and RCSVs.

Asked by: Hon LAM Shun-chiu, Dennis (LegCo internal reference no.: 9)

Reply:

As at the end of December 2023, the numbers of current users of CCSVs and RCSVs are 8 395 and 3 433, respectively.

The Social Welfare Department (SWD) commissioned the Sau Po Centre on Ageing of the University of Hong Kong (Sau Po Centre) to evaluate the effectiveness of the first and second phases of the CCSV Scheme in 2013 and 2017, respectively. The results showed that the CCSV Scheme had effectively enhanced the quality of life of frail elderly persons and alleviated carers' stress. Based on the recommendations for each phase and feedback from stakeholders, SWD implemented various enhancement measures, including adding more service options, expanding the coverage to 18 districts across the territory and adjusting the voucher value of CCSV, etc. To evaluate the effectiveness of the third phase of the CCSV Scheme and various enhancement measures, SWD conducted an online questionnaire survey from July to August 2022 to collect feedback from stakeholders, including recognised service providers, service users and carers. In addition, it has visited the management and frontline staff of service operators to understand the daily operations of CCSV services. The Government has made the CCSV permanent since September 2023. The number of CCSVs will also be increased by 1 000 in 2024-25, bringing the total to 11 000, and will be further increased to 12 000 in 2025-26. The annual expenditure on CCSV is about \$900 million.

SWD commissioned The Jockey Club School of Public Health and Primary Care of the Chinese University of Hong Kong to review the effectiveness of the RCSV Scheme in 2017 and 2020 respectively. The results showed that the RCSV Scheme was generally well-received by the elderly persons using RCSVs and the participating residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs). The RCSV Scheme provides an additional choice for elderly persons waitlisting for subsidised care-and-attention (C&A) places, and allows them to reside in RCHEs under the RCSV Scheme without having to wait. Since the implementation of the RCSV Scheme, the number of participating elderly persons and RCHEs has steadily increased. The Government has made the RCSV permanent in April 2023, and will expand the coverage of RCSVs from C&A places to nursing home places, starting in the second quarter of 2024. An extra 1 000 RCSVs will also be provided, bringing the total to 5 000. The annual expenditure on RCSV will be about \$1.44 billion.

SWD will review the operation and effectiveness of the CCSV Scheme and RCSV Scheme from time to time.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(W)126

(Question Serial No. 0582)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Charmaine LEE)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding street sleeper services, please provide the following information:

1. For each of the past 3 years, set out (i) the number of individuals benefitting from street sleeper services, (ii) their average age, and (iii) their characteristics.
2. For the past 3 years, provide (i) the number of organisations providing street sleeper services, (ii) the districts they serve, (iii) the services they offer (including the duration of accommodation services in years, if applicable), as well as (iv) the manpower and (v) the expenditure involved.
3. For the coming year, will there be an increase in the estimated expenditure on street sleeper services? If yes, what are the details?

Asked by: Hon LAM Siu-lo, Andrew (LegCo internal reference no.: 3)

Reply:

1. The numbers of street sleeper cases receiving support from the Social Welfare Department (SWD) in the past 3 financial years were 573, 556 and 639, respectively. SWD does not have the other information sought.
2. In the past 3 financial years, SWD has been subventing non-governmental organisations (NGOs) to operate 3 Integrated Services Teams for Street Sleepers (ISTs). These ISTs conduct day and late-night outreach visits to proactively reach out to street sleepers in Hong Kong and understand their reasons for street sleeping. ISTs render integrated services according to the actual welfare needs of street sleepers and their willingness to receive services. These services include counselling, service referrals, short-term accommodation (with 3 service points located in Wan Chai District, Mong Kok District and Sham Shui Po District) and application for financial assistance, etc. In addition, SWD provides subvention to NGOs to operate 3 short-term hostels, with a view to providing short-term transitional accommodation for street sleepers to tide them over to stable living arrangements through counselling and consultation. These 3 hostels are located in Chai Wan District, Wong Tai Sin District and Hung Hom District, serving street sleepers in Hong Kong. The duration of stay at these hostels is normally up to

6 months, but may be extended by social workers subject to the welfare needs of individual cases to facilitate smooth implementation of suitable accommodation plans.

SWD subsidises NGOs to provide integrated services for street sleepers under the Lump Sum Grant Subvention System. Subject to their compliance with the requirements of the Funding and Service Agreements, NGOs may determine their staffing establishment in accordance with their human resources policies, and flexibly deploy resources and employ staff to achieve the service output and outcomes required. SWD does not have information on the actual number of NGO staff involved in providing services for street sleepers. The expenditure of integrated services for street sleepers subvented by SWD is tabulated as follows:

Expenditure of subvented integrated services for street sleepers

Year	Expenditure (\$ million)
2021-22 (Actual)	29.9
2022-23 (Actual)	32.6
2023-24 (Revised estimate)	36.2

3. Since 2020-21, SWD has enhanced the welfare support services for street sleepers, including strengthening professional and supervisory support for the 3 ISTs, and providing additional outreach vehicles. In addition, 6 additional short-term hostel places for male street sleepers have been provided, increasing the number of subvented places from 222 to 228. SWD will continue to closely monitor the situation and service need of street sleepers.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(W)127

(Question Serial No. 0583)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Charmaine LEE)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the additional injection into the Innovation and Technology Fund for Application in Elderly and Rehabilitation Care (I&T Fund) and the expansion of the scope of the I&T Fund to allow eligible service units to procure gerontechnology products suitable for household use by elderly persons and their carers, please provide this Committee with the following information:

1. the types of products currently available for choosing by eligible service units;
2. the number and types of gerontechnology products suitable for household use by elderly persons ageing in place and their carers that have been procured, rented and trialled by eligible service units in the past 3 years;
3. the number of elderly persons ageing in place and their carers who have procured, rented and trialled gerontechnology products provided by eligible service units for each of the past 3 years;
4. the amount of the additional injection into the I&T Fund and details on the expansion of the I&T Fund's scope in the coming year; and
5. whether the expansion will be extended to cover other service units for them to procure, rent and trial gerontechnology products; if so, the details.

Asked by: Hon LAM Siu-lo, Andrew (LegCo internal reference no.: 4)

Reply:

1. An Expert Group has been established under the I&T Fund to help develop a Reference List of Recognised Technology Application Products (Reference List) for eligible service units to refer to when applying for the procurement or rental of technology products. The list is updated from time to time, and the latest version will be uploaded to the website of the Social Welfare Department (SWD). Furthermore, an Assessment Panel (AP) has been formed to vet and advise on applications for the I&T Fund. If the technology products under application are not included in the Reference List, the AP will decide whether to approve the application based on established assessment criteria, including whether the products have obtained relevant certifications, their capacity to benefit service users and their cost-effectiveness, etc.

2 to 5. It was announced in the 2023 Policy Address that the Government would inject an additional \$1 billion into the I&T Fund in 2024-25, and expand the scope of the I&T Fund to cover gerontechnology products suitable for household use. Eligible elderly and rehabilitation service units can procure suitable technology products for lending to elderly persons, persons with disabilities (PWDs) and their carers for use at home. This will extend the use of technology products from residential care homes and community service units to households, thus improving the quality of life of elderly persons and PWDs and relieving the pressure of the carers. SWD is currently formulating the relevant implementation details, including which service units will be included. These details will be announced in due course.

As the aforementioned new measure will only be implemented in 2024-25, SWD does not have information on elderly persons or their carers who have procured or trialled gerontechnology products provided by eligible service units in the past 3 years.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(W)128

(Question Serial No. 0590)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: Not Specified

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Charmaine LEE)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the continued implementation of the initiative to purchase premises for the provision of welfare facilities, please provide the following information:

1. (i) The number of premises purchased by the Government, (ii) their locations, (iii) the expenditure for each premises, and (iv) the services provided since the implementation of the initiative.
2. (i) The number of premises expected to be purchased by the Government, (ii) their locations, (iii) the expenditure for each premises, and (iv) the services to be provided for the upcoming year.
3. Will there be a review on the progress made? If the targets are not met, will the necessity of the initiative be reassessed?

Asked by: Hon LAM Siu-lo, Andrew (LegCo internal reference no.: 40)

Reply:

With the assistance of the Government Property Agency (GPA), the Social Welfare Department (SWD) is striving to identify suitable premises for purchase through different channels. As at 29 February 2024, SWD has incurred about \$240 million in actual expenditure on the "purchase of welfare premises" under the Capital Works Reserve Fund, covering the payment for 5 premises. 2 of these premises are located in Sham Shui Po District, while the remaining 3 are located in Central and Western District, Eastern District and Kwun Tong District respectively. These premises are for operating a Parents/Relatives Resource Centre, a Support Centre for Persons with Autism and a neighbourhood elderly centre, as well as for providing on-site pre-school rehabilitation services.

The progress of purchasing premises, as well as the number, location, expenditure and purpose of such premises, depend on the availability of suitable properties in the market and various external factors, including whether the properties for sale have fire safety and barrier-free access facilities, whether the size and location meet operational requirements, whether the surrounding land uses are compatible with welfare uses, and whether the selling prices fall within the acceptable price range determined by GPA with reference to market value. Currently, SWD and GPA are continuing their efforts to identify and purchase suitable premises, and have earmarked about \$499 million for related work in 2024-25. If market conditions permit, the goal of SWD and GPA is to purchase as many premises as possible in order to provide more welfare facilities.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(W)129

(Question Serial No. 0508)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Charmaine LEE)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

The Government will set up 4 additional parents/relatives resource centres (PRCs) to support persons in mental recovery and their carers by the third quarter of 2025. In this connection, please inform this Committee of the staffing establishment and outcome indicators of the additional PRCs.

Asked by: Hon LAM So-wai (LegCo internal reference no.: 2)

Reply:

The Social Welfare Department establishes staffing establishments (SE) for different types of subvented welfare services for calculating the amount of subvention. The SE for PRCs is provided at Annex. Subject to their compliance with the requirements of the Funding and Service Agreements (FSA), service operators may flexibly deploy their manpower in accordance with their operational needs and human resources. The amount of subvention for the additional PRCs will also be calculated using the same SE. Moreover, the FSAs will stipulate the essential service requirements, output standards (OSs) and outcome standards for PRCs. The OSs include the numbers of members, group meetings, counselling cases and support and community education activities.

SE for PRCs	
Rank/Post	Number of staff
Social Work Officer	0.125
Assistant Social Work Officer	2
Social Work Assistant	1
Welfare Worker	2
Clerical Assistant	1
Workman II	0.667
Total	6.792

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(W)130

(Question Serial No. 0509)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Charmaine LEE)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

A survey conducted by an organisation found that the services provided by parents/relatives resource centres (PRCs) are the same as, or seemingly redundant with, those of integrated children and youth services centres (ICYSCs) or integrated family service centres (IFSCs). In this connection, would the Government please inform this Committee of the reason(s) for allocating such a considerable amount of resources to PRCs only to provide similar services?

Asked by: Hon LAM So-wai (LegCo internal reference no.: 3)

Reply:

The Social Welfare Department provides subventions for non-governmental organisations (NGOs) to operate PRCs across different districts. PRCs provide emotional support and professional advice to parents/relatives and carers of persons with disabilities (PWDs) to help them understand how to take care of PWDs, exchange experiences and seek mutual support in order to cope with stress and difficulties, while strengthening the functioning of families to better cater to the needs of PWDs.

ICYSCs provide children and young people aged 6 to 24 with guidance and counselling, support programmes, developmental and social activities, and community engagement programmes, in order to address their diverse welfare and developmental needs.

As for IFSCs/Integrated Services Centres, they provide needy individuals and families in specific localities with a range of preventive, supportive and remedial welfare services to support and strengthen individuals and families.

While each of the abovementioned service has specific service targets and characteristics, they complement each other with defined division of labour and referral mechanisms.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(W)131

(Question Serial No. 0510)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Charmaine LEE)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

In recent years, there have been frequent family tragedies involving carers. Many of these incidents involved single parents and divorced families. Would the Department please inform this Committee whether it will consider establishing resource centers specifically for single parents and divorced families? In addition, how are the existing parents/relatives resource centres (PRCs) working to prevent or intervene in cases involving high-risk carers?

Asked by: Hon LAM So-wai (LegCo internal reference no.: 4)

Reply:

At present, there are a total of 19 PRCs subvented by the Social Welfare Department (SWD) across the territory, providing community support services to the parents/relatives and carers of persons with disabilities, including casework counselling and support groups/programmes, to help them learn how to take care of their family members with disabilities, exchange experience and seek mutual support. To provide support services for individuals or families in need, including divorced families, social workers at PRCs will collaborate with welfare service units within the district to meet the needs of service users and refer them to appropriate service units, such as Integrated Family Service Centres, based on their individual circumstances. To strengthen support for carers of persons in mental recovery, SWD will set up 4 additional PRCs for carers of persons in mental recovery.

Apart from PRCs, SWD has implemented a series of services to enhance support for carers in 2023, including setting up the 24-hour Designated Hotline for Carer Support 182 183 (the Carer Hotline) in September 2023. The Carer Hotline is answered by professional social workers, who provide community support information, instant consultation and counselling, outreach services, emergency support, respite service matching and referral services, etc. SWD has also rolled out the one-stop Information Gateway for Carers in November 2023 for carers to access the latest information on relevant services at any time.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(W)132

(Question Serial No. 0537)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): ()
Programme: Not Specified
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Charmaine LEE)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

A recent survey pointed to a significant turnover of manpower in the social welfare sector, underscoring the need for talent retention. A survey indicated that employees in the social welfare sector have rated the “transparency” and their “satisfaction” with the remuneration systems of social welfare organisations relatively low. Would the Department please inform this Committee whether it will consider implementing a monitoring mechanism to address these concerns?

Asked by: Hon LAM So-wai (LegCo internal reference no.: 31)

Reply:

Under the Lump Sum Grant (LSG) Subvention System, non-governmental organisations (NGOs) operating subvented welfare services may determine the establishment and remuneration of their staff in accordance with their human resources policies as well as flexibly deploy resources and employ staff, subject to their compliance with the requirements of the Funding and Service Agreements and the relevant statutory staffing requirements. This arrangement enables NGOs to respond to service needs swiftly and provide welfare services efficiently.

According to the existing LSG Manual, with regard to human resource management and staff involvement, NGOs should have clear human resource management policies and programmes in respect of pay, training and development, manpower planning, recruitment and staff communication. In addition, the NGO Board/Management Committee is advised to consult staff on changes that may affect them, such as revising the existing establishment structure, changing the remuneration package or working conditions, etc.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(W)133

(Question Serial No. 0539)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Charmaine LEE)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Currently, there are 19 parent/relative resource centres (PRCs) across the territory, and out of these, 16 provide services to parents of children with special learning needs. However, carers of persons with other types of disabilities do not have access to similar support. Would the Department please inform this Committee whether PRCs will consider expanding the scope of their services to include other types of disabilities, in addition to providing support for carers of persons in mental recovery? If not, please provide the reasons.

Asked by: Hon LAM So-wai (LegCo internal reference no.: 33)

Reply:

Currently, there are a total of 19 PRCs across the territory. With the exception of 1 designated for parents/relatives and carers of persons in mental recovery, the remaining 18 serve parents, relatives or carers of persons with different types of disabilities (not only limited to children with special learning needs).

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(W)134

(Question Serial No. 2577)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Charmaine LEE)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) Scheme, please inform this Committee of:

1. (i) the number of CSSA applications received by the Department, (ii) the number of applications approved, (iii) the number of CSSA fraud cases, (iv) the number of persons convicted of CSSA fraud cases, and (v) the amount of overpayment involved in CSSA fraud cases for each of the past 3 years;
2. the number of households on CSSA for the past 3 years and the estimated number for the coming year, broken down by the number of household members; and
3. the staffing establishment and expenditure involved in both the investigation of suspected CSSA fraud cases, which were either reported by members of the public or referred by frontline Social Welfare Department (SWD) staff, and the recovery of overpayment, along with the amount of overpayment successfully recovered, over the past 3 years by SWD.

Asked by: Hon LAU Ip-keung, Kenneth (LegCo internal reference no.: 32)

Reply:

1. The numbers of CSSA applications received and approved from 2021-22 to 2023-24 are as follows:

CSSA	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24 (as at end- December 2023)
Number of applications received ^{Note 1}	34 793	35 396	26 416
Number of applications approved ^{Note 2}	18 407	18 983	13 674

Note 1 Number of applications received refers to the number of applications received in the year.

Note 2 Number of applications approved refers to the number of applications approved in the year.

The number of established fraud cases upon SWD’s in-depth investigation, the number of prosecuted cases and the amount of overpayment involved from 2021-22 to 2023-24 are provided in the table below. With respect to suspected fraud cases substantiated upon investigation, SWD will recover overpayment from the relevant applicants/recipients. SWD will issue written warnings to those concerned or refer serious suspected fraud cases to the Police for investigation. Persons convicted of fraud by the court may be imprisoned, bound over, sentenced to community service order or fined.

	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24 (as at end-December 2023)
Number of established fraud cases upon SWD’s in-depth investigation	323	367	419
Number of prosecuted cases	24	21	15
Amount of overpayment involved in established fraud cases upon SWD’s in-depth investigation (\$ million)	34.3	38.1	34.2

2. The number CSSA cases from 2021-22 to 2023-24, broken down by number of eligible household members, is as follows:

Number of eligible household members	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24 (as at end-December 2023)
1	138 092	133 784	132 724
2	39 276	36 582	34 630
3	15 071	13 714	12 613
4	6 027	5 486	5 008
5	2 036	1 834	1 698
6 or above	960	908	823
Total	201 462	192 308	187 496

For the purpose of estimating expenditures, SWD anticipates handling 237 000 CSSA cases in 2024-25. However, SWD does not have an estimation of the number of CSSA cases broken down by number of eligible household members.

3. SWD has established 6 special investigation teams, including 1 Data Matching Team (DMT), 3 Fraud Investigation Teams (FITs), 1 Fraud Assessment Team (FAT) and 1 Target Investigation Team (TIT), to investigate cases of suspected fraud relating to CSSA and Social Security Allowance (SSA) and recover overpayment. The staffing establishment for these teams has remained unchanged in the past 3 years. A breakdown of the number of staff by their rank and pay level is tabulated below:

Rank	Pay level (master pay scale)	DMT	3 FITs	FAT	TIT	Total number of staff members
Social Security Officer I	Point 28-33	1	3	1	1	6

Rank	Pay level (master pay scale)	DMT	3 FITs	FAT	TIT	Total number of staff members
Social Security Officer II	Point 10-27	4	38	10	6	58
Senior Social Security Assistant	Point 18-23	20	-	5	9	34
Social Security Assistant	Point 7-17	-	-	-	22	22
Total number of staff members		25	41	16	38	120

SWD does not have information on the amount of overpayment successfully recovered from CSSA fraud cases.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(W)135

(Question Serial No. 1627)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Charmaine LEE)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Owing to the high cost of living in Hong Kong, it has become necessary for both spouses in a marriage to work in order to sustain their livelihood. In recent year, the Government has enhanced child care support services to encourage child-bearing. In this connection, please provide the following information:

1. What measures has the Department taken in the past year to enhance child care services for children aged 0 to 2? How effective are these measures?
2. What is the current availability of day child care service places for children aged 0 to 2 (including the number of child care service places, the child population, and the ratio of service places to child population), broken down by district?
3. Apart from child care centres (CCCs), the Department has also implemented the Neighbourhood Support Child Care Project (NSCCP) to provide flexible day child care service for children aged 0 to 9 at the neighbourhood level. What is the current availability of service places under NSCCP, broken down by district?
4. What measures has the Department taken to ensure the service quality under NSCCP?

Asked by: Hon LEE Hoey Simon (LegCo internal reference no.: 18)

Reply:

1. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) has set up 2 additional aided standalone CCCs in Tai Po and Yuen Long districts respectively in 2023, providing a total of 136 places for children aged below 2. These CCCs also provide ancillary services including Occasional Child Care Service and Extended Hours Service.
2. The current number of CCC places for children aged under 2, broken down by District Council (DC) district, is set out at Annex. SWD does not have information on the child population or the ratio of places to child population.
3. Service operators of NSCCP are required to provide a minimum of 53 service places in each district (i.e. the total number of places in all 18 districts should be at least 954). Service operators may flexibly increase the number of home-based child care service places beyond this requirement so as to meet the actual service demand.

4. To ensure service quality, SWD has consistently required service operators under NSCCP to establish mechanisms for recruiting, assessing, selecting and training home-based child carers, as well as for service matching. Social workers from service operators are required to conduct monthly home visits to home-based child carers currently providing services, while child care workers will provide them with individual training/supervision. In addition, service operators are also required to continuously evaluate and follow up on the performance of home-based child carers. Statistics related to the amount of training/supervision provided are included in the service quality standards, and service operators are required to submit relevant statistical information to SWD on a quarterly basis. SWD will also conduct regular and surprise visits to assess whether service operators are in compliance with the requirements specified in the Service Agreement.

**Current number of CCC places for children aged below 2 by DC district
(April to December 2023)**

District	Number of places
Central & Western	128
Southern	88
Islands	104
Eastern	378
Wan Chai	64
Kwun Tong	73
Wong Tai Sin	30
Sai Kung	156
Kowloon City	255
Yau Tsim Mong	147
Sham Shui Po	64
Sha Tin	160
Tai Po	84
North	51
Yuen Long	178
Tsuen Wan	100
Kwai Tsing	32
Tuen Mun	64
Total	2 156

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(W)136

(Question Serial No. 2153)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): ()
Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Charmaine LEE)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

It is stated in the Budget that the Government will extend the After School Care Programme for Pre-primary Children (ASCP(PC)) in phases to cover all districts in Hong Kong. The number of places will increase to nearly 1 200 within 3 years. In this connection, please inform this Committee of the following:

1. the regional distribution of the additional service places under ASCP(PC);
2. the current utilisation and waiting situation of ASCP(PC); and
3. the staffing establishment and expenditure involved in the provision of the additional places.

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Man-kwong (LegCo internal reference no.: 1)

Reply:

1. The estimated number of service places available in various districts upon the full extension of ASCP(PC) is set out at Annex.
2. The average utilisation rate of ASCP(PC) from April to December 2023 was 57%. As parents can directly apply for ASCP(PC) from the service operators according to their needs, without the need to waitlist the service under a central system and the applications are handled by respective service operators, SWD does not have statistical information on the waiting time for ASCP(PC).
3. The staffing establishment of each centre of ASCP(PC) includes 1 Assistant Social Work Officer and 2 supporting staff. The annual estimated expenditure for the service extension is about \$14.2 million.

Number of places available in various districts upon the full extension of ASCP(PC)

District	Number of places		
	By the end of 2023-24	Additional places	Total
Central and Western	42	-	42
Southern	84	-	84
Islands	-	42	42
Eastern	-	42	42
Wan Chai	-	42	42
Kwun Tong	84	-	84
Wong Tai Sin	42	-	42
Sai Kung	-	42	42
Kowloon City	-	42	42
Yau Tsim Mong	-	42	42
Sham Shui Po	126	-	126
Sha Tin	-	42	42
Tai Po	-	42	42
North	42	-	42
Yuen Long	126	-	126
Tsuen Wan	-	42	42
Kwai Tsing	126	-	126
Tuen Mun	-	42	42
2 other centres will be located in districts with greater service demand		84	84
Total	672	504	1 176

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(W)137

(Question Serial No. 2156)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): ()
Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Charmaine LEE)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

It is stated in the Budget that starting this year, the Government will set up 10 more aided standalone child care centres (CCCs) in phases, providing nearly 900 additional places for day child care services within 3 years. Regarding community child care services, please inform this Committee of the following:

- (1) the regional distribution of the additional CCCs and child care service places; and
- (2) the staffing establishment and expenditure involved.

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Man-kwong (LegCo internal reference no.: 4)

Reply:

- (1) Within 3 years starting from 2024, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) will set up 10 more aided standalone CCCs in phases, providing about 900 additional service places. Among them, there are 156 places in Queens Hill Estate and Wah Ming Estate in Fanling, 200 at the Treasury Building and Cheung Shun Street in Sham Shui Po, 88 in Shun Lee Estate in Kwun Tong, and 60 in Kwai Fong Estate in Kwai Chung. The remaining 4 aided standalone CCCs, proposed to be set up in districts such as Kowloon City and Kwun Tong, will collectively provide about 400 additional places.
- (2) In accordance with the Child Care Services Regulations (CCSR) (Cap. 243A), child care staff serving in a CCC have to be registered as child care workers upon successfully completing a training course approved by the Director of Social Welfare. In accordance with the Child Care Services Ordinance (Cap. 243) and CCSR, the manning ratio for qualified child care worker taking care of children aged 0 to below 2 in day CCCs is 1:8, while the manning ratio for taking care of children aged 2 to below 3 is 1:14. To improve service quality, the Government has allocated additional resources to enhance the above manning ratios to 1:6 and 1:11, respectively since the 2019/20 school year. The estimated annual expenditure for the 10 aided standalone CCCs is about \$66.40 million.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(W)138****(Question Serial No. 2157)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ()Programme: (2) Social SecurityControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Charmaine LEE)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

The provision of Old Age Allowance (OAA) and Old Age Living Allowance (OALA) to elderly persons who have relocated to the Guangdong (GD) and Fujian (FJ) provinces has been beneficial in improving their living standards. These additional allowances can help them address various difficulties and challenges in life, such as paying for medical, housing and food expenses. It also helps strengthen social connections and collaboration between Hong Kong and the Mainland. Regarding the provision of allowances to elderly persons residing in the two provinces, please provide this Committee with the following information:

1. the number of recipients of OAA and OALA under the GD Scheme and the FJ Scheme and administrative expenses involved in the past year;
2. the number of elderly persons who, during the past year, received allowances under the GD Scheme and the FJ Scheme but were ineligible due to insufficient days of residence in GD or FJ; and
3. the number of elderly persons withdrawn from the FJ Scheme and returned to Hong Kong for permanent residence in the past year.

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Man-kwong (LegCo internal reference no.: 5)Reply:

1. The numbers of OAA and OALA recipients under the GD Scheme and the FJ Scheme in 2023-24 are as follows:

Year	GD Scheme		FJ Scheme	
	OAA	OALA	OAA	OALA
2023-24 (as at end-December 2023)	8 403	16 479	683	1 749

With effect from 1 April 2021, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) has appointed 2 agents to implement the Portable Comprehensive Social Security Assistance Scheme, the GD Scheme and the FJ Scheme in GD and FJ provinces, respectively. The fees paid by SWD to the agents in 2023-24 are as follows:

Year	Fees (\$ million)	
	To assist in implementing the schemes in GD	To assist in implementing the schemes in FJ
2023-24 (up to end- December 2023)	2.96	2.63

2. In 2023-24 (up to the end of December 2023), no elderly persons who received allowances under the GD Scheme or the FJ Scheme had subsequently left the schemes due to not meeting the residence requirements.
3. In 2023-24 (up to the end of December 2023), the number of cases where the elderly persons returned to Hong Kong due to personal reason and left the GD Scheme and the FJ Scheme were 1 354 and 94, respectively.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(W)139

(Question Serial No. 2160)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Charmaine LEE)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the expansion of Community Care Service Voucher (CCSV) Scheme for the Elderly and Residential Care Service Voucher (RCSV) Scheme for the Elderly, would the Government please inform this Committee of:

- (1) the respective numbers of users and utilisation rates of CCSVs and RCSVs in the past 2 years, as well as the estimated increase in the number of users; and
- (2) whether the existing service places offered by recognised service providers (RSPs) in various districts is sufficient to meet the service demand brought by the additional CCSVs and RCSVs.

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Man-kwong (LegCo internal reference no.: 8)

Reply:

- (1) Since the implementation of the CCSV Scheme and RCSV Scheme, the number of elderly persons using RCSVs and CCSVs has steadily increased. The number of CCSVs will be increased by 1 000 in 2024-25, bringing the total to 11 000, and will be further increased to 12 000 in 2025-26. In addition, the coverage of RCSVs will be expanded from care-and-attention places to nursing home places, starting in the second quarter of 2024. An extra 1 000 RCSVs will also be provided, bringing the total to 5 000. The numbers of service users and utilisation rates of CCSVs and RCSVs by year are set out at Annex.

The Social Welfare Department (SWD) introduces and promotes CCSV and RCSV to eligible elderly persons and members of the public through different channels, including holding briefing sessions, broadcasting promotional videos on online platforms, and conducting radio and television interviews, in order to encourage more eligible elderly persons to use CCSVs and RCSVs.

- (2) The number of RSPs and places for CCSV and RCSV services have been growing. The number of RSPs under the CCSV Scheme has increased from 62 in 2013 to 258 by the end of December 2023. Many of these RSPs provide cross-district services to satisfy the demand for community care services (CCS) from elderly persons in different districts. Similarly, the number of RSPs under the RCSV Scheme has also increased from 21 in 2017 to 202 by the end of December 2023. The supply of CCSV and RCSV services is mainly driven by market demand. SWD will review the service supply from time to time and encourage more eligible organisations to join as RSPs.

Table 1: Number of users and utilisation rate of CCSVs

Year	No. of CCSV users (a)	No. of CCSV holders^{Note} (b)	Utilisation rate (a)/(b)x100%
2022-23	6 933	10 184	68.1%
2023-24 (as at end-December 2023)	8 395	12 381	67.8%

Note Starting from October 2020, SWD accepts applications for CCSVs from all eligible elderly persons who are on the Central Waiting List for Subsidised Long Term Care Services but have not received any subsidised CCS and/or residential care services. As RSPs are reimbursed for their actual costs under the CCSV Scheme, CCSV holders who have yet to use any services do not consume the resources of the Government or service providers, and will not hinder the distribution of CCSVs to other needy elderly persons by SWD. In addition, SWD distributes more CCSVs than the quota allows, thus enabling more eligible elderly persons to receive services without having to wait. The number of CCSVs was 8 000 in 2022-23 and 10 000 in 2023-24.

Table 2: Number of users and utilisation rate of RCSVs

Year	No. of RCSV users (a)	No. of RCSV holders (b)	Utilisation rate (a)/(b)x100%
2022-23	2 621	2 883	90.9%
2023-24 (as at end-December 2023)	3 433	3 715	92.4%

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(W)140

(Question Serial No. 2948)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): ()
Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Charmaine LEE)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding day child care services for children aged below 3, please inform this Committee of the following:

1. Please provide a breakdown by district of the (i) type, (ii) number of places, (iii) utilisation rate, and (iv) number of waitlisted children for various subsidised child care services;
2. Please provide an update on the progress of the initiative to establish 10 more aided standalone child care centres (CCCs) in phases, along with the locations of these CCCs and their projected dates of service commencement.
3. Has the Government made any adjustments to the number of available places in each of the 18 districts based on changes in the number of children, ensuring that parents do not need to seek services outside their own district?
4. Is there a plan to review the manning ratio of CCCs, specifically the manning ratio for taking care of children aged below 3? If yes, what are the details? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Yuk-wai, Kenneth (LegCo internal reference no.: 36)

Reply:

1. The existing number of places and average utilisation rate for aided standalone CCCs and aided CCCs attached to kindergartens (KGs) are set out at Annex. As parents can directly apply for the aforementioned child care services from the service operators according to their needs, without the need to be waitlisted under a central system and the applications are handled by the respective service operators, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) does not have information on the number of children waitlisted for these services.
2. SWD will set up 10 more aided standalone CCCs in phases within 3 years starting from 2024, providing about 900 additional places. Among them, 100 places in Queens Hill Estate and 56 places in Wah Ming Estate in Fanling have commenced service in January and March 2024 respectively. The 88 places in Shun Lee Estate in Kwun Tong and 100 places at the Treasury Building in Sham Shui Po are scheduled for commencing

operation in 2024-25, whereas the 100 places at Cheung Shun Street in Sham Shui Po and 60 places in Kwai Fong Estate in Kwai Chung will be put into service in 2025-26. The remaining 4 aided standalone CCCs, proposed to be set up in districts such as Kowloon City and Kwun Tong, will collectively provide about 400 additional places, and are scheduled to commence service in 2026-27.

3. According to the population-based planning ratio incorporated into the Hong Kong Planning Standards and Guidelines (i.e. 100 aided CCC places for children aged below 3 for every 25 000 persons), SWD has been reserving suitable premises for operating CCCs in different new development areas. For developed areas, SWD will take into account the characteristics of individual districts, including the available CCC places, service utilisation, ratio of subsidised to private child care services, land supply situation, and service demand as a result of demographic changes, etc. when conducting service planning, in order to better meet the service demand in the community.
4. In accordance with the Child Care Services Regulations (CSSR) (Cap. 243A), the child care staff serving in a CCC have to be registered as child care workers upon successful completing a training course approved by the Director of Social Welfare. In accordance with the Child Care Services Ordinance (Cap. 243) and CSSR, the manning ratio for qualified child care worker taking care of children aged 0 to below 2 in day CCCs is 1:8, while the manning ratio for taking care of children aged 2 to below 3 is 1:14. To improve service quality, the Government has allocated additional resources to enhance the above manning ratios to 1:6 and 1:11 respectively since the 2019/20 school year.

**Number of places and average utilisation rate for aided standalone CCCs
and aided CCCs attached to KGs
(April to December 2023)**

District	Aided standalone CCCs		Aided CCCs attached to KGs [Note]	
	Number of places	Average utilisation rate (%)	Number of places	Average utilisation rate (%)
Central & Western	48	100	474	27
Southern	-	N.A.	274	50
Islands	-	N.A.	349	22
Eastern	64	100	358	59
Wan Chai	48	100	235	42
Kwun Tong	-	N.A.	579	69
Wong Tai Sin	-	N.A.	381	88
Sai Kung	-	N.A.	919	31
Kowloon City	67	100	520	43
Yau Tsim Mong	99	100	347	57
Sham Shui Po	62	100	441	52
Sha Tin	177	99	560	74
Tai Po	92	83	403	47
North	51	100	360	54
Yuen Long	152	76	393	93
Tsuen Wan	76	100	261	72
Kwai Tsing	32	100	464	70
Tuen Mun	64	96	466	73
Total	1 032	95	7 784	56

N.A. - Not applicable

Note Figures provided by the Education Bureau as at September 2023.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(W)141

(Question Serial No. 2949)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Charmaine LEE)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the Neighbourhood Support Child Care Project (NSCCP), please provide the following information:

- Over the past 3 years, how many infants and young children aged 0 to 3, children aged 3 to 9, and children with special learning needs have benefited from NSCCP each year?
- Please provide the number of home-based child carers in the past 3 years.
- Starting from the fourth quarter of this year, the number of places under NSCCP will increase to 2 000. Has the Government collaborated with organisations providing training courses for home-based child carers to expand the availability of courses and offer training for individuals interested in becoming home-based child carers?
- Is there a plan to conduct a thorough evaluation and enhance the quality of home-based child carers, such as formulating uniform standards for training courses and enhancing the inspections of home-based child carers and their residences?

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Yuk-wai, Kenneth (LegCo internal reference no.: 37)

Reply:

- 1 & 2. The numbers of home-based child carers providing home-based child care service (HCCS) and children served under NSCCP in the past 3 financial years are tabulated below. NSCCP aims to provide flexible child care services to parents in need at the neighbourhood level. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) does not have the statistics on children with special learning needs under NSCCP.

Year	Number of home-based child carers	Number of children served			
		Aged below 3	Aged 3 to below 6	Aged 6 to 9	Total
2021-22	1 815	3 085	4 441	3 303	10 829
2022-23	1 759	2 577	4 060	3 682	10 319
2023-24 (April to December 2023)	1 770	2 194	3 444	2 846	8 484

3 & 4. To enhance NSCCP, SWD plans to strengthen the training for home-based child carers starting from the fourth quarter of 2024. These training courses will be provided by service operators. Trainees are required to undergo 14 hours of basic training, the content of which is standardised and formulated by SWD. This training covers topics such as infants and young children's physical and psychological development, special developmental milestones and growth needs, care and communication skills, home safety and hygiene, and handling of accidents/special accidents. Trainees must pass the assessment before being assigned to provide services. Home-based child carers who are arranged to take care of children with special learning needs must receive an additional 4 hours of advanced training to learn the knowledge and skills in caring for these children. Service operators are required to evaluate the child care skills and knowledge of home-based child carers after they have completed the training, assess their confidence in providing care services, and determine whether their home environment is suitable for providing care services before assigning them to provide services. The incentive payment for home-based child carers also varies based on the age of the child in their care and whether the child has special needs.

To ensure service quality, SWD has consistently required service operators to establish mechanisms for recruiting, assessing, selecting and training home-based child carers, and for service matching. Social workers from service operators are required to conduct monthly home visits to home-based child carers currently providing services, while child care workers will provide them with individual training/supervision. In addition, service operators are also required to continuously evaluate and follow up on the performance of home-based child carers. Statistics related to the amount of training/supervision provided are included in the service quality indicators, and service operators are required to submit relevant statistical information to SWD on a quarterly basis. SWD will also conduct regular and surprise visits to assess whether service operators are in compliance with the requirements specified in the Service Agreement.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(W)142

(Question Serial No. 2950)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Charmaine LEE)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the enhancement of care and support for persons with disabilities (PWDs), please provide the following information:

1. It is mentioned under the Programme that additional places for pre-school, day training, vocational rehabilitation and residential services for PWDs will be provided. What are the number of service places and utilisation rates for these services in the past 3 years?
2. It is also mentioned under the Programme that the number of nursing staff in residential care homes for persons with disabilities (RCHDs) will be increased to enhance care for ageing residents. Please provide a breakdown of the current number of RCHD residents and the number of waitlisted PWDs by age group. Are there any plans to expedite the use of gerontechnology in these facilities to address the needs of elderly PWDs?
3. What is the estimated expenditure for strengthening the workforce for the above initiatives? What are the number of additional manpower and their positions?

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Yuk-wai, Kenneth (LegCo internal reference no.: 39)

Reply:

1. The number of places for various pre-school rehabilitation services and day and residential rehabilitation services for PWDs from 2021-22 to 2023-24 (as at 31 December 2023) are set out at Annex 1. The utilisation rate for various pre-school rehabilitation services and day rehabilitation services, along with the average enrolment rate for RRS, are set out in Tables 1 to 3 of Annex 2. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) does not keep separate records of the enrolment rate for each type of residential rehabilitation services, or the utilisation rates for On the Job Training Programme for People with Disabilities (OJT), Sunnyway - On the Job Training Programme for Young People with Disabilities (Sunnyway), Integrated Vocational Rehabilitation Services Centres (IVRSC) and Integrated Vocational Training Centres (Day) (IVTC (Day)). As Integrated Vocational Training Centre (Residential Service) (IVTC (Res)) may admit service users directly or through referrals, SWD does not have information on the number of service users or applicants.

2. The number of service users and persons waitlisted for various types of residential rehabilitation services for PWDs by age are set out at Annexes 3 and 4. The Government allocated \$1 billion to launch the Innovation and Technology Fund for Application in Elderly and Rehabilitation Care (I&T Fund) in December 2018 to subsidise eligible elderly and rehabilitation service units to procure, rent or trial technology products, with a view to improving the quality of life of service users and reducing the burden and pressure on care staff and carers. Since September 2022, the eligibility criteria under the I&T Fund have been expanded from subsidised service units to include all private and self-financing residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs) and RCHDs. As announced by the Chief Executive in the 2023 Policy Address, an additional \$1 billion will be injected into the I&T Fund in 2024-25, and the scope of the I&T Fund will be expanded to cover gerontechnology products suitable for household use.
3. In view of the ageing of residents in RCHDs, the Government will allocate additional resources to about 200 RCHDs in 2024 to increase the number of nursing staff by about 220, in order to enhance the care for ageing residents. The annual expenditure involved is about \$121 million.

Number of service places for various pre-school rehabilitation services and day and residential rehabilitation services from 2021-22 to 2023-24

Service type	No. of service places		
	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24 (as at 31 December 2023)
Pre-school rehabilitation services			
On-site pre-school rehabilitation services (OPRS)	9 074	10 074	10 124
Early education and training centre (EETC)	4 174	4 393	4 393
Integrated programme in kindergarten-cum-child care centres (IP)	1 980	1 980	1 980
Special child care centre (SCCC)	2 274	2 364	2 456
Occasional child care service for disabled children (OCCS for disabled children)	111	117	120
Day rehabilitation services			
Day activity centre (DAC)	5 808	5 865	5 876
Sheltered workshop (SW)	5 399	5 399	5 399
IVRSC	5 523	5 648	5 808
Integrated vocational training centre (IVTC)	453	453	453
Supported employment (SE)	1 633	1 633	1 633
OJT	432	432	432
Sunnyway	311	311	311
Residential rehabilitation services			
Halfway house (HWH)	1 594	1 594	1 594
Long stay care home (LSCH)	1 587	1 587	1 987
IVTC (Res)	170	170	170
Hostel for severely mentally handicapped persons (HSMH)	4 060	4 112	4 123
Hostel for moderately mentally handicapped persons (HMMH)	2 800	2 851	2 926
Hostel for severely physically handicapped persons (HSPH)	715	715	790
Care-and-attention home for severely disabled persons (C&A/SD)	1 132	1 132	1 132
Care-and-attention home for the aged blind (C&A/AB)	828	828	828
Small group homes for mildly mentally handicapped children (SGH(MMHC))	128	128	128
Note			
Supported hostel (SHOS)	804	866	866
Private RCHD under Bought Place Scheme (BPS)	1 264	1 379	1 320

Note SGHs(MMHC) include integrated small group homes (ISGHs).

**Table 1 : Utilisation rate for various pre-school rehabilitation services
from 2021-22 to 2023-24**

Service type	Utilisation rate (%)		
	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24 (as at 31 December 2023)
Pre-school rehabilitation services			
OPRS	98	99	98
EETC	95	95	93
IP	98	97	95
SCCC	95	93	96
OCCS for disabled children ^{Note}	-	-	-

^{Note} As this service may admit service users directly or through referrals, SWD does not have statistics on the number of service users.

Table 2 : Utilisation rate for day rehabilitation services from 2021-22 to 2023-24

Service type	Utilisation rate (%)		
	2021-22 (Actual)	2022-23 (Actual)	2023-24 (Revised estimate)
Day rehabilitation service			
DAC	97	97	97
SW	98	98	98

**Table 3 : Average enrolment rate for various residential rehabilitation services from
2021-22 to 2023-24**

Average enrolment rate (%)		
2021-22 (Actual)	2022-23 (Actual)	2023-24 (Revised estimate)
96	97	97

**Number of service users for various residential rehabilitation services
(by age group)
(as at 31 December 2023)**

Service type	No. of service users										
	Aged 6 to 8	Aged 9 to 11	Aged 12 to 14	Aged 15 to 19	Aged 20 to 29	Aged 30 to 39	Aged 40 to 49	Aged 50 to 59	Aged 60 to 69	Aged 70 to 79	Aged 80 or above
HMMH	N.A.			9	136	480	751	744	554	135	1
HSMH	N.A.			7	282	890	1 109	943	665	197	11
HSPH	N.A.			0	57	101	214	182	131	22	1
C&A/SD	N.A.			9	215	248	171	207	169	84	17
IVTC (Res) Note 1	N.A.										
C&A/AB	N.A.								71	146	523
SGH(MMHC) Note 2	9	21	51	42	N.A.						
SHOS	N.A.			7	52	199	226	232	108	10	0
HWH	N.A.			12	204	415	404	365	123	1	0
LSCH	N.A.			0	2	24	107	348	647	373	72
Private RCHD under BPS	N.A.			2	29	93	302	430	351	66	4

N.A. - Not applicable

Note 1 As this service may admit service users directly or through referrals, SWD does not have the relevant statistics.

Note 2 SGHs(MMHC) include ISGHs. The service targets are mildly mentally handicapped children aged 6 to 18.

**Number of persons waitlisted for various residential rehabilitation services
(by age group)
(as at 31 December 2023)**

Service type	Number of service users										
	Aged 6 to 8	Aged 9 to 11	Aged 12 to 14	Aged 15 to 19	Aged 20 to 29	Aged 30 to 39	Aged 40 to 49	Aged 50 to 59	Aged 60 to 69	Aged 70 to 79	Aged 80 or above
HMMH	N.A.			519	947	657	305	217	102	10	0
HSMH	N.A.			424	850	459	203	186	138	33	1
HSPH	N.A.			23	41	28	51	96	29	2	0
C&A/SD	N.A.			87	37	28	39	113	45	13	1
IVTC (Res) Note 1	N.A.										
C&A/AB	N.A.								10	12	14
SGH(MMHC) Note 2	21	29	48	13	N.A.						
SHOS	N.A.			214	562	617	477	326	122	8	0
HWH	N.A.			19	102	149	158	121	49	0	0
LSCH	N.A.			1	35	128	377	835	694	127	9
Private RCHD under BPS Note 3	N.A.										

N.A. - Not applicable

Note 1 As this service may admit service users directly or through referrals, SWD does not have the relevant statistics.

Note 2 SGHs(MMHC) include ISGHs. The service targets are mildly mentally handicapped children aged 6 to 18.

Note 3 There is no central waitlist system or statistical information on the number of applicants under BPS. For applicants on the waiting list for LSCHs, HMMHs, HWHs, SHOSs under the Central Referral System for Rehabilitation Services, BPS places are allocated by SWD according to the preference of the applicants who have indicated acceptance of BPS.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(W)143

(Question Serial No. 2951)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): ()
Programme: (7) Young People
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Charmaine LEE)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the Strive and Rise Programme (the Programme), please provide the following information:

1. What is the estimated expenditure for the Alumni Club in 2024-25? What are the plans for providing job tasting/internship programmes for mentees aged 16 or above in the next 2 years?
2. For the second cohort of the Programme, group mentoring will be introduced on the basis of the original one-to-one matching system. How do these mentoring groups work, and how do the mentors in the groups communicate and coordinate with one another?
3. The application for the second cohort of the Programme has closed on 16 November 2023. Please provide the numbers of applicants and students admitted, with a breakdown by grade level.

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Yuk-wai, Kenneth (LegCo internal reference no.: 42)

Reply:

1. The Alumni Club (the Club) of the Programme was established in November 2023. Mentees who have completed the Programme will automatically become members of the Club. They can participate in a variety of activities organised by the Club for the following 2 years. The activities planned for the first 2 years of the Club include 600 sessions of a Whole Person Development Programme (with an expected attendance of 8 400), 4 study and exchange tours (the number of participants depending on individual tours), and 2 large-scale events (with an expected attendance of 4 000). As at end-February 2024, the Club has organised 108 sessions of activities, including orientation, whole person development and special group activities, with a total attendance of 2 345 alumni. In addition, the internship organiser of the Club will arrange career talks/orientation activities and an internship programme that offers work experience and internship opportunities for alumni aged 16 or older, with a view to broadening their horizons, and helping them develop job-related skills and establish life goals. In 2024-25, the Government has set aside approximately \$23.50 million for organising activities of the Club.

2. Enhancement measures have been introduced for the second cohort of the Programme. Each mentee will first be matched with a suitable mentor based on his/her career aspiration or hobbies/interests as indicated in his/her application form. Subsequently, he/she will be placed in a mentoring group consisting of 2 to 3 pairs of mentors and mentees. The goal is to promote interaction, sharing and support during the course of mentorship.
3. The numbers of applicants and applicants admitted upon verification for the second cohort of the Programme, broken down by grade level, are tabulated as follows:

Grade level	Number of applicants	Number of applicants admitted
Secondary One	1 317	1 157
Secondary Two	1 074	914
Secondary Three	1 104	937
Secondary Four	1 049	877
Total	4 544	3 885

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(W)144

(Question Serial No. 2952)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (7) Young People

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Charmaine LEE)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding support for youth at risk, please provide the following information:

1. There are currently 16 district youth outreaching social work teams and 3 youth outreaching teams in Hong Kong. How many young people did they reach out to in the past 3 years, respectively? Among them, what were the numbers of underage and adult cases, respectively?
2. Among the young people that the teams reached out to in the past 3 years, what categories of problems were they facing, and what was the number for each category of problem?
3. Currently, only 3 youth outreaching teams in Tseung Kwan O, Ma On Shan and Tung Chung provide services from 10 a.m. to 6 a.m. the next day. Will additional resources be allocated to enable other outreaching teams in different areas to strengthen their services during the evening and early morning hours?

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Yuk-wai, Kenneth (LegCo internal reference no.: 41)

Reply:

1. The number of cases handled by the 16 district youth outreaching social work teams and 3 youth outreaching teams in each of the past 3 years is as follows:

2021-22 (Actual)	2022-23 (Actual)	2023-24 (Revised estimate)
14 754	13 948	14 000

The Social Welfare Department (SWD) does not have information on the respective numbers of underage and adult cases.

2. The number of cases handled by the 16 district youth outreaching social work teams and 3 youth outreaching teams, broken down by category of problem, in each of the past 3 years is as follows:

Category of problem	2021-22 ^{Note}	2022-23 ^{Note}	2023-24 ^{Note} (As at 31 December 2023)
Family	524	474	440
School and education	603	582	575
Vocation	927	859	747
Peers	1 249	1 209	1 249
Self-functioning	1 654	1 681	1 684
Social norms	1 227	1 207	1 160
Drug abuse	243	252	220

^{Note} The number of cases for different categories of problems only includes cases that were being handled as at 31 March of each financial year (31 December for 2023-24), while excluding cases that were closed in the same financial year and potential cases of some district youth outreaching social work teams, as the category of problem for these cases has yet to be determined.

- SWD subsidises non-governmental organisations to operate 16 district youth outreaching social work teams, 3 youth outreaching teams and 18 teams of overnight outreaching service for young night drifters across Hong Kong. These teams reach out during the day and night, and through online means, to identify and engage youth at risk, and provide crisis intervention and counselling services. SWD has strengthened the supervisory manpower for the 19 youth outreaching social work teams since October 2021 to assist frontline workers in handling the increasingly complicated and diverse youth problems. SWD will keep reviewing the service hours and manpower requirements of the outreaching teams.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(W)145

(Question Serial No. 2953)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Charmaine LEE)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

It is mentioned under the Programme that the Department will prepare for the setting up of 4 additional parents/relatives resource centres (PRCs) to support persons in mental recovery and their families/carers. In this connection, please provide the following information:

1. Currently, there are a total of 19 PRCs subvented by the Social Welfare Department (SWD) in Hong Kong. What is the service capacity for each PRC?
2. What were the number of service users and the number of activities held by these PRCs in each of the past 3 years? How many of these PRCs primarily support children with various developmental and learning needs and their families?
3. Please provide an update on the progress and locations of the 4 PRCs under planning.
4. In the future, will SWD provide any additional support services for parents and carers of persons with disabilities (PWDs)? For instance, will they provide respite services at PRCs to enable parents to participate in PRC-organised activities or attend to other matters? If so, how many service places will be provided, and what is the estimated expenditure involved?

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Yuk-wai, Kenneth (LegCo internal reference no.: 38)

Reply:

1. The 19 PRCs subvented by SWD and operated by non-governmental organisations in various districts across the territory do not have any service quota.
2. The numbers of service users and activities held by the PRCs in each of the past 3 years are set out at Annex. With the exception of 1 designated for parents/ relatives and carers of persons in mental recovery, the remaining 18 PRCs serve parents, relatives or carers of persons with different types of disabilities (including children with special needs).
3. SWD plans to set up 4 additional PRCs for carers of persons in mental recovery in the third quarter of 2025 to support persons in mental recovery and their carers. By then, in addition to the existing PRC in Kowloon East, PRCs for carers of persons in mental recovery will be set up in Hong Kong Island, Kowloon West, New Territories East and New Territories West to facilitate carers in obtaining the support they need.

4. Apart from PRCs, SWD has implemented a series of measures to enhance support for carers in 2023, including setting up the 24-hour Designated Hotline for Carer Support 182 183 (the Carer Hotline) in September 2023. The Carer Hotline is answered by professional social workers, who provide community support information, instant consultation and counselling, outreach services, emergency support, respite service matching and referral services, etc. SWD has also rolled out the one-stop Information Gateway for Carers in November 2023 for carers to access the latest information on relevant services at any time. In addition, SWD has expanded the respite service network. Since October 2023, 21 residential care homes for PWDs (RCHDs) participating in the Bought Place Scheme for Private RCHDs have been providing day respite services to PWDs in the community when there are vacancies in residential respite service places for PWDs. Since 31 December 2023, the number of RCHDs providing day respite services for PWDs has increased substantially from 48 to 69, with the number of service places increasing from 172 to 235 in various districts across the territory. As PRCs provide services of a different nature, SWD does not plan to provide respite service places at PRCs.

Numbers of service users and activities held by PRCs

Year	No. of service users ^{Note}	No. of activities held
2021-22	11 352	8 052
2022-23	12 121	9 712
2023-24 (as at 31 December 2023)	13 157	6 856

Note Including PWDs and their parents/relatives or carers

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(W)146

(Question Serial No. 3189)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare
(7) Young People

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Charmaine LEE)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

The Programme mentions overseeing the extension of the After School Care Programme for Pre-primary Children (ASCP) and the enhancement of the ASCP. In this connection, please provide the following information:

1. The number of service places, utilisation rates and number of children waitlisted for both ASCP and Enhanced ASCP in the past 3 years, broken down by District Council (DC) district.
2. The number of children who joined the Fee-waiving Subsidy Scheme under the ASCP and the expenditure involved in the past 3 years.
3. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) has started the re-engineering of 19 Mutual Help Child Care Centres (MHCCCs) in phases from 2021/22 onwards to provide after-school care services for pre-primary children. The re-engineering process is expected to be completed by 2023/24. Please provide an update on the current progress.
4. Last year, the Government launched the School-based After School Care Service Pilot Scheme (the Scheme) to allow primary school students in need to stay at school outside school hours for care and learning support in a safe and familiar environment. Since its implementation, what are the number of participating students, the current implementation status, the effectiveness of the Scheme, the total expenditure involved, and the expenditure per service place? Will the Government extend the Scheme to more communities to benefit more students in different district and complement the existing ASCP?

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Yuk-wai, Kenneth (LegCo internal reference no.: 6)

Reply:

1. The numbers of service places and utilisation rates of ASCP and Enhanced ASCP in the past 3 years, broken down by DC district, are set out at Annex 1. SWD does not have information on the number of children on the waiting list.

2. The number of children who joined the Fee-waiving Subsidy Scheme under the ASCP and the expenditure involved in the past 3 years are set out at Annex 2.
3. SWD has been re-engineering MHCCCs in phases from 2021-22 onwards to provide after-school care services for pre-primary children. The re-engineering has been completed by February 2024.
4. The Government implemented the Scheme in the 2023/24 school year. There are currently a total of 59 primary schools participating, offering a total of 2 915 service places. With an estimated total expenditure of \$99.02 million and an estimated total of 3 000 service places for students, the monthly average cost per service place under the Scheme is estimated to be about \$2,750. The Government will evaluate the effectiveness of the Scheme in due course, and determine its way forward based on the evaluation results and views from stakeholders.

**Numbers of service places and utilisation rates of ASCP
and Enhanced ASCP by district (2021-22)**

District	ASCP		Enhanced ASCP	
	Number of service places	Utilisation rate ^{Note 1}	Number of service places	Utilisation rate ^{Note 2}
Central & Western	88	32%	-	N.A.
Southern	321	73%	16	-
Islands	276	53%	52	100%
Eastern	338	65%	52	100%
Wan Chai	156	47%	8	71%
Kowloon City	210	69%	8	32%
Yau Tsim Mong	137	32%	39	89%
Sham Shui Po	293	84%	43	100%
Kwun Tong	572	71%	14	73%
Wong Tai Sin	348	67%	12	100%
Sai Kung	126	45%	-	N.A.
Sha Tin	807	69%	54	100%
Tai Po	237	59%	6	3%
North	244	78%	24	51%
Yuen Long	504	59%	118	97%
Tsuen Wan	201	55%	8	-
Kwai Tsing	562	57%	86	100%
Tuen Mun	497	65%	40	100%
Total	5 917	64%	580	94%

N.A. - Not applicable

Note 1 The utilisation rate is based on the number of users.

Note 2 The utilisation rate is based on actual utilisation of service sessions.

**Numbers of service places and utilisation rates of ASCP
and Enhanced ASCP by district (2022-23)**

District	ASCP		Enhanced ASCP	
	Number of service places	Utilisation rate ^{Note 1}	Number of service places	Utilisation rate ^{Note 2}
Central & Western	84	93%	-	N.A.
Southern	311	82%	16	73%
Islands	194	81%	52	100%
Eastern	360	94%	52	82%
Wan Chai	189	94%	8	43%
Kowloon City	209	78%	8	100%
Yau Tsim Mong	134	99%	45	75%
Sham Shui Po	283	89%	43	73%
Kwun Tong	563	89%	14	84%
Wong Tai Sin	321	96%	24	86%
Sai Kung	154	92%	-	N.A.
Sha Tin	652	92%	66	86%
Tai Po	552	40%	6	6%
North	240	92%	22	72%
Yuen Long	524	85%	147	87%
Tsuen Wan	197	89%	8	45%
Kwai Tsing	533	90%	97	92%
Tuen Mun	543	79%	43	100%
Total	6 043	84%	651	86%

N.A. - Not applicable

Note 1 The utilisation rate is based on the number of users.

Note 2 The utilisation rate is based on actual utilisation of service sessions.

**Numbers of service places and utilisation rates of ASCP
and Enhanced ASCP by district (April to December 2023)**

District	ASCP		Enhanced ASCP	
	Number of service places	Utilisation rate ^{Note 1}	Number of service places	Utilisation rate ^{Note 2}
Central & Western	84	86%	-	N.A.
Southern	281	84%	16	63%
Islands	178	81%	52	100%
Eastern	354	87%	52	88%
Wan Chai	182	87%	8	31%
Kowloon City	193	81%	8	100%
Yau Tsim Mong	163	98%	45	80%
Sham Shui Po	252	85%	46	73%
Kwun Tong	595	88%	22	72%
Wong Tai Sin	295	92%	24	83%
Sai Kung	170	92%	-	N.A.
Sha Tin	699	90%	69	68%
Tai Po	207	93%	6	0%
North	249	96%	22	72%
Yuen Long	491	87%	149	88%
Tsuen Wan	185	86%	8	41%
Kwai Tsing	542	91%	99	76%
Tuen Mun	533	76%	43	100%
Total	5 653	87%	669	82%

N.A. - Not applicable

Note 1 The utilisation rate is based on the number of users.

Note 2 The utilisation rate is based on actual utilisation of service sessions.

**Number of children who joined the Fee-waiving Subsidy Scheme under the ASCP
and the expenditure involved**

Year	Number of children		Expenditure (\$ million)	
	ASCP	Enhanced ASCP	ASCP	Enhanced ASCP
2021-22	3 007	695	52	31
2022-23	3 142	751	57	34
2023-24 (as at end-December 2023)	3 192	769	54 (Revised estimate)	37 (Revised estimate)

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

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(Question Serial No. 2620)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Charmaine LEE)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the measures to assist and encourage Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) recipients in seeking employment, please advise on the following:

1. the number of CSSA applicants participating in the Integrated Employment Assistance Programme for Self-reliance (IEAPS) in each of the past 5 years, with a breakdown by age and health condition;
2. the Social Welfare Department (SWD) has launched enhanced employment support services since April 2020, please provide:
 - 2a. details on the enhanced employment support services and the participation of various services;
 - 2b. SWD's expenditure involved in commissioning non-governmental organisations (NGOs) to operate IEAPS and employment support services in each of the past years, presented in tabular form;
 - 2c. the average cost for each participating CSSA recipient;
 - 2d. the number of participants who successfully secured employment or returned to mainstream schooling, with a breakdown by service programme;
 - 2e. the number of persons who left the CSSA net because of an increase in income or other reasons in the past 3 years, with a breakdown by reason and year. If relevant data are not available, will the Government consider gathering such information?
3. the number of approved CSSA applications involving persons who had resided in Hong Kong for less than 7 years in the past 5 years; the amount of CSSA payment involved; and the number of cases involving underage persons among these applications, with a breakdown by year.
4. It is stated in the Budget Speech that an additional subsidy of \$500 per month will be provided to employed disabled CSSA recipients and it is expected to benefit some 6 800 persons. Please provide:

- 4a. the employment rate of disabled CSSA recipients in the past 3 years, with a breakdown by year;
- 4b. the types of employment and their average income.

Asked by: Hon LI Sai-wing, Stanley (LegCo internal reference no.: 1)

Reply:

1. In January 2013, SWD launched IEAPS, under which NGOs are commissioned to provide services to able-bodied CSSA recipients to encourage and assist them in increasing their employability and securing paid employment. In April 2020, SWD enhanced the services to improve the effectiveness of NGOs in providing the relevant services.

A total headcount of 15 292 persons received employment support services from April to the end of December 2023. SWD does not have a breakdown of the number of headcount of persons who received employment support services by year or age prior to April 2023.

- 2a. The enhanced employment support services include (a) providing employment counselling and training services; (b) assisting recipients in obtaining up-to-date information on labour market, job vacancies and retraining courses; (c) assessing the needs of recipients and providing them with tailor-made and focused employment support services; and (d) arranging job matching for them. Furthermore, NGOs will provide post-employment support services for at least 3 months to those who have secured employment. SWD has also enhanced collaborations with the Labour Department, the Employees Retraining Board (ERB) and NGOs. For example, arrange ERB's Training Consultancy Service for NGOs and relax the arrangement for Temporary Financial Aid to cover more job seeking-related activities, such as transport and taking meals away from home. As relevant recipients receive different employment support services according to their individual circumstances, SWD does not have information on the number of persons receiving different services.
- 2b. The expenditure incurred by SWD on commissioning NGOs to provide IEAPS and enhanced employment support services from 2019-20 to 2023-24 is set out in the table below:

Year	Expenditure (\$ million)
2019-20 (Actual)	137
2020-21 (Actual)	152
2021-22 (Actual)	153
2022-23 (Actual)	157
2023-24 (Revised Estimate)	160

- 2c. Each recipient receives different employment support services according to their individual needs and circumstances. The number and duration of services also vary from person to person. As a result, SWD does not have information on the average cost per recipient for receiving the relevant services.
- 2d. From April to the end of December 2023, among those who received employment support services, there were 1 478 and 103 headcount of persons who secured employment or returned to mainstream schooling respectively for at least 1 month.

- 2e. From April to the end of December 2023, among those who received employment support services, there were 351 and 37 headcount of persons who left the CSSA net owing to securing employment or returning to mainstream schooling respectively. SWD does not have a breakdown by year prior to April 2023.
3. Following the judgment of the Court of Final Appeal handed down on a judicial review case regarding the residence requirement before application of the CSSA Scheme, SWD has restored the “one-year residence requirement” since 17 December 2013, which was previously in effect before 1 January 2004. Those who had already been granted CSSA at that time were not affected. As was the case in the past, persons aged below 18 continue to be exempted from the residence requirement before application of the CSSA Scheme.

From 2019-20 to 2023-24, the number of approved CSSA applications involving persons aged 18 or above who had resided in Hong Kong for less than 7 years is as follows:

Year	Number of approved CSSA applications
2019-20	1 171
2020-21	1 654
2021-22	895
2022-23	829
2023-24 (as at 31 December 2023)	516

From 2019-20 to 2023-24, the CSSA expenditure on recipients who had resided in Hong Kong for less than 7 years is roughly estimated as follows^[Note]:

Year	CSSA expenditure (\$ million)
2019-20	881
2020-21	904
2021-22	858
2022-23	800
2023-24 (as at 31 December 2023)	514

^[Note] As CSSA is payable on a household basis, the rough estimation of CSSA expenditure on recipients who had resided in Hong Kong for less than 7 years is calculated based on the percentage of the amount of recognised needs of these recipients in approved CSSA applications out of the total amount of recognised needs of recipients in all CSSA cases, the percentage of these recipients out of the total number of CSSA recipients in their respective case categories, as well as the overall CSSA expenditure.

Persons aged below 18 are exempted from the residence requirement before application of the CSSA Scheme. SWD does not have information on the number of approved applications involving underage persons who have resided in Hong Kong for less than 7 years.

- 4a. A breakdown of the numbers of disabled CSSA recipients (including those receiving the standard rate for 50% disabled or 100% disabled, or requiring constant attendance) with employment earnings from 2021-22 to 2023-24 is provided in Table 1 of Annex.

- 4b. A breakdown of the numbers of disabled CSSA recipients with employment earnings by occupation from 2021-22 to 2023-24 is provided in Table 2 of Annex. SWD does not have information on the average income of disabled CSSA recipients.

Table 1: Number of disabled CSSA recipients ^[Note] with employment earnings from 2021-22 to 2023-24

Year	Number of disabled CSSA recipients ^[Note] with employment earnings
2021-22	5 917
2022-23	5 905
2023-24 (as at end-December 2023)	6 042

[Note] Able-bodied and 50% disabled persons aged 65 or above receive the same standard rate. The figure includes able-bodied recipients aged 65 or above due to limitations in statistical compilation.

Table 2: Number of disabled CSSA recipients ^[Note] with employment earnings by occupation from 2021-22 to 2023-24

Occupation	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24 (as at end-December 2023)
Cleaner	465	463	442
General worker/labourer (other than those engaging in construction works)	348	333	340
Waiter/waitress	145	164	167
Salesperson	115	123	139
Driver	105	90	104
Delivery worker	92	105	103
Watchman/guard	103	102	95
Clerk	78	78	71
Domestic helper/babysitter	19	26	24
Construction worker/ labourer/fitting-out worker	18	23	23
Others	4 429	4 398	4 534
Total	5 917	5 905	6 042

[Note] Able-bodied and 50% disabled persons aged 65 or above receive the same standard rates. The figure includes able-bodied recipients aged 65 or above due to limitations in statistical compilation.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

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(Question Serial No. 2621)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Charmaine LEE)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

1. Regarding elderly persons receiving cash allowances under various social security schemes, please provide the number of recipients of various allowances and the expenditure involved in the past 3 years as well as this year's estimation, broken down by age group (i.e. 60 to 64, 65 to 69, 70 to 74, 75 to 79, 80 to 84 and 85 or above):
 - (1) Elderly Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA);
 - (2) Old Age Allowance (OAA);
 - (3) Higher Old Age Living Allowance (OALA);
 - (4) Normal OALA;
 - (5) Guangdong (GD) Scheme;
 - (6) Fujian (FJ) Scheme;
 - (7) Portable Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (PCSSA) Scheme;
 - (8) Higher Disability Allowance (HDA); and
 - (9) Normal Disability Allowance (NDA).
2. Regarding measures for elderly persons to age in the Mainland, please provide the expenditure involved (excluding administrative expenses) in the past 3 years, broken down by scheme.
3. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) has appointed agents to help elderly persons who cannot return to Hong Kong due to health reasons to complete the application procedures. Please provide the names of agents, the annual agent fees paid by the Government, and the number of cases served by these agents over the past 5 years, broken down by scheme.

Asked by: Hon LI Sai-wing, Stanley (LegCo internal reference no.: 2)

Reply:

1. From 2021-22 to 2023-24, the number of CSSA recipients aged 60 or above (including those under the PCSSA Scheme), broken down by age group, is set out in Table 1 of Annex. CSSA application has to be made on a household basis, and each case may involve household members under various age groups and categories. SWD disburses applicable standard rates, supplements and special grants to cases according to their

respective numbers of household members as well as the needs of individual members. The number of elderly CSSA recipients and the related expenditure from 2021-22 to 2024-25 are set out in Tables 2 and 3 of Annex respectively.

The number of recipients under the Social Security Allowance (SSA) Scheme, broken down by type of allowance and age group, from 2021-22 to 2023-24 is set out in Table 4 of Annex. It is estimated that there are about 1.28 million of SSA recipients aged 60 or above in 2024-25. The total expenditure on SSA recipients aged 60 or above, broken down by type of allowance, from 2021-22 to 2024-25 is set out in Table 5 of Annex.

SWD has neither a breakdown of the expenditure on CSSA and SSA recipients aged 60 or above by age group from 2021-22 to 2023-24, nor an estimate of the number of CSSA and SSA recipients aged 60 or above and the related expenditure for 2024-25, broken down by age group.

2. The expenditure on the PCSSA Scheme, the GD Scheme and the FJ Scheme from 2021-22 to 2024-25 is set out in Table 6 of Annex.
3. From 2019-20 to 2020-21, SWD appointed the International Social Service Hong Kong Branch as the agent for the PCSSA Scheme, the GD Scheme and the FJ Scheme. With effect from 2021-22, SWD has appointed the New Home Association and the International Social Service Hong Kong Branch as the agents for the above schemes in GD and FJ provinces respectively. Apart from helping elderly persons who cannot return to Hong Kong due to health reasons to complete the application procedures of the GD Scheme and the FJ Scheme, the agents have to conduct annual case reviews for all cases by means of home visits and postal reviews for all cases under the PCSSA Scheme, the GD Scheme and the FJ Scheme to ascertain recipients' continued eligibility for the allowance. The agents also have to provide enquiry services to recipients, handle their reports of changes in personal circumstances, identify suitable appointees for recipients in need and recommending them to SWD, assist SWD in recovering overpayments from recipients and investigating suspected fraud cases, etc. The fees paid to the agents and the number of cases served by them from 2019-20 to 2023-24 by type of assistance and allowance are set out in Tables 7 and 8 of Annex.

Table 1 Number of CSSA recipients aged 60 or above (including those under the PCSSA Scheme) by age group from 2021-22 to 2023-24

Year	Number of recipients					
	Aged 60 to 64	Aged 65 to 69	Aged 70 to 74	Aged 75 to 79	Aged 80 to 84	Aged 85 or above
2021-22	23 863	26 130	27 606	20 864	19 512	33 670
2022-23	23 085	25 609	27 001	21 313	17 749	31 211
2023-24 (as at end-December 2023)	22 152	25 136	26 454	21 822	17 072	31 367

Table 2 Number of elderly CSSA recipients from 2021-22 to 2024-25

Year	Number of recipients ^{Note}
2021-22	142 440
2022-23	132 747
2023-24 (as at end-December 2023)	128 133
2024-25 (estimate)	129 000

[Note] As CSSA is payable on a household basis, elderly cases may include non-elderly recipients.

Table 3 Expenditure on elderly CSSA cases from 2021-22 to 2024-25

Year	Expenditure ^{Note} (\$ million)
2021-22 (Actual)	12,476
2022-23 (Actual)	12,452
2023-24 (Revised estimate)	11,631
2024-25 (Estimate)	12,375

[Note] The actual expenditures for 2021-22 and 2022-23, the revised estimate of expenditure for 2023-24 and the estimate of expenditure for 2024-25 include the payment of an additional half-month of the CSSA standard rates in the year.

Table 4 Number of SSA recipients aged 60 or above by type of allowance and age group from 2021-22 to 2023-24

Type of allowance ^[Note 1]	Age group	Number of recipients		
		2021-22	2022-23	2023-24 (as at end-December 2023)
OAA	Aged 60 to 64	N.A.		
	Aged 65 to 69	N.A.		
	Aged 70 to 74	146 907	153 313	157 857
	Aged 75 to 79	71 757	82 125	91 083
	Aged 80 to 84	45 764	43 415	43 418
	Aged 85 or above	47 790	47 603	49 063
Higher OALA ^[Note 2]	Aged 60 to 64	N.A.		
	Aged 65 to 69	161 378	N.A.	
	Aged 70 to 74	162 435		
	Aged 75 to 79	98 389		
	Aged 80 to 84	71 799		
	Aged 85 or above	91 751		
Normal OALA ^[Note 2]	Aged 60 to 64	N.A.		
	Aged 65 to 69	18 961	N.A.	
	Aged 70 to 74	14 074		
	Aged 75 to 79	7 185		
	Aged 80 to 84	5 072		
	Aged 85 or above	5 972		

Type of allowance ^[Note 1]	Age group	Number of recipients		
		2021-22	2022-23	2023-24 (as at end-December 2023)
OALA ^[Note 2]	Aged 60 to 64	N.A.		
	Aged 65 to 69	N.A.	201 047	210 027
	Aged 70 to 74		190 232	199 050
	Aged 75 to 79		120 572	131 796
	Aged 80 to 84		75 785	76 448
	Aged 85 or above		99 695	102 552
GD Scheme	Aged 60 to 64	N.A.		
	Aged 65 to 69	2 507	3 503	4 390
	Aged 70 to 74	6 009	6 851	7 824
	Aged 75 to 79	4 205	4 846	5 482
	Aged 80 to 84	3 303	3 271	3 358
	Aged 85 or above	3 485	3 563	3 828
FJ Scheme	Aged 60 to 64	N.A.		
	Aged 65 to 69	218	277	340
	Aged 70 to 74	480	500	597
	Aged 75 to 79	415	488	563
	Aged 80 to 84	370	341	377
	Aged 85 or above	480	510	555
HDA	Aged 60 to 64	2 281	2 257	2 360
	Aged 65 to 69	1 824	1 799	1 893
	Aged 70 to 74	1 645	1 589	1 646
	Aged 75 to 79	1 230	1 329	1 438
	Aged 80 to 84	1 631	1 449	1 415
	Aged 85 or above	3 858	3 561	3 681
NDA	Aged 60 to 64	24 820	25 195	25 260
	Aged 65 to 69	10 100	10 263	11 064
	Aged 70 to 74	5 335	5 458	5 790
	Aged 75 to 79	2 719	3 063	3 485
	Aged 80 to 84	2 391	2 218	2 208
	Aged 85 or above	4 402	4 391	4 589

N.A. - Not applicable

[Note 1] OAA applicants must be aged 70 or above. OALA applicants must be aged 65 or above. There is no age restriction for DA applicants.

[Note 2] In September 2022, SWD merged the Normal and Higher OALAs. The merged OALA adopts the more lenient asset limits of the Normal OALA and the payment rate of the Higher OALA.

Table 5 Total expenditure on SSA recipients aged 60 or above by type of allowance from 2021-22 to 2024-25

Type of allowance ^[Note 1]	Expenditure ^[Note 3] (\$ million)			
	2021-22 (Actual)	2022-23 (Actual)	2023-24 (Revised estimate)	2024-25 (Estimate)
OAA	5,530	6,021	6,585	7,270
OALA ^[Note 2]	28,857	31,999	36,352	42,806
GD Scheme	686	740	986	1,367
FJ Scheme	74	79	99	130
HDA	575	586	667	835
NDA	1,219	1,290	1,383	1,519

[Note 1] OAA applicants must be aged 70 or above. OALA applicants must be aged 65 or above. There is no age restriction for DA applicants.

[Note 2] In September 2022, SWD merged the Normal and Higher OALAs. The merged OALA adopts the more lenient asset limits of the Normal OALA and the payment rate of the Higher OALA.

[Note 3] The actual expenditures for 2021-22 and 2022-23, the revised estimate of expenditure for 2023-24 and the estimate of expenditure for 2024-25 include the payment of an additional half-month of the allowances in the year.

Table 6 Expenditure on the PSCCA Scheme, GD Scheme and FJ Scheme from 2021-22 to 2024-25

Year	Expenditure ^[Note] (\$ million)		
	PCSSA Scheme	GD Scheme	FJ Scheme
2021-22 (Actual)	44	686	74
2022-23 (Actual)	39	740	79
2023-24 (Revised estimate)	34	986	99
2024-25 (Estimate)	38	1,367	130

[Note] The actual expenditures for 2021-22 and 2022-23, the revised estimate of expenditure for 2023-24 and the estimate of expenditure for 2024-25 include the payment of an additional half-month of the allowances in the year.

Table 7 Fees paid to the agents by type of assistance and allowance from 2019-20 to 2023-24

Year	Fees (\$ million)				
	PCSSA Scheme	GD Scheme		FJ Scheme	
		OAA	OALA ^[Note 2]	OAA	OALA ^[Note 2]
2019-20	1.94	5.46	1.15	2.30	0.61
2020-21	2.05	4.71	4.79	1.78	2.04
	Assisting in the implementation of the portable social security schemes in GD Province		Assisting in the implementation of the portable social security schemes in FJ Province		
2021-22 ^[Note 1]	3.71		3.19		
2022-23 ^[Note 1]	3.60		3.31		
2023-24 ^[Note 1] (as at end-December 2023)	2.96		2.63		

[Note 1] With effect from 1 April 2021, SWD has appointed 2 agents to implement the PCSSA Scheme, GD Scheme and FJ Scheme in GD and FJ Provinces respectively.

[Note 2] OALA under the GD Scheme and FJ Scheme was effective from 1 January 2020.

Table 8 Number of cases served by the agents by type of assistance and allowance

Year	PCSSA Scheme	GD Scheme		FJ Scheme	
		OAA	OALA ^[Note]	OAA	OALA ^[Note]
2019-20	1 139	9 089	8 051	694	922
2020-21	1 004	7 325	11 191	587	1 282
2021-22	859	7 405	11 565	577	1 328
2022-23	789	7 405	12 658	591	1 388
2023-24 (as at end-December 2023)	690	8 111	15 860	661	1 679

[Note] OALA under the GD Scheme and FJ Scheme was effective from 1 January 2020.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(W)149

(Question Serial No. 2622)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): ()
Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Charmaine LEE)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding various subsidised residential care services (RCS) for the elderly, please inform this Committee of:

1. the number of subsidised RCS places provided by various types of residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs), and the number of service places in day care centres for the elderly (DEs) currently available, broken down by the 18 districts;
2. (1) the total expenditure, (2) the average monthly cost per place and (3) the amount self-financed/supplemented by elderly persons for various types of RCS for the elderly in the past 3 years;
3. the utilisation of RCS by holders of residential care service vouchers (RCSVs) in the past 3 years (with a breakdown by co-payment level and the actual amount paid); and
4. the number of service places to be provided by subsidised RCHEs that will be constructed and/or commence operation with government funding in the next 10 years, along with the amount of funding involved (with a breakdown by the expected year of service commencement).

Asked by: Hon LI Sai-wing, Stanley (LegCo internal reference no.: 3)

Reply:

1. The number of subsidised RCS places provided by various types of RCHEs as at the end of December 2023, broken down by District Council (DC) district, is set out at Annex 1. The number of service places in DEs/day care units for the elderly (DCUs), broken down by DC district, is set out at Annex 2.
2. The total expenditure, average monthly cost per place and monthly service charges for various types of subsidised RCS for the elderly from 2021-22 to 2023-24 are set out at Annexes 3 to 5.
3. The cumulative number of RCSV holders, broken down by co-payment level, and the amount paid by RCSV users according to their co-payment levels in the past 3 years is set out in Tables 1 and 2 of Annex 6.

4. The number of subsidised RCS places expected to be put into service between 2024-25 and 2028-29 is set out below:

Year	No. of places to be put into service
2024-25	275
2025-26	483
2026-27	799
2027-28	1 362
2028-29	480

In addition, an extra 1 000 RCSVs will be provided in 2024-25, bringing the total to 5 000. As the RCSV Scheme adopts the “money-following-the-user” principle, the Government does not have the relevant information by year of service commencement.

Statistics for most of the subsidised RCS places expected to be put into service in 2029 and beyond are currently unavailable because the relevant RCHE projects are still in the planning stage and do not have exact completion dates. Based on the progress of individual projects, the Government will apply for funding in a timely manner under the established mechanism to ensure that the projects are implemented as soon as possible.

**Number of subsidised service places provided by various types of RCHEs
(as at end-December 2023)**

District	Subvented home operated by non-governmental organisations (NGOs) and self-financing home Note 1	Private RCHE under EBPS Note 2	Contract RCHE Note 3	RCSV Scheme for the Elderly (RCSV Scheme)	Total	
Central & Western	236	669	221	N.A.	1 126	
Eastern	448	539	180		1 167	
Wan Chai	462	261	60		783	
Southern	1 466	611	-		2 077	
Islands	302	-	145		447	
Kwun Tong	1 383	824	284		2 491	
Wong Tai Sin	1 345	429	208		1 982	
Sai Kung	1 277	-	-		1 277	
Kowloon City	648	1 822	110		2 580	
Sham Shui Po	825	456	513		1 794	
Yau Tsim Mong	98	895	272		1 265	
Sha Tin	1 354	264	281		1 899	
Tai Po	1 236	338	80		1 654	
North	1 224	48	1 172		2 444	
Yuen Long	943	994	149		2 086	
Tsuen Wan	922	911	175		2 008	
Kwai Tsing	1 741	1 234	375		3 350	
Tuen Mun	1 204	845	60		2 109	
Total	17 114	11 140	4 285		4 000	36 539

N.A. – Not applicable

Note 1 Including places at homes for the aged (H/As), care-and-attention (C&A) places, C&A places providing continuum of care (CoC), nursing home (NH) places and NH places purchased under the Nursing Home Place Purchase Scheme (NHPPS).

Note 2 Excluding subsidised designated residential respite places.

Note 3 Including C&A places providing CoC and NH places.

**Number of service places in DEs/DCUs
(as at end-December 2023)**

District	No. of places
Central & Western	124
Eastern	258
Wan Chai	130
Southern	108
Islands	40
Kwun Tong	452
Wong Tai Sin	347
Sai Kung	225
Kowloon City	158
Sham Shui Po	324
Yau Tsim Mong	152
Sha Tin	408
Tai Po	124
North	188
Yuen Long	218
Tsuen Wan	183
Kwai Tsing	295
Tuen Mun	328
Total	4 062

Expenditure on subsidised RCS for the elderly

Year	Expenditure (\$ billion)
2021-22 (Actual)	7.2653
2022-23 (Actual)	7.4035
2023-24 (Revised estimate)	8.6918

Average monthly cost per place for various types of subsidised RCS for the elderly

	2021-22 (\$)	2022-23 (\$)	2023-24 (Revised estimate) (\$)
NH operated by NGOs ^{Note 1}	25,675	26,025	27,063
Contract home ^{Note 2}	20,795	23,529	23,564
C&A home operated by NGOs	18,126	18,335	18,946
Private C&A home under EBPS	16,171	17,471	16,855
RCSV Scheme	N.A. ^{Note 3}		

N.A. – Not applicable

Note 1 Including subvented NHs and subsidised NH places of NHPPS.

Note 2 Contract homes provide C&A and NH places. The average monthly costs shown above reflect the average monthly cost of these 2 types of places.

Note 3 The Social Welfare Department pays the rest of the service fee to the residential care homes based on the co-payment level of individual RCSV users.

Monthly service charges for various types of subsidised RCS for the elderly

	2021-22 (\$)	2022-23 (\$)	2023-24 (Revised estimate) (\$)
NH operated by NGOs			
- Subvented NH	2,054	2,054	2,054
- NHPPS	2,060	2,060	2,060
Contract home	2,060	2,060	2,060
C&A home operated by NGOs	2,060	2,060	2,060
Private C&A home under EBPS			
- EA1 place	1,763	1,763	1,763
- EA2 place	1,656	1,656	1,656

Table 1: Cumulative number of RCSV holders and their co-payment levels by year

Co-payment level ^{Note}	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Cumulative no. of RCSV holders
Co-payment percentage	0%	10%	20%	30%	40%	50%	62.5%	75%	
Distribution of number of RCSV holders by year:									
2021-22	3 261	393	10	10	4	1	-	115	3 794
2022-23	4 342	533	17	15	6	4	-	186	5 103
2023-24 (as at end-December 2023)	5 546	661	22	16	6	5	-	282	6 538

^{Note} RCSV has 8 co-payment levels, ranging from the lowest Level 0 to the highest Level 7. While RCSV users at Level 0 are fully subsidised by the Government, RCSV users at Levels 1 to 7 are required to pay for a portion of the voucher value based on their respective co-payment percentages.

Table 2: The co-payment amount of RCSV users by co-payment level

Co-payment level ^{Note}	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
Co-payment percentage	0.0%	10.0%	20.0%	30.0%	40.0%	50.0%	62.5%	75.0%	
Co-payment amount (\$)	2021-22	-	1,591	3,182	4,773	6,364	7,955	9,943	11,932
	2022-23	-	1,604	3,207	4,811	6,414	8,018	10,023	12,027
	2023-24	-	1,616	3,232	4,848	6,464	8,081	10,101	12,121

^{Note} RCSV has 8 co-payment levels, ranging from the lowest Level 0 to the highest Level 7. While RCSV users at Level 0 are fully subsidised by the Government, RCSV users at Levels 1 to 7 are required to pay for a portion of the voucher value based on their respective co-payment percentages.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(W)150

(Question Serial No. 2623)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): ()
Programme: (2) Social Security
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Charmaine LEE)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

1. Please provide the number of Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) recipients residing in various types of residential care homes (RCHs) in the past 5 years (and the estimation for the current financial year), with a breakdown by age group and mode of subvention.
2. Please provide the average monthly CSSA payments received by elderly singletons residing in subsidised and non-subsidised residential care places (RCPs), with a breakdown by level of disability.

Asked by: Hon LI Sai-wing, Stanley (LegCo internal reference no.: 4)

Reply:

1. The number of CSSA recipients residing in RCHs from 2019-20 to 2023-24, broken down by age group and type of RCPs, is set out in Table 1 of Annex. The Social Welfare Department does not have an estimation of the number of recipients for 2024-25.
2. The monthly average CSSA payments received by singletons aged 60 or above residing in RCHs from 2020 to 2024, broken down by type of RCPs and level of disability, are set out in Table 2 of Annex.

Table 1: Number of CSSA recipients residing in RCHs by age group and type of RCPs (from 2019-20 to 2023-24)

Year	Number of recipients			
	Subsidised RCP		Non-subsidised RCP	
	Aged below 60	Aged 60 or above	Aged below 60	Aged 60 or above
2019-20	9 176	16 595	3 901	23 130
2020-21	9 239	16 793	3 730	21 978
2021-22	9 265	16 927	3 518	20 563
2022-23	9 235	17 085	3 393	18 995
2023-24 (as at end-December 2023)	9 231	17 736	3 317	19 421

Table 2: Monthly average CSSA payments received by singletons aged 60 or above residing in RCHs by type of RCPs and level of disability (from 2020 to 2024)

Type of RCPs	Level of disability	1 February 2020 (\$) ^{Note 2}	1 February 2021 (\$) ^{Note 2}	1 February 2022 (\$) ^{Note 2}	1 February 2023 (\$) ^{Note 2}	1 February 2024 (\$) ^{Note 2}
Subsidised RCP	Able-bodied/ 50% disabled ^{Note 1}	4,921	5,113	5,258	5,615	5,813
	100% disabled	6,526	6,761	7,034	7,519	7,790
	Requiring constant attendance	9,895	10,621	10,879	11,581	11,704
Non-subsidised RCP	Able-bodied/ 50% disabled ^{Note 1}	7,793	8,203	8,466	9,087	9,346
	100% disabled	9,376	9,837	10,215	10,844	11,221
	Requiring constant attendance	12,147	12,669	13,156	13,923	14,434

^{Note 1} Persons aged 65 or above and those aged between 60 and 64 who have received elderly CSSA before 1 February 2019 receive the same CSSA standard rate irrespective of whether they are able-bodied or 50% disabled. Due to limitations in statistical compilation, the number includes able-bodied persons aged 65 or above, as well as able-bodied persons aged between 60 and 64 who have received elderly CSSA before 1 February 2019.

^{Note 2} CSSA payments are adjusted annually on 1 February in accordance with relevant mechanisms. The listed figures refer to the average payment amounts received by CSSA households when they do not have any other sources of income.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

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(Question Serial No. 2624)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Charmaine LEE)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the Community Care Service Voucher (CCSV) Scheme for the Elderly (CCSV Scheme) and the Pilot Scheme on Residential Care Service Voucher (RCSV) for the Elderly (Pilot Scheme on RCSV), please inform this Committee of the following:

1. For each year since the launch of the Pilot Scheme on CCSV, please set out in a table (1) the number of service providers; (2) the number of service places, broken down by day care service and home care service; (3) the number of elderly persons participating in the Pilot Scheme on CCSV, broken down by age groups of 65 to 74, 75 to 84 and 85 or above; (4) the number of elderly persons having left the Pilot Scheme on CCSV; and (5) the annual amount of government subsidy.
2. For each year since the launch of the Pilot Scheme on RCSV, please set out in a table (1) the number of recognised service providers (RSPs) participating in the Pilot Scheme on RCSV; (2) the number of service units; (3) the number of elderly persons participating in the Pilot Scheme on RCSV, broken down by age groups of 65 to 74, 75 to 84 and 85 or above; (4) the number of elderly persons having left the Pilot Scheme on RCSV; and (5) the annual amount of government subsidy.
3. Given that the service charges paid by each elderly person participating in the above 2 pilot schemes and the amount of government subsidy vary according to the asset and income of individual elderly persons, please provide a breakdown of the sums paid by participants by co-payment level.
4. Last year's Budget indicated that the CCSV Scheme would be regularised. The number of beneficiaries was expected to increase to 12 000, involving an annual recurrent expenditure of \$900 million. How many organisations or units have joined the regularised scheme thus far? What is the estimated number of additional service places per district?
5. Regarding the RSPs under the CCSV Scheme, please provide the following information:
 - 5a. How many RSPs are operated by private and non-governmental organisations (NGOs)? What are their respective proportions?
 - 5b. What are the average charges for the services provided by these RSPs?
 - 5c. What are the utilisation of CCSVs by elderly persons at these RSPs?

Asked by: Hon LI Sai-wing, Stanley (LegCo internal reference no.: 5)

Reply:

1., 2. & 3. The relevant information is provided at Annexes 1 to 3. As is the case with other subsidised community care services, elderly persons aged 60 or above who have been assessed and recommended for community care services or residential care services under the Standardised Care Need Assessment Mechanism for Elderly Services (SCNAMES) are eligible to apply for the CCSV Scheme. Elderly persons aged 65 or above who have been assessed and recommended for residential care services under the SCNAMES and are waitlisted for care-and-attention places on the central waiting list for subsidised long term care services are eligible to apply for the Residential Care Service Voucher Scheme for the Elderly (RCSV Scheme). Individuals aged between 60 and 64 who have been assessed as in need of subsidised residential care services can also apply for the RCSV Scheme. The respective numbers of CCSV and RCSV holders, broken down by age groups of 60 to 74, 75 to 84 and 85 or above, are set out in Table 5 of Annex 1 and Table 2 of Annex 2 respectively.

4. & 5. The Government has made the CCSV permanent since September 2023. As at the end of December 2023, there was a total of 258 RSPs operated by 132 organisations under the CCSV Scheme. Among these RSPs, 126 (48.8%) are operated by 38 NGOs subvented by the Social Welfare Department (SWD), 40 (15.5%) are operated by 19 non-profit-making organisations or social enterprises, and 92 (35.7%) are operated by 75 private organisations. As the supply of CCSV services is mainly driven by market demand, the Government does not have an estimate of the number of additional RSPs and service places in each district in the future. SWD will from time to time review the supply of CCSV services in each district based on elderly population, service place availability and utilisation of CCSVs, and encourage more organisations to join as RSPs.

RSPs participating in the CCSV Scheme shall set the prices for individual CCSV items within the permitted ceiling prices recognised by SWD for its approval. The ceiling prices of respective CCSV items are set out at Annex 4. RSPs are required to list the prices of all CCSV items for CCSV holders' reference and selection.

The number of CCSVs was 10 000 in 2023-24. As RSPs are reimbursed for their actual costs under the CCSV Scheme, CCSV holders who have yet to use any services do not consume the resources of the Government or service providers. In addition, SWD can distribute more CCSVs than the quota allows, thus enabling more eligible elderly persons to receive services without having to wait. As at the end of December 2023, a total of 12 381 elderly persons were holding CCSVs, and 8 395 of them were receiving CCSV services. It is undesirable for SWD to release the full-year number of service users broken down by service unit, as this would involve disclosing information about RSPs' operation.

Table 1: Statistics on the first phase of the Pilot Scheme on CCSV

Year	No. of RSPs in the year	No. of service places in the year ^{Note}		Cumulative no. of CCSV holders	Cumulative no. of dropouts	CCSV Subsidy (\$ million)
		Day care services	Home care services			
2013-14	62	881	N.A.	1 251	108	3.1
2014-15	62	923	N.A.	2 092	888	41.6
2015-16	62	993	N.A.	2 919	1 555	66.9
2016-17	62	998	N.A.	2 968	1 893	55.1
2017-18	62	998	N.A.	2 968	1 914	9.1

N.A. – Not Applicable

^{Note} The first phase of the Pilot Scheme on CCSV delivered services in (i) a single mode, which consisted of day care services (part-time) only; or (ii) a mixed mode, which consisted of day care (part-time) and home care services. The figures set out in the above table represent the maximum number of services places for day care services that RSPs can provide and service places for home care services are not provided separately. RSPs may provide CCSV holders in need of day care services with home care services.

Table 2: Statistics on the second phase of the Pilot Scheme on CCSV

Year	No. of RSPs in the year	No. of service places in the year		Cumulative no. of CCSV holders	Cumulative no. of dropouts	CCSV Subsidy (\$ million)
		Day care services	Home care services			
2016-17	124	2 081	2 944	3 373	317	119.9 ^{Note}
2017-18	125	2 254	3 040	6 520	2 132	
2018-19	153	2 815	4 861	8 813	3 670	201.9
2019-20	173	3 210	6 806	11 222	5 198	226.0
2020-21	179	3 250	7 123	12 154	5 995	147.8

^{Note} The second phase of the Pilot Scheme on CCSV commenced in October 2016. The expenditure on the subsidies for CCSV holders from October 2016 to March 2017 was reflected in the 2017-18 Actual Expenditure.

Table 3: Statistics on the third phase of the Pilot Scheme on CCSV

Year	No. of RSPs in the year	No. of service places in the year		Cumulative no. of CCSV holders	Cumulative no. of dropouts	CCSV Subsidy (\$ million)
		Day care services	Home care services			
2020-21	230	3 869	10 580	8 283	1 108	58.0
2021-22	238	3 950	11 424	12 998	4 143	314.4
2022-23	253	4 191	12 904	17 394	7 210	361.7
2023-24 ^{Note 1}	264	4 206	13 589	19 820	8 592	266.1 ^{Note 2}

^{Note 1} The Government has made the CCSV permanent since September 2023.

^{Note 2} Revised estimate of the third phase of the Pilot Scheme on CCSV for 2023-24.

Table 4: Statistics on the CCSV Scheme after it is made permanent ^{Note 1}

Year	No. of RSPs in the year	No. of service places in the year		Cumulative no. of CCSV holders	Cumulative no. of dropouts	CCSV Subsidy (\$ million)
		Day care services	Home care services			
2023-24 ^{Note 1} (as at end-December 2023)	258	4 102	13 885	13 529	1 148	307.4 ^{Note 2}

Note 1 The Government has made the CCSV permanent since September 2023.

Note 2 Revised estimate for 2023-24 after making the CCSV permanent.

Table 5: Age distribution of CCSV holders

Year	Cumulative no. of CCSV holders			Total
	60 to 74	75 to 84	85 or above	
2013-14	189	547	515	1 251
2014-15	313	856	923	2 092
2015-16	442	1 159	1 318	2 919
2016-17	854	2 083	2 424	5 361
2017-18	1 366	3 164	3 904	8 434
2018-19	1 700	3 907	5 120	10 727
2019-20	2 088	4 607	6 441	13 136
2020-21	2 712	5 692	7 788	16 192
2021-22	3 275	6 151	11 481	20 907
2022-23	4 368	8 671	12 264	25 303
2023-24 (as at end-December 2023)	5 329	10 331	14 370	30 030

Table 1: Statistics on the RCSV Scheme

Year	No. of RSPs in the year	No. of service units in the year	Cumulative no. of RCSV holders	Cumulative no. of dropouts	RCSV Subsidy (\$ million)
2017-18	86	56	353	30	15.3
2018-19	104	87	1 163	199	92.6
2019-20	121	108	2 156	579	244.1
2020-21	152	136	3 075	1 026	373.3
2021-22	164	153	3 794	1 641	483.6
2022-23	186	177	5 103	2 220	465.2
2023-24 (as at end-December 2023)	202	196	6 538	2 823	744.4 ^{Note}

Note Revised estimate for 2023-24.

Table 2: Age distribution of RCSV holders

Year	Cumulative no. of RCSV holders			Total
	60 to 74	75 to 84	85 or above	
2017-18	19	90	244	353
2018-19	102	310	751	1 163
2019-20	197	533	1 426	2 156
2020-21	290	710	2 075	3 075
2021-22	407	946	2 441	3 794
2022-23	596	1 271	3 236	5 103
2023-24 (as at end-December 2023)	792	1 666	4 080	6 538

Table 1: Distribution of CCSV holders in the first phase of the Pilot Scheme on CCSV by co-payment level

Co-payment level ^{Note}	No. of CCSV holders
I	2 031
II	312
III	299
IV	53
V	273
Total	2 968

Note The amounts of co-payment payable by CCSV holders in the first phase of the CCSV Scheme were set according to affordability at 5 levels, namely (I) to (V) (i.e. \$500 (I), \$750 (II), \$1,000 (III), \$1,500 (IV) and \$2,500 (V)).

Table 2: Distribution of CCSV holders in the second phase of the Pilot Scheme on CCSV by co-payment level

Co-payment level ^{Note}	No. of CCSV holders
I	2 081
II	5 745
III	1 156
IV	1 173
V	208
VI	1 791
Total	12 154

Note The amounts of co-payment payable by CCSV holders in the second phase of the CCSV Scheme were set according to affordability at 6 levels, namely (I) to (VI) (i.e. 5% (I), 8% (II), 12% (III), 16% (IV), 25% (V) and 40% (VI) of the CCSV value). CCSV holders shall settle their service fees each month in accordance with the voucher value of the CCSVs they used and their corresponding co-payment percentages. The 5 types of CCSV values in 2020-21 were set at \$4,130, \$5,970, \$7,460, \$8,380 and \$9,870 per month.

Table 3: Distribution of CCSV holders in the third phase of the Pilot Scheme on CCSV by co-payment level

Co-payment level ^{Note}	No. of CCSV holders
I	2 854
II	10 047
III	1 715
IV	1 998
V	371
VI	2 835
Total	19 820

Note The amounts of co-payment payable by CCSV holders in the third phase of the CCSV Scheme were set according to affordability at 6 levels, namely (I) to (VI) (i.e. 5% (I), 8% (II), 12% (III), 16% (IV), 25% (V) and 40% (VI) of the CCSV value). CCSV holders shall settle their service fees each month in accordance with the voucher value of the CCSVs they used and their corresponding co-payment percentages. The CCSV values in 2023-24 range from \$4,290 to \$10,260 per month.

Table 4: Distribution of CCSV holders after making the CCSV permanent by co-payment level (as at end-December 2023)

Co-payment level ^{Note}	No. of CCSV holders
I	1 841
II	7 132
III	1 146
IV	1 337
V	236
VI	1 837
Total	13 529

^{Note} The amounts of co-payment payable by CCSV holders of the CCSV Scheme are set according to affordability at 6 levels, namely (I) to (VI) (i.e. 5% (I), 8% (II), 12% (III), 16% (IV), 25% (V) and 40% (VI) of the CCSV value). CCSV holders shall settle their service fees each month in accordance with the voucher value of the CCSVs they used and their corresponding co-payment percentages. The CCSV values in 2023-24 range from \$4,290 to \$10,260 per month.

Table 5: Distribution of RCSV holders by co-payment level (as at end-December 2023)

Co-payment level ^{Note}	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Co-payment percentage	0.0%	10.0%	20.0%	30.0%	40.0%	50.0%	62.5%	75.0%
Co-payment amount (\$)	-	1,616	3,232	4,848	6,464	8,081	10,101	12,121
No. of RCSV holders	5 546	661	22	16	6	5	-	282

^{Note} As at the end of December 2023, there was a cumulative total of 6 538 elderly persons holding RCSVs. The RCSV value is set at \$16,161 per month from 1 April 2023. The RCSV Scheme has 8 co-payment levels, ranging from the lowest Level 0 to the highest Level 7. While RCSV holders at Level 0 are fully subsidised by the Government, RCSV holders at Levels 1 to 7 are required to pay for a portion of the voucher value based on their respective co-payment percentages.

Ceiling prices of CCSV items

Community Care Service Items	2023-24 Ceiling price (HK\$)
<u>Centre-based Services</u>	
● Full-time day care service (12 sessions per week)	10,260 (per month)
● Day care session (4 hours)	238 (per session)
● Day care service outside normal operating hours	95 (per hour)
● Transportation service (vehicle to/from centre)	12 (per trip)
● Escort for day care service (home to vehicle / vehicle to home)	36 (per trip)
<u>Home-based Services</u>	
<u>Home Care Services</u>	
● Rehabilitation exercise	
- delivered by physiotherapist / occupational therapist	945 (per hour)
- delivered by supporting staff ^{Note 2}	238 (per hour)
● Nursing care	
- delivered by enrolled / registered nurse	909 (per hour)
- delivered by supporting staff ^{Note 2}	238 (per hour)
● Personal care ^{Note 3} delivered by supporting staff ^{Note 2}	238 (per hour)
<u>Home Support Services</u>	
● Home making	144 (per hour)
● Escort	144 (per hour)
● Meals delivery	60 (per meal)
● Daytime elder sitting	
- delivered by professional staff ^{Note 1}	909 (per hour)
- delivered by supporting staff ^{Note 2}	238 (per hour)
● On-site carer training	
- delivered by professional staff ^{Note 1}	909 (per hour)
- delivered by supporting staff ^{Note 2}	238 (per hour)
● Environmental risk assessment/home modification recommendation	945 (per hour)
- delivered by physiotherapist / occupational therapist ^{Note 1}	
● Home-based services (except meals delivery and soft meals)/speech therapy service delivered outside pledged service hours	Additional 20% of the normal service hour
<u>Others</u>	
● Residential respite service	548 (per day)
● Speech therapy service (50 minutes per session)	785 (per session)
● Soft meals (additional item for day care service/meals delivery)	6 (per meal)
● Rental service of assistive technology products ^{Note 4}	as approved by SWD (per item)

Note 1 Professional staff means enrolled/registered nurse, physiotherapist, occupational therapist or registered social worker.

Note 2 Supporting staff means physiotherapy artisan, occupational therapy assistant, health worker, personal care worker, home-helper, etc., who are trained and capable of providing services in their respective professions.

Note 3 Personal care services include food-feeding, transfer, showering/bathing, toileting/diaper changing, changing of clothes, etc., but exclude meals delivery, home making and escort.

Note 4 Assistive technology products are grouped under 3 categories, namely (a) aids for daily living, e.g. nursing bed; (b) walking or transfer aids, e.g. special function wheelchair, walking aid; and (c) bath or commode aids, e.g. hair washing machine.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(W)152

(Question Serial No. 2625)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

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

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Charmaine LEE)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the Scheme on Living Allowance for Carers of Elderly Persons from Low-income Families (Scheme for Carers of Elderly Persons) and the Scheme on Living Allowance for Low-income Carers of Persons with Disabilities (PWDs) (Scheme for Carers of PWDs), please inform this Committee of the following:

1. Since the launch of the Pilot Scheme for Carers of Elderly Persons (regularised last year), (1) how many carers have been invited to join the Scheme, (2) how many have been granted the allowance and (3) how many of them have been reimbursed for their training fees each year? (4) What is the annual funding amount, excluding administrative expenses? (5) What is the amount of administrative expenses each year? (Please set out the figures in a table.)
2. Since the launch of Pilot Scheme for Carers of PWDs (regularised last year), (1) how many carers have been invited to join the Scheme, (2) how many have been granted the allowance and (3) how many of them have been reimbursed for their training fees each year? (4) What is the annual funding amount, excluding administrative expenses? (5) What is the amount of administrative expenses each year? (Please set out the figures in a table.)
3. It is understood that applicants for these 2 allowances should have a monthly household income not exceeding certain limits. Please provide information on the successful applicants for these 2 allowances in the past 3 years, broken down by household size and monthly income limit.
4. Please provide the (1) average age, and (2) average assets and income of applicants since the 2 Schemes began accepting applications.
5. Please provide the main reasons for applications being rejected under the 2 schemes, as well as the number of applicants withdrawn from the 2 Schemes and their reasons for withdrawal since the 2 Schemes began accepting applications.

Asked by: Hon LI Sai-wing, Stanley (LegCo internal reference no.: 6)

Reply:

- 1 & 2. The Scheme for Carers of Elderly Persons and the Scheme for Carers of PWDs have been incorporated into the Government's regular assistance programmes in October 2023. The number of carers invited to join the 2 schemes, the number of carers granted allowances and reimbursed for their training fees after being assessed as eligible, as well as the amount of annual funding involved are set out at Annex 1. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) has deployed existing resources to implement these 2 regularised schemes, and no additional administrative expenses have been incurred.
- 3 & 4. Eligible applicants for the Scheme for Carers of Elderly Persons and the Scheme for Carers of PWDs must meet the income criterion. The monthly household income limit for the carer and the household members residing with him/her based on household size is set out at Annex 2. Assets are excluded from the calculation. SWD does not have information on the average salary of applicants for the 2 schemes. The average ages of eligible applicants are 58 years old for the Scheme for Carers of Elderly Persons, and 48 years old for the Scheme for Carers of PWDs.
5. The main reasons for applications being rejected under the 2 regularised schemes include applicants currently receiving the Old Age Living Allowance (OALA)/Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA), self-withdrawal of applications, inability to fulfill caring responsibilities, or exceeding the household income limits, etc. The numbers of carers withdrawn from the 2 schemes and their reasons for their withdrawal are set out at Annex 3.

**Numbers of carers invited to join the Scheme for Carers of Elderly Persons and the Scheme for Carers of PWDs, numbers of carers granted allowances and reimbursed for their training fees after being assessed as eligible, and the amount of annual funding involved
(as at end-December 2023)**

	Scheme for Carers of Elderly Persons	Scheme for Carers of PWDs
No. of carers invited to join the scheme	37 634	15 254
No. of carers assessed as eligible and granted allowance ^{Note 1}	3 489	2 896
No. of carers assessed as eligible and reimbursed for their training fees ^{Note 1}	1	40
Amount of annual funding involved ^{Note 2} (\$ million)	215.8	215.8

Note 1 Carers may receive the allowances at the end of December or beyond, depending on the circumstances.

Note 2 Including service fees for approved service providers

**Monthly household income limit under the Scheme for Carers of Elderly Persons and
the Scheme for Carers of PWDs**

Household size	Monthly household income limit (\$)
1	15,800
2	22,500
3	27,900
4	34,800
5	42,900 ^{Note}
6 or above	48,675 ^{Note}

(The income limit is set with reference to 75% of the median monthly domestic household income of economically active households in 2022 as published by the Census and Statistics Department.)

^{Note} The monthly household income limit for household size of 5 or above is set with reference to the median monthly domestic household income by household size in the fourth quarter of 2022.

**Number of carers withdrawn from the Scheme for Carers of Elderly Persons and
the Scheme for Carers of PWDs and their reasons for withdrawal
(as at end-December 2023)**

Reason for withdrawal	Scheme for Carers of Elderly Persons (No. of persons)	Scheme for Carers of PWDs (No. of persons)
The person under care has been admitted to residential care services	37	13
The person under care passed away	8	1
The carer has been granted OALA/CSSA	13	10
Changes in circumstances of the carer/person under care (e.g. emigrated to other places; the carer exceeded the household income limits, or the carer was granted the Disability Allowance, etc.)	46	16
Other reasons (e.g. consolidation of cases, or reason not provided, etc.)	80	43
Total	184	83

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(W)153

(Question Serial No. 2626)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

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

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Charmaine LEE)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding support services for carers, please inform this Committee of the following:

1. for the Designated Hotline for Carer Support (the Carer Hotline) launched in September 2023:
 - (a) the name of the service operator, the staffing establishment (SE) of the Carer Hotline during daytime and late night hours, and the annual expenditure involved;
 - (b) the average number of requests for assistance received daily since its launch, with a breakdown by the type of assistance sought;
 - (c) the distribution of the carers requesting assistance by (i) district; (ii) age; and (iii) employment status;
 - (d) the average time it takes for the calls to be connected and the average call duration regarding the above requests for assistance; and
 - (e) the number of cases that required referrals and follow-up services among the above requests for assistance;
2. for the Information Gateway for Carers (the Information Gateway) launched in November 2023:
 - (a) the name of the service operator, and the number of staff and annual expenditure involved in running the Information Gateway;
 - (b) the average daily hit rate since its launch; and
 - (c) the update frequency of the available information, which, as understood, includes activities in various districts, knowledge, and other resources.
3. the Social Welfare Department (SWD) currently provides day respite places and residential respite places for elderly persons and persons with disabilities (PWDs), respectively. Please advise on: (1) the distribution of service places; (2) the longest/average waiting time for such places; (3) the number of waitlisted persons;

(4) fees; and (5) service costs in each of the past 3 years, with a breakdown by 18 districts, in tabular form;

4. SWD announced in December last year that the respite service network would be expanded for carers to take short breaks or attend to personal matters. About 140 private residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs) under the Enhanced Bought Place Scheme (EBPS) will, on top of residential respite services for the elderly persons, provide day respite services for elderly persons in need in the community when vacant residential care places (RCPs) are available. Please provide:
 - 4a. the details of the respite services for the elderly persons provided by around 140 RCHEs through EBPS to the carers thus far, with a breakdown by district and type of RCHE; and
 - 4b. the channels through which these carers are informed of the above services: (i) referrals by the Carer Hotline; (ii) direct application to the service units by the carers; or (iii) referrals by service units such as integrated family service centres; and
5. the SE and the annual expenditure of Caritas Jockey Club Resource and Support Centre for Carers in Tseung Kwan O, the only carer-centric support centre among the 18 districts at present, and whether the Government will, with reference to the operation experience of this centre, set up a support centre in each of the 18 districts.

Asked by: Hon LI Sai-wing, Stanley (LegCo internal reference no.: 7)

Reply:

1. Information on the Carer Hotline is as follows:
 - (a) SWD has commissioned the Tung Wah Group of Hospitals to operate the 24-hour Carer Hotline, with a total of 30 phone lines answered by over 100 professional social workers on shift duties. The annual expenditure is about \$12 million. SWD does not have information on the SE of the Carer Hotline during daytime or late night hours.
 - (b) As at 29 February 2024, the Carer Hotline received an average of about 83 calls daily. Relevant information regarding the nature of calls is provided in Table 1 of Annex 1.
 - (c) & (d) The district distribution of callers is set out in Table 2 of Annex 1. SWD does not have information on the age distribution or employment status of callers, the average time it takes for the calls to be connected or the average call duration.
 - (e) As at 29 February 2024, the Carer Hotline provided a total of 388 cases with referral and follow-up services.
2. SWD collaborated with the Hong Kong Jockey Club Charities Trust (HKJCCT) to commission the Hong Kong Shue Yan University (HKSYU) to develop the one-stop Information Gateway. It offers information on services provided for elderly persons, PWDs and their carers, caring skills, community activities and resources for carers, etc. The Information Gateway was launched on 30 November 2023 and its content is updated from time to time to better cater to the needs of carers. As at 29 February 2024, the Information Gateway has a hit rate of over 280 000. SWD and HKSYU will regularly review the usage of the Information Gateway and step up

publicity and promotion efforts through various means so as to make it better known and more widely used. The Information Gate is sponsored by HKJCCT for the first 3 years. SWD does not have information on the manpower and estimated expenditure involved, or the average daily hit rate or information update frequency.

3. The numbers of places for respite services for the elderly and PWDs by district, and the charges for the 2 services in the recent 3 years are set out in Tables 1 to 7 of Annex 2.

As service users do not have to be on the Central Waiting List to be waitlisted for respite services, SWD does not have information on the waiting time or number of elderly persons or PWDs waitlisted for day or residential respite services. In addition, SWD does not have information on the average monthly cost or total annual expenditure of various respite services.

4. Starting from December 2023, SWD has required private RCHEs participating in EBPS to provide day respite services when there are vacancies in their residential respite places. The number of service places provided under this measure, broken down by District Council (DC) district, is set out at Annex 3. SWD does not have information on the channels through which service users are informed of the service.
5. The Caritas Jockey Club Resource and Support Centre for Carers is not subsidised by SWD. Therefore, SWD does not have information on the SE and annual expenditure of the centre.

Currently, SWD provides elderly persons/PWDs and their carers in various districts of Hong Kong with diversified community support services based on their different needs through 214 district elderly community centres/neighbourhood elderly centres, 99 day care centres/units for the elderly (DEs/DCUs), 24 integrated community centres for mental wellness, 21 district support centres for PWDs and 19 parents/relatives resource centres, etc. These services include counselling, outreach services, referral for respite services, care skills training, stress-relief groups and recreational activities, etc. The staff of the aforementioned service units maintain close communication with the family members/carers of service users to jointly formulate individual care plans for the elderly persons or PWDs. Family members/carers may also take the opportunity to learn caring skills and seek assistance.

**Table 1: Nature of calls received by the Carer Hotline in 2023-24
(as at 29 February 2024)**

Nature of call	No. of calls
Emotional problem	4 332
Enquiry on community support services	3 093
Care issue	1 976
Financial problem	1 027
Health problem	578
Mental health problem	543
Enquiry on residential care services	427
Request for respite services	412
Family relationship problem	242
Housing/accommodation problem	145
Others	182
Total	12 957

**Table 2: District distribution of callers in 2023-24
(as at 29 February 2024)**

District	No. of callers
Central & Western	59
Eastern	148
Wan Chai	20
Southern	77
Islands	34
Kwun Tong	255
Wong Tai Sin	152
Sai Kung	83
Kowloon City	100
Sham Shui Po	145
Yau Tsim Mong	81
Sha Tin	217
Tai Po	95
North	138
Yuen Long	146
Tsuen Wan	110
Kwai Tsing	142
Tuen Mun	195
Not provided by callers	10 760
Total	12 957

**Table 1: Number of designated respite places for the elderly ^{Note} by DC district
(from 2021-22 to 2023-24)**

District	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24 (as at end-December 2023)
Central & Western	24	24	22
Southern	18	18	18
Islands	2	2	2
Eastern	22	22	19
Wan Chai	7	7	7
Kwun Tong	18	17	17
Wong Tai Sin	13	11	11
Sai Kung	3	3	3
Kowloon City	42	41	41
Yau Tsim Mong	25	23	22
Sham Shui Po	22	22	21
Sha Tin	5	6	6
Tai Po	12	12	12
North	12	12	2
Yuen Long	36	35	35
Tsuen Wan	22	21	21
Kwai Tsing	29	29	28
Tuen Mun	23	23	23
Total	335	328	310

^{Note} Designated residential respite places at subvented RCHEs, contract RCHEs and private RCHEs participating in EBPS.

Table 2: Number of designated day respite service places in DEs/DCUs by district from 2021-22 to 2023-24

District	No. of service places		
	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24 (as at end-December 2023)
Central & Western	13	13	11
Southern	3	3	3
Islands	3	3	3
Eastern	2	2	2
Wan Chai	2	2	2
Kwun Tong	36	41	41
Wong Tai Sin	14	14	15
Sai Kung	13	16	16
Kowloon City	-	-	-
Yau Tsim Mong	26	29	34
Sham Shui Po	5	5	3
Sha Tin	25	28	31
Tai Po	12	12	12
North	5	10	16
Yuen Long	13	13	13
Tsuen Wan	18	18	18
Kwai Tsing	15	15	15
Tuen Mun	23	28	28
Total	228	252	263

**Table 3: Charges for day respite service for the elderly
(from 2021-22 to 2023-24)**

Daily charge (\$) 41.5

**Table 4: Charges for designated residential respite places for the elderly
(from 2021-22 to 2023-24)**

Type of RCPs	Daily charge (\$)
Home for the aged place	52
Care-and-attention (C&A) home place ^{Note 1}	62
Nursing home (NH) place ^{Note 2}	72

Note 1 Including places at subvented C&A homes providing continuum-of-care, C&A places at contract homes and places of private RCHes participating in EBPS.

Note 2 NH places at contract homes.

**Table 5: Number of residential respite places for PWDs by DC district ^{Note}
(from 2021-22 to 2023-24)**

District	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24 (as at end-December 2023)
Central & Western	8	8	8
Southern	38	38	38
Islands	6	6	6
Eastern	12	12	14
Wan Chai	-	-	-
Kwun Tong	44	44	44
Wong Tai Sin	6	6	6
Sai Kung	26	26	26
Kowloon City	15	15	17
Yau Tsim Mong	10	10	13
Sham Shui Po	27	35	39
Sha Tin	36	38	38
Tai Po	20	20	20
North	24	24	24
Yuen Long	24	24	24
Tsuen Wan	13	13	13
Kwai Tsing	41	44	48
Tuen Mun	40	40	44
Total	390	403	422

Note Including designated day/residential respite service places under the Bought Place Scheme (BPS) for Private Residential Care Homes for PWDs (RCHDs).

**Table 6: Number of day respite service places for PWDs by district
from 2021-22 to 2023-24** ^{Note 1}

District	No. of service places		
	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24 (as at end-December 2023)
Central & Western	2	2	2
Southern	6	6	10
Islands	2	2	2
Eastern	4	8	8
Wan Chai	2	2	2
Kwun Tong	15	15	15
Wong Tai Sin	4	4	4
Sai Kung	10	10	10
Kowloon City	4	4	10
Yau Tsim Mong	12	12	22
Sham Shui Po	2	4	15
Sha Tin	24	26	26
Tai Po	4	4	4
North	24	24	32
Yuen Long	6	6	8
Tsuen Wan	8	8	11
Kwai Tsing	24	24	36 ^{Note 2}
Tuen Mun	11	11	18
Total	164	172	235

Note 1 Including designated day/residential respite service places under BPS for RCHDs.

Note 2 Including the reduction of 2 day/residential respite service places provided by a private RCHD under BPS due to the termination of contract in September 2023.

**Table 7: Charges for day and residential respite services for PWDs
from 2021-22 to 2023-24**

Day respite service	Hourly charge (\$)	
	Service user receiving Disability Allowance (DA)	Service user not receiving DA
Day activity centre	5.1	
District support centre for PWDs	5.1	
C&A home for severely disabled persons	5.1	
Private RCHD under BPS (providing medium level of care)	5.1 ^{Note 1}	5.1 ^{Note 2}
Private RCHD under BPS (providing high level of care)	5.1 ^{Note 3}	5.1 ^{Note 4}
Type of RCPs	Daily charge ^{Note 5} (\$)	
	Service user receiving DA	Service user not receiving DA
Hostel for moderately mentally handicapped persons	52	49
Private RCHD under BPS (providing medium level of care)		
Hostel for severely mentally handicapped persons		
Hostel for severely physically handicapped persons		
Hostel for severely physically handicapped persons with mental handicap	62	55
C&A home for severely disabled persons		
Private RCHD under BPS (providing high level of care)		
Supported hostel	33	30

Note 1 The daily charge is capped at \$52.

Note 2 The daily charge is capped at \$49.

Note 3 The daily charge is capped at \$62.

Note 4 The daily charge is capped at \$55.

Note 5 With the prior approval from SWD, individual service units may charge higher rates under individual circumstances.

**Number of service places in private RCHEs
providing “Designated Places of Residential Respite Service for the Elderly”
and day respite service for the elderly by district^{Note}**

District	No. of service places ^{Note}
	2023-24 (as at end-December 2023)
Central & Western	22
Southern	18
Islands	6
Eastern	14
Wan Chai	0
Kwun Tong	14
Wong Tai Sin	8
Sai Kung	0
Kowloon City	40
Yau Tsim Mong	18
Sham Shui Po	22
Sha Tin	0
Tai Po	10
North	0
Yuen Long	32
Tsuen Wan	18
Kwai Tsing	26
Tuen Mun	22
Total	270

^{Note} Private RCHEs participating in EBPS provide day respite service when vacant residential respite places are available. The number of places is the same as that of “Designated Places of Residential Respite Service for the Elderly”.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(W)154

(Question Serial No. 2627)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

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

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Charmaine LEE)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

To enable carers to take short breaks or attend to personal affairs when needed, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) currently provides home respite services through various home-based support services, including Integrated Home Care Services (Frail Cases) [IHCS(FC)], Enhanced Home and Community Care Services (EHCCS), Home Care Service for Persons with Severe Disabilities (HCS) and Integrated Support Service for Persons with Severe Physical Disabilities (ISS).

1. Please tabulate the following information for the above services over the past 3 years:
 - (1) number of service units;
 - (2) number of team members in each service unit;
 - (3) number of available service places and the actual number of beneficiaries for each service;
 - (4) number of persons currently waitlisted for each service and their average waiting time;
 - (5) average fee for each service; and
 - (6) expenditure/cost associated with each service.
2. It is understood that SWD does not keep records of the number of persons on the waiting list and their average waiting time for HCS and ISS, etc. since service users do not need to wait for these services through the Central Referral System for Rehabilitation Services. How does SWD monitor the demand and effectiveness of these services? What criteria will be used to assess the service quality of service operators?

Asked by: Hon LI Sai-wing, Stanley (LegCo internal reference no.: 8)

Reply:

1. From 2021-22 to 2023-24, SWD provided subvention to 24 non-governmental organisations (NGOs) to operate 61 integrated home care service (IHCS) teams, providing a total of 4 120 IHCS(FC) service places. Another 14 NGOs operated

31 EHCCS teams, providing a total of 9 245 service places. Both services provide care and support to frail elderly persons living in the community. The number of persons served, number of persons waitlisted, average waiting time, service fees and charges, average monthly cost per case served, and total annual expenditure for these 2 services from 2021-22 to 2023-24 are set out at Annexes 1 to 5.

In addition, SWD provided subvention to 6 NGOs to operate 6 HCS teams and 2 ISS teams, providing a total of 3 550 and 900 service places, respectively. The number of persons served, total annual expenditure and service fees and charges for these 2 services from 2021-22 to 2023-24 are set out at Annexes 6 to 8. SWD does not have the average monthly cost per case for these 2 services. As service users do not have to waitlist for these services through the Central Referral System for Rehabilitation Services, SWD does not have information on the number of persons waitlisted or the average waiting time for these 2 services. Applications made by persons with pressing needs will be proceeded with priority.

Under the Lump Sum Grant Subvention System, service operators have the flexibility to deploy resources and arrange suitable staffing to meet the requirements set out in the Funding and Service Agreements (FSAs). SWD does not have information on the number of team members in each service unit providing the above 4 services.

2. SWD will evaluate the performance of subvented service units in accordance with the relevant FSAs and service performance standards under the Service Performance Monitoring System. Subvented welfare service operators have to comply with the requirements and standards stipulated by FSAs, including Essential Service Requirements, Output and Outcome Standards and Service Quality Standards. SWD adopts a risk-based approach, and conducts service performance reviews of subvented service units based on needs and through random sampling.

**Numbers of persons served under IHCS(FC) and EHCCS
from 2021-22 to 2023-24**

Year ^{Note}	No. of persons served	
	IHCS(FC)	EHCCS
2021-22	5 524	12 203
2022-23	5 654	12 766
2023-24 (as at end-December 2023)	5 136	11 744

^{Note} The figure represents the number of persons served as at the end of March of the year concerned except for 2023-24.

**Number of persons waitlisted and average waiting time for
IHCS(FC) and EHCCS from 2021-22 to 2023-24**

Year	Number of waitlisted persons ^{Note}	Average waiting time (in months) (average of the past 3 months)
2021-22	3 980	6
2022-23	4 341	6
2023-24 (as at end-December 2023)	5 839	7

^{Note} Frail elderly persons having been assessed and recommended for community care services or residential care services under the Standardised Care Need Assessment Mechanism for Elderly Services can be waitlisted for IHCS(FC) and/or EHCCS. The number of waitlisted persons exclude elderly persons classified as inactive cases because of their participation in the Community Care Service Voucher Scheme for the Elderly. The figure represents the number of waitlisted persons as at the end of March of the year concerned except for 2023-24.

**Service fees and charges for IHCS(FC) and EHCCS
from 2021-22 to 2023-24**

Service type		Service fees and charges (\$) (subject to income level)		
		Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) level or below	Between CSSA to 1.5 CSSA level	Above 1.5 CSSA level
Meal service		13	16	19
Laundry service	Light	0.7		
	Medium	0.9		
	Heavy	1.8		
Direct care, home respite service and escort service (per hour)		5.5	12	19

**Average monthly cost per case served for
IHCS and EHCCS from 2021-22 to 2023-24**

Year	Average monthly cost per case served (\$)	
	IHCS ^{Note 1}	EHCCS
2021-22 (Actual)	3,133	9,398
2022-23 (Actual) ^{Note 2}	2,931	9,597
2023-24 (Revised estimate) ^{Note 2}	3,319	9,984

Note 1 SWD does not keep separate records of the average monthly cost per case served for IHCS (Ordinary Case) [IHCS(OC)] and IHCS(FC).

Note 2 Starting from January 2023, the average monthly cost of IHCS includes the costs for IHCS(FC), IHCS(OC) and Home Care and Support Services for Elderly Persons with Mild Impairment (HSMI), which has been regularised since January 2023. The abovementioned services are all rendered by IHCS teams.

**Total annual expenditure on IHCS and EHCCS
from 2021-22 to 2023-24**

Year	Total annual expenditure (\$ billion)	
	IHCS ^{Note 1}	EHCCS
2021-22 (Actual)	1.0831	1.0513
2022-23 (Actual) ^{Note 2}	1.1011	1.0738
2023-24 (Revised estimate) ^{Note 2}	1.4178	1.1214

Note 1 SWD does not keep separate records of the total annual expenditure on IHCS(OC) and IHCS(FC).

Note 2 Starting from January 2023, the total expenditure on IHCS includes the expenditure on IHCS(FC), IHCS(OC) and HSMI, which has been regularised in January 2023. The abovementioned services are all rendered by IHCS teams.

Numbers of persons served under HCS and ISS from 2021-22 to 2023-24

Year	No. of persons served	
	HCS	ISS
2021-22	4 643	1 150
2022-23	4 769	1 189
2023-24 (as at end-December 2023)	4 549	1 172

**Total annual expenditure on HCS and ISS
from 2021-22 to 2023-24**

Year	Total annual expenditure (\$ million)	
	HCS	ISS
2021-22 (Actual)	329.7	72.6
2022-23 (Actual)	336.5	74.4
2023-24 (Revised estimate)	351.6	77.3

**Service fees and charges for HCS and ISS
from 2021-22 to 2023-24**

Category of services under HCS and ISS	Service fees and charges
<i>Full service package</i> ^{Note 1}	\$1,002 (monthly ceiling)
<i>Individual service</i>	
Personal care service	\$33/hour
Escort service	\$33/hour
Home respite service	\$33/hour
Rehabilitation training	\$33/hour
Nursing care (provided by health worker)	\$33/session ^{Note 2}
Home visit by occupational therapist/physiotherapist/speech therapist	\$52/session ^{Note 2}
Home visit by nurse	\$43/session ^{Note 2}
<i>Other service</i>	
Transportation service	\$10/trip

Note 1 The full service package includes personal care service, escort service, home respite service, rehabilitation training, nursing care (provided by health workers), home visits by occupational therapists/physiotherapists/speech therapists and home visits by nurses.

Note 2 Each session lasts at least 45 minutes.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(W)155

(Question Serial No. 2629)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Charmaine LEE)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Please provide information on residential child care services (RCCS) for the past 3 years using the table below.

Type of service unit subsidised/ subvented by the Social Welfare Department (SWD)	Number of places in 2023-24	Number of places to be added in the coming 3 years	Number of waitlisted children (to date)	Average waiting time (month) (to date)	Average amount of subvention received by non-governmental organisations (NGOs) each year (\$)	Average number of NGOs' frontline staff	Average length of service of NGOs' frontline staff
I RCCS for able-bodied children							
Foster care service (for children aged 0 to below 18)							
Foster care (emergency) service (for children aged 0 to below 18)							
Residential child care centre (RCCC) (residential crèche) (for children aged 0 to below 3)							
RCCC (residential nursery) (for children aged 3 to below 6)							
Small group home (SGH) (for children aged 4 to below 18)							
Emergency/ short-term care in SGH (for children aged 4 to below 18)							
Children's home (for children aged 6 to below 21)							

Children's reception centre (for children aged 0 to below 18)							
Boys' home (with school for social development (SSD)) (for children aged 7 to below 18)							
Girls' home (with SSD) (for children aged 9 to below 18)							
Boys' home (without school on-site) (for those aged 11 to below 21)							
Girls' home (without school on-site) (for those aged 12 to below 21)							
Girls' hostel (for those aged 14 to below 21)							
Boys' hostel (for those aged 15 to below 21)							
II RCCS for disabled children							
Residential special child care centre (RSCCC) (for children aged 2 to below 6)							
SGH for mildly mentally handicapped children (for children aged 6 to below 18)							

Asked by: Hon LI Sai-wing, Stanley (LegCo internal reference no.: 10)

Reply:

The service information on RCCS in the past 3 years is set out at Annex.

Numbers of places and additional places, number of waitlisted children and their average waiting time, amount of subvention provided to NGOs, and average number and length of service of NGOs' frontline staff in various types of RCCS

Item	Year	RCCS for able-bodied children																RCCS for disabled children		
		Foster care service	Foster care (emergency) service	SGH	Emergency/short-term care in SGH	Residential crèche	Residential crèche (emergency placement)	Residential nursery	Residential nursery (emergency placement)	Children's home	Children's home (emergency placement)	Children's reception centre	Boys' home (with SSD)	Girls' home (with SSD)	Boys' home (without school on-site)	Girls' home (without school on-site)	Girls' hostel	Boys' hostel	RSCCC	SGH for mildly mentally handicapped children
Number of places	2021-22	1 015	115	924	42	139	20	53	-	413	5	95	502	270	201	39	77	18	122	128
	2022-23	1 015	115	954	46	139	20	53	-	413	5	95	502	270	201	39	77	18	122	128
	2023-24 Note 1	1 100 Note 2	130 Note 2	978	49	139	20	53	-	413	5	95	502	270	201	39	77	18	122	128
Number of additional places	2024-25			-	-	-	32	-	16	-	-	-	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	2025-26	55	25	-	-	-	-	-	48	-	-	-	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	2026-27			30	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Number of waitlisted children (monthly average)	2021-22	314		363		34		14		52			4	7	45	31	31	7	30	100
	2022-23	289	Note 3	388	Note 3	33	Note 3	17	Note 3	90	Note 3	Note 3	4	9	52	47	37	7	44	110
	2023-24 Note 4	292		342		39		23		78			7	9	46	35	33	10	39	111
Average waiting time (month)	2021-22	1.7		4.6		6.3		13.8		3.7			0.2	0.2	1.8	2.6	2.1	3.5	2.9	15.1
	2022-23	1.8	Note 3	4.7	Note 3	6.5	Note 3	17.3	Note 3	5.0	Note 3	Note 3	0.2	0.6	3.1	4.6	3.2	5.7	3.6	17.5
	2023-24 Note 4	2.1		5.8		7.2		14.6		6.1			0.3	0.5	3.3	8.5	4.5	7.9	Note 5	Note 5
Amount of subvention provided to NGOs (\$ million)	2021-22 (Actual)	214.1		292.8						401.3								56.7	34.0	
	2022-23 (Actual)	217.6		296.1						409.0								57.6	33.9	
	2023-24 (Revised estimate)	233.3		325.5						447.4								70.9	35.3	
Average number of NGOs' frontline staff	2021-22																			
	2022-23																			
	2023-24	Note 6																		
Average length of service of NGOs' frontline staff	2021-22																			
	2022-23																			
	2023-24	Note 6																		

Note 1 Statistics as at 31 December 2023.

Note 2 In 2023-24, the number of places for foster care services increased by 100, including 85 foster care places and 15 foster care (emergency) places.

Note 3 Regarding emergency residential services, caseworkers may directly enquire with service units that provide emergency residential service, and arrange for children to be placed as soon as vacancies are available. SWD does not have the statistics on the number of waitlisted children and their average waiting time for emergency residential service.

Note 4 Statistics from April to December 2023.

Note 5 As the average waiting time of residential care services for disabled children is compiled on a financial-year basis, the figure for 2023-24 is not yet available.

Note 6 Subject to their compliance with the requirements of the Funding and Service Agreements and the relevant statutory staffing requirements, NGOs operating subvented services may determine their staffing establishment in accordance with their human resources policies, and flexibly deploy resources and employ staff to achieve the service output and outcomes required. SWD does not have information on the number and average length of service of NGOs' staff.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(W)156

(Question Serial No. 2630)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: Not Specified

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Charmaine LEE)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

The Government was granted a funding of \$20 billion by the Finance Committee of the Legislative Council on 30 June 2020 to purchase premises for the provision of welfare facilities. Please provide an update on the progress of the purchase programme thus far. In addition, please tabulate the details of each premises to be purchased, including location, area, designated use and acquisition price.

Asked by: Hon LI Sai-wing, Stanley (LegCo internal reference no.: 11)

Reply:

With the assistance of the Government Property Agency (GPA), the Social Welfare Department (SWD) is striving to identify suitable premises for purchase through different channels. As at 29 February 2024, SWD has incurred about \$240 million in actual expenditure on “purchase of welfare premises” under the Capital Works Reserve Fund, covering the payment for 5 premises. 2 of these premises are located in Sham Shui Po District, while the remaining 3 are located in Central and Western District, Eastern District and Kwun Tong District respectively. These premises are for operating a Parents/Relatives Resource Centre, a Support Centre for Persons with Autism and a neighbourhood elderly centre, as well as for providing on-site pre-school rehabilitation services.

The progress of purchasing premises, as well as the location, size, expenditure and purpose of such premises, depend on the availability of suitable properties in the market and various external factors, including whether the properties for sale have fire safety and barrier-free access facilities, whether the size and location meet operational requirements, whether the surrounding land uses are compatible with welfare uses, and whether the selling prices fall within the acceptable price range determined by GPA with reference to market value. Currently, SWD and GPA are continuing their efforts to identify and purchase suitable premises, and have earmarked about \$499 million for related work in 2024-25. If market conditions permit, the goal of SWD and GPA is to purchase as many premises as possible in order to provide more welfare facilities.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(W)157

(Question Serial No. 2631)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): ()
Programme: Not Specified
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Charmaine LEE)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the Lump Sum Grant (LSG) Subvention System, please inform this Committee of the following:

1. Please provide a list of non-governmental organisations (NGOs) in tabular form, along with the amount of LSG subventions they received in 2023-24 and the estimated amount for this year.
2. Please provide a table specifying the NGOs that were required to refund the Government due to their cumulative LSG reserve having exceeded 25% of operating expenditure for the year, along with the corresponding amounts involved in 2023-24.
3. Please provide a table presenting the total amount of provident fund (PF) reserves for non-Snapshot Staff of NGOs under LSG subvention in 2023-24, as well as the estimated amount for this year.
4. Please provide a table presenting the funding amount allocated by the Social Welfare Department (SWD) under "Civil Service Pay Adjustment" for NGOs receiving subventions to adjust the pay of their staff in 2023-24, as well as the estimated amount for this year.

Asked by: Hon LI Sai-wing, Stanley (LegCo internal reference no.: 12)

Reply:

1. The list of NGOs operating subvented welfare services under the LSG Subvention System, along with the amount of subventions received by them, in 2023-24 and 2024-25 is set out at Annex 1.
2. Information is not available for 2023-24 as the Annual Financial Reports (AFRs) for 2023-24 are not yet due for submission. The names of NGOs that were required to refund the Government due to their cumulative LSG reserve having exceeded 25% of operating expenditure for 2022-23, along with the corresponding amounts involved, are set out at Annex 2.
3. Information is not available for 2023-24 as the AFRs for 2023-24 are not yet due for submission. The total amount of the PF reserves for non-Snapshot Staff of NGOs under LSG subventions was \$2.05 billion in 2022-23. SWD does not have the relevant estimate for 2024-25.

4. In 2023-24, a funding of \$860 million was allocated by SWD for NGOs receiving subventions to adjust the pay of their staff in response to an upward adjustment in civil service pay. The funding amount for 2024-25 will be determined after the announcement of civil service pay adjustment.

**SWD's subventions (revised estimate) to NGOs
under LSG Subvention System in 2023-24**

2023-24

<u>S/N</u>	<u>Name of NGO</u>	<u>Subventions</u> ^{Note 1} <u>(revised estimate)</u> <u>(\$)</u>
1	Tung Wah Group of Hospitals	2,083,018,665
2	Caritas - Hong Kong	1,553,336,404
3	Po Leung Kuk	1,407,445,547
4	Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui Welfare Council Limited	1,262,272,540
5	SAHK	785,958,679
6	Salvation Army (The)	714,995,633
7	Neighbourhood Advice-Action Council (The)	692,923,422
8	Christian Family Service Centre	663,891,976
9	Hong Kong Christian Service	648,513,508
10	Hong Kong Family Welfare Society	611,397,361
11	Yan Chai Hospital	602,831,719
12	Heep Hong Society	586,449,219
13	Hong Chi Association	576,433,612
14	St. James' Settlement	530,404,159
15	Hong Kong Lutheran Social Service, the Lutheran Church - Hong Kong Synod Limited	505,845,928
16	Yang Memorial Methodist Social Service	483,805,209
17	Boys' and Girls' Clubs Association of Hong Kong (The)	481,949,040
18	Hong Kong Society for the Aged (The)	474,922,703
19	Fu Hong Society	469,799,625
20	Evangelical Lutheran Church Social Service - Hong Kong	446,092,380
21	Haven of Hope Christian Service	445,085,332
22	Hong Kong Young Women's Christian Association	443,609,288
23	New Life Psychiatric Rehabilitation Association	429,419,556
24	Pok Oi Hospital	318,788,166
25	Mental Health Association of Hong Kong (The)	312,361,887
26	Hong Kong Federation of Youth Groups (The)	299,356,765
27	Hong Kong Children and Youth Services	297,126,664
28	Wai Ji Christian Service	259,946,100
29	Heung Hoi Ching Kok Lin Association	255,586,734
30	Chinese Young Men's Christian Association of Hong Kong	250,543,426
31	Baptist Oi Kwan Social Service	239,249,065
32	Yan Oi Tong	239,182,337
33	Sik Sik Yuen	236,833,291
34	Hong Kong Society for the Blind (The)	183,006,035
35	Hong Kong Society for the Protection of Children	163,790,265
36	Society of Rehabilitation and Crime Prevention, Hong Kong (The)	156,323,664
37	International Social Service Hong Kong Branch	135,708,587
38	Aberdeen Kai-fong Welfare Association Social Service Centre	134,235,054
39	Tsung Tsin Mission of Hong Kong Social Service (The)	124,055,130
40	Lok Sin Tong Benevolent Society, Kowloon (The)	123,313,810
41	Hong Kong Playground Association	117,158,842
42	Kwun Tong Methodist Social Service	114,300,156
43	Helping Hand	114,165,190
44	Chinese Rhenish Church Hong Kong Synod (The)	113,203,885
45	Stewards	111,798,210
46	Methodist Centre	99,086,619
47	Hong Kong Society for the Deaf (The)	87,404,746
48	Richmond Fellowship of Hong Kong	83,398,773
49	Hong Kong Student Aid Society Limited (The)	83,154,547
50	Sheng Kung Hui St. Christopher's Home Limited	82,885,365
51	Alice Ho Miu Ling Nethersole Charity Foundation	80,672,657

<u>S/N</u>	<u>Name of NGO</u>	<u>Subventions</u> ^{Note 1} <u>(revised estimate)</u> <u>(\$)</u>
52	Methodist Epworth Village Community Centre, Social Welfare	79,706,922
53	Hong Kong PHAB Association	79,221,870
54	Society of Boys' Centres	76,277,154
55	Chi Lin Nunnery	74,917,895
56	Hong Kong Buddhist Association (The)	70,571,776
57	Asia Women's League Limited	66,270,764
58	Yuen Yuen Institute (The)	57,151,373
59	Scout Association of Hong Kong	54,436,151
60	Women's Welfare Club (Eastern District) Hong Kong (The)	53,546,456
61	Hong Kong Chinese Women's Club	52,591,141
62	Chung Sing Benevolent Society	51,979,821
63	Mongkok Kai-Fong Association Limited (The)	51,135,888
64	Chung Shak Hei (Cheung Chau) Home for the Aged Limited	50,292,094
65	Hong Kong Council of Social Service (The)	48,113,862
66	Ching Chung Taoist Association of Hong Kong Limited	47,786,946
67	Pentecostal Church of Hong Kong	47,077,928
68	Kiangsu Chekiang and Shanghai Residents (Hong Kong) Association	45,973,472
69	Hong Kong Society for Rehabilitation (The)	42,417,871
70	Chuk Lam Ming Tong Limited	40,005,003
71	Hong Kong Tuberculosis, Chest and Heart Diseases Association (The)	39,135,753
72	Hong Kong ABWE Social Services	38,436,643
73	Yuen Long Town Hall Management Committee Limited	38,211,629
74	Christian & Missionary Alliance Church Union Hong Kong Limited	36,780,316
75	Church of United Brethren in Christ Hong Kong Limited (The)	36,342,059
76	Hong Kong Catholic Marriage Advisory Council (The)	34,853,348
77	Fung Kai Public School	33,822,074
78	The Mother Superior of the Congregation of Our Lady of Charity of the Good Shepherd of Angers at Hong Kong	29,375,873
79	Hong Kong Evangelical Church Social Service Limited	29,205,009
80	Asbury Methodist Social Service	28,445,551
81	Hong Kong Bodhi Siksa Society Limited (The)	28,285,768
82	Association for Engineering and Medical Volunteer Services	27,523,984
83	Hong Kong Women Development Association Limited	26,621,093
84	Evangelical Free Church of China Social Service Limited	25,655,907
85	Ebenezer School and Home for the Visually Impaired	25,119,459
86	Hong Kong Juvenile Care Centre	24,906,482
87	Hong Kong and Macau Lutheran Church Social Service Limited	24,147,299
88	Watchdog Limited	23,642,023
89	Free Methodist Church of Hong Kong (The)	23,330,709
90	United Christian Nethersole Community Health Service	22,932,368
91	Mother's Choice Limited	22,612,879
92	Kowloon Women's Welfare Club (The)	21,310,644
93	Hong Kong-Macao Conference of Seventh-day Adventists	20,813,179
94	Hong Kong Down Syndrome Association (The)	20,013,864
95	Superioress of the Sisters of the Precious Blood (The)	19,130,746
96	Women's Welfare Club, Western District, Hong Kong	16,291,014
97	Hong Kong Mutual Encouragement Association Limited	16,223,998
98	Evangelical Free Church of China - Evangel Children's Home	16,039,251
99	New Territories Women and Juveniles Welfare Association Limited (The)	15,974,983
100	Hong Kong and Kowloon Kaifong Women's Association	15,510,434
101	Youth Outreach	15,455,010
102	Samaritan Befrienders Hong Kong (The)	15,107,339
103	Tung Lum Nien Fah Tong Limited	14,939,090

<u>S/N</u>	<u>Name of NGO</u>	<u>Subventions</u> ^{Note 1} <u>(revised estimate)</u> <u>(\$)</u>
104	ABM Hong Kong Swatow Baptist Church Community Service Association (The)	14,531,004
105	Christian New Being Fellowship Limited (The)	14,408,248
106	Chinese Evangelical Zion Church Limited	13,793,072
107	Project Care	13,791,924
108	Hong Kong Christian Mutual Improvement Society	13,708,119
109	New Life Church of Christ Hong Kong Limited	12,865,935
110	Tung Sin Tan Home for the Aged	12,836,956
111	International Church of the Foursquare Gospel Hong Kong District Limited	12,581,625
112	Fung Ying Seen Koon	12,147,778
113	Harmony House Limited	11,916,694
114	Zion Social Service Limited	10,632,682
115	Child Development Centre (The)	10,327,027
116	Operation Dawn Limited	10,313,062
117	Baptist Mid-Missions	10,288,502
118	Lutheran Philip House Limited	9,803,597
119	Sai Kung District Community Centre	9,192,004
120	Lam Tin Estate Kai Fong Welfare Association Limited (The)	9,001,373
121	Barnabas Charitable Service Association Limited (The)	8,623,606
122	Hong Kong Red Cross	8,234,978
123	Mission Covenant Church Limited (The)	8,028,445
124	Asian Outreach Hong Kong Limited	7,815,892
125	Agency for Volunteer Service	7,532,188
126	Hong Kong Federation of Handicapped Youth	7,265,091
127	Boys' Brigade, Hong Kong (The)	6,878,317
128	Hong Kong Blind Union	6,870,253
129	Kowloon City Baptist Church Social Services	6,688,272
130	Hong Kong Women Foundation Limited	6,557,535
131	International Women's League Limited	6,438,023
132	Jordan Valley Kaifong Welfare Association	6,404,317
133	Light and Love Home Limited	6,369,341
134	Christian Nationals' Evangelism Commission Grace Light Neighbourhood Elderly Centre	6,301,187
135	Fo Guang Shan International Buddhist Progress Society (Hong Kong) Limited	6,297,060
136	China Peniel Missionary Society Incorporation	6,296,834
137	Hong Kong West Point Baptist Church	6,256,972
138	Endeavourers Hong Kong (The)	6,253,448
139	Tsim Sha Tsui District Kaifong Welfare Association	6,253,072
140	Hop Yat Church, The Church of Christ in China, Social Service Department	6,150,134
141	Hong Kong and Macau Regional Centre of the World Fellowship of Buddhists Limited	6,044,903
142	Shamshuipo Kai Fong Welfare Advancement Association	5,757,755
143	Hong Kong Rehabilitation Power	5,749,462
144	Suen Mei Speech and Hearing Centre	5,403,119
145	Society for Community Organization	5,119,641
146	Hans Andersen Club	4,909,598
147	Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui St. Simon's Social Services	4,763,053
148	Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary	4,715,665
149	Kwun Tong Resident Association	4,615,137
150	Yuk Chi Resource Centre Limited	4,432,442
151	Lok Chi Association Limited	4,311,998
152	Hong Kong Federation of the Blind	4,184,891
153	Nesbitt Centre Limited (The)	4,122,481
154	Hong Kong, China Sports Association for Persons with Intellectual Disability	4,057,597

<u>S/N</u>	<u>Name of NGO</u>	<u>Subventions</u> ^{Note 1} <u>(revised estimate)</u> <u>(\$)</u>
155	Tin Shui Wai Women Association Limited	3,930,895
156	Women Service Association Limited	3,878,891
157	Alice Lan and Vera Shen Education Fund Limited	3,689,208
158	Cheung Chau Rural Committee Integrated Youth Centre	3,640,614
159	Tai Hang Residents' Welfare Association	3,632,758
160	Hong Kong Southern District Women's Association Limited	3,605,359
161	Hong Kong Sports Association for the Physically Disabled	3,111,755
162	Five Districts Business Welfare Association	2,849,352
163	Kowloon Women's Organisations Federation Limited	2,848,842
164	Against Child Abuse Ltd	2,739,768
165	Neighbourhood & Worker's Education Centre Limited	2,453,916
166	SKH St. Matthias' Church Nursery School Limited	2,354,224
167	Society of St. Vincent de Paul Central Council of Hong Kong	2,212,050
168	Association for the Rights of Industrial Accident Victims Limited	1,965,053
169	Emmanuel Church	1,943,634
170	Cheung Sha Wan Kai Fong Welfare Association Lam Tam Yin Wah Day Nursery	1,938,233
171	People Service Centre Limited	1,424,421
172	Yuen Long District Women's Association Limited	1,424,421
	Total ^{Note 2}	24,090,193,343

Note 1 Subventions includes LSG subventions (including subventions on PF) and other subventions (such as Rent and Rates, Central Items, etc.).

Note 2 Individual figures may not add up to the total due to rounding.

**SWD's subventions (provisional) to NGOs
Under LSG Subvention System in 2024-25**

<u>S/N</u>	<u>Name of NGO</u>	<u>2024-25</u> <u>Subventions</u> <small>Note 1</small> <u>(provisional)</u> <u>(\$)</u>
1	Tung Wah Group of Hospitals	2,051,430,901
2	Caritas - Hong Kong	1,535,519,864
3	Po Leung Kuk	1,375,795,576
4	Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui Welfare Council Limited	1,202,472,334
5	SAHK	750,172,839
6	Salvation Army (The)	703,768,454
7	Neighbourhood Advice-Action Council (The)	681,768,212
8	Christian Family Service Centre	663,909,859
9	Hong Kong Christian Service	620,590,963
10	Hong Kong Family Welfare Society	601,490,646
11	Yan Chai Hospital	593,321,336
12	Hong Chi Association	583,030,759
13	Heep Hong Society	575,704,181
14	St. James' Settlement	504,514,574
15	Hong Kong Lutheran Social Service, the Lutheran Church - Hong Kong Synod Limited	499,786,206
16	Hong Kong Society for the Aged (The)	476,080,967
17	Fu Hong Society	468,582,432
18	Yang Memorial Methodist Social Service	461,793,872
19	Boys' and Girls' Clubs Association of Hong Kong (The)	459,392,375
20	Haven of Hope Christian Service	438,530,969
21	New Life Psychiatric Rehabilitation Association	434,434,626
22	Evangelical Lutheran Church Social Service - Hong Kong	424,763,912
23	Hong Kong Young Women's Christian Association	419,330,642
24	Mental Health Association of Hong Kong (The)	314,450,223
25	Pok Oi Hospital	303,369,219
26	Hong Kong Federation of Youth Groups (The)	292,230,879
27	Hong Kong Children and Youth Services	284,890,360
28	Wai Ji Christian Service	259,959,936
29	Heung Hoi Ching Kok Lin Association	255,578,756
30	Chinese Young Men's Christian Association of Hong Kong	241,256,435
31	Sik Sik Yuen	239,909,615
32	Baptist Oi Kwan Social Service	238,450,374
33	Yan Oi Tong	197,836,258
34	Hong Kong Society for the Blind (The)	175,351,463
35	Society of Rehabilitation and Crime Prevention, Hong Kong (The)	156,210,095
36	International Social Service Hong Kong Branch	135,545,045
37	Aberdeen Kai-fong Welfare Association Social Service Centre	134,074,999
38	Hong Kong Society for the Protection of Children	129,013,004
39	Lok Sin Tong Benevolent Society, Kowloon (The)	124,949,003
40	Hong Kong Playground Association	117,085,563
41	Stewards	113,246,589
42	Tsung Tsin Mission of Hong Kong Social Service (The)	105,205,890
43	Chinese Rhenish Church Hong Kong Synod (The)	104,425,757
44	Helping Hand	103,182,851
45	Methodist Centre	95,825,871
46	Richmond Fellowship of Hong Kong	85,084,095
47	Hong Kong Society for the Deaf (The)	84,902,953
48	Hong Kong Student Aid Society Limited (The)	81,945,783
49	Alice Ho Miu Ling Nethersole Charity Foundation	80,622,106
50	Hong Kong PHAB Association	80,208,798
51	Methodist Epworth Village Community Centre, Social Welfare	79,410,106

<u>S/N</u>	<u>Name of NGO</u>	<u>2024-25</u> <u>Subventions</u> ^{Note 1} <u>(provisional)</u> <u>(\$)</u>
52	Sheng Kung Hui St. Christopher's Home Limited	77,920,151
53	Society of Boys' Centres	76,465,318
54	Chi Lin Nunnery	73,536,655
55	Hong Kong Buddhist Association (The)	69,569,563
56	Asia Women's League Limited	67,446,911
57	Women's Welfare Club (Eastern District) Hong Kong (The)	54,646,436
58	Scout Association of Hong Kong	54,175,087
59	Chung Sing Benevolent Society	53,298,953
60	Hong Kong Chinese Women's Club	52,738,977
61	Kwun Tong Methodist Social Service	51,485,006
62	Yuen Yuen Institute (The)	51,226,815
63	Chung Shak Hei (Cheung Chau) Home for the Aged Limited	51,003,908
64	Mongkok Kai-Fong Association Limited (The)	50,923,313
65	Hong Kong Council of Social Service (The)	48,472,614
66	Ching Chung Taoist Association of Hong Kong Limited	47,127,354
67	Kiangsu Chekiang and Shanghai Residents (Hong Kong) Association	45,412,699
68	Pentecostal Church of Hong Kong	45,329,210
69	Hong Kong Society for Rehabilitation (The)	41,867,159
70	Hong Kong Tuberculosis, Chest and Heart Diseases Association (The)	40,128,503
71	Chuk Lam Ming Tong Limited	40,079,867
72	Yuen Long Town Hall Management Committee Limited	38,714,448
73	Hong Kong ABWE Social Services	34,870,024
74	Hong Kong Catholic Marriage Advisory Council (The)	34,388,065
75	Fung Kai Public School	33,952,048
76	Christian & Missionary Alliance Church Union Hong Kong Limited	32,360,158
77	Church of United Brethren in Christ Hong Kong Limited (The)	29,414,612
78	The Mother Superior of the Congregation of Our Lady of Charity of the Good Shepherd of Angers at Hong Kong	29,324,662
79	Hong Kong Bodhi Siksa Society Limited (The)	29,299,872
80	Asbury Methodist Social Service	28,540,460
81	Association for Engineering and Medical Volunteer Services	27,714,246
82	Hong Kong Evangelical Church Social Service Limited	27,547,420
83	Watchdog Limited	25,116,268
84	Hong Kong Juvenile Care Centre	24,738,166
85	Hong Kong and Macau Lutheran Church Social Service Limited	24,355,892
86	Ebenezer School and Home for the Visually Impaired	24,197,584
87	Mother's Choice Limited	23,823,017
88	United Christian Nethersole Community Health Service	23,001,268
89	Evangelical Free Church of China Social Service Limited	22,980,734
90	Free Methodist Church of Hong Kong (The)	22,809,509
91	Hong Kong-Macao Conference of Seventh-day Adventists	21,056,190
92	Kowloon Women's Welfare Club (The)	21,053,490
93	Hong Kong Down Syndrome Association (The)	20,121,036
94	Superioress of the Sisters of the Precious Blood (The)	19,093,598
95	Hong Kong Mutual Encouragement Association Limited	16,649,392
96	Evangelical Free Church of China - Evangel Children's Home	16,102,184
97	International Church of the Foursquare Gospel Hong Kong District Limited	15,606,663
98	Youth Outreach	15,533,343
99	Women's Welfare Club, Western District, Hong Kong	15,532,691
100	Samaritan Befrienders Hong Kong (The)	15,120,968
101	Tung Lum Nien Fah Tong Limited	15,072,608
102	ABM Hong Kong Swatow Baptist Church Community Service Association (The)	14,527,965

<u>S/N</u>	<u>Name of NGO</u>	<u>2024-25</u> <u>Subventions</u> ^{Note 1} <u>(provisional)</u> <u>(\$)</u>
103	Christian New Being Fellowship Limited (The)	14,463,418
104	Hong Kong Christian Mutual Improvement Society	14,167,360
105	Project Care	13,761,316
106	New Territories Women and Juveniles Welfare Association Limited (The)	13,401,632
107	New Life Church of Christ Hong Kong Limited	13,334,447
108	Hong Kong and Kowloon Kaifong Women's Association	13,134,443
109	Fung Ying Seen Koon	12,684,637
110	Tung Sin Tan Home for the Aged	12,313,008
111	Harmony House Limited	11,935,178
112	Chinese Evangelical Zion Church Limited	10,784,141
113	Zion Social Service Limited	10,406,262
114	Operation Dawn Limited	10,354,642
115	Child Development Centre (The)	10,092,121
116	Lam Tin Estate Kai Fong Welfare Association Limited (The)	9,014,514
117	Baptist Mid-Missions	8,942,029
118	Sai Kung District Community Centre	8,889,351
119	Barnabas Charitable Service Association Limited (The)	8,685,373
120	Hong Kong Red Cross	8,256,510
121	Asian Outreach Hong Kong Limited	8,065,495
122	Lutheran Philip House Limited	7,971,277
123	Agency for Volunteer Service	7,761,680
124	Mission Covenant Church Limited (The)	7,742,171
125	Hong Kong Federation of Handicapped Youth	7,232,179
126	Jordan Valley Kaifong Welfare Association	7,196,786
127	Kowloon City Baptist Church Social Services	6,918,316
128	Boys' Brigade, Hong Kong (The)	6,888,756
129	Hong Kong Blind Union	6,833,842
130	Hong Kong Women Foundation Limited	6,820,520
131	International Women's League Limited	6,696,607
132	Light and Love Home Limited	6,615,515
133	Christian Nationals' Evangelism Commission Grace Light Neighbourhood Elderly Centre	6,550,550
134	Fo Guang Shan International Buddhist Progress Society (Hong Kong) Limited	6,546,654
135	China Peniel Missionary Society Incorporation	6,526,440
136	Hong Kong West Point Baptist Church	6,505,493
137	Hans Andersen Club	6,501,821
138	Endeavourers Hong Kong (The)	6,501,567
139	Tsim Sha Tsui District Kaifong Welfare Association	6,484,070
140	Hop Yat Church, the Church of Christ in China, Social Service Department	6,135,258
141	Shamshuipo Kai Fong Welfare Advancement Association	6,007,341
142	Hong Kong Rehabilitation Power	5,770,097
143	Suen Mei Speech and Hearing Centre	5,405,758
144	Hong Kong Women Development Association Limited	5,333,028
145	Society for Community Organization	5,130,975
146	Yuk Chi Resource Centre Limited	4,436,112
147	Lok Chi Association Limited	4,223,632
148	Hong Kong Federation of the Blind	4,149,606
149	Nesbitt Centre Limited (The)	4,143,095
150	Hong Kong and Macau Regional Centre of the World Fellowship of Buddhists Limited	4,082,853
151	Hong Kong, China Sports Association for Persons with Intellectual Disability	4,020,270
152	Cheung Chau Rural Committee Integrated Youth Centre	3,644,406
153	Tai Hang Residents' Welfare Association	3,640,320

<u>S/N</u>	<u>Name of NGO</u>	<u>2024-25</u> <u>Subventions</u> ^{Note 1} <u>(provisional)</u> <u>(\$)</u>
154	Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary	3,543,409
155	Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui St. Simon's Social Services	3,541,720
156	Hong Kong Sports Association for the Physically Disabled	3,071,288
157	Against Child Abuse Ltd	2,740,703
158	Alice Lan and Vera Shen Education Fund Limited	2,533,089
159	Kowloon Women's Organisations Federation Limited	2,388,602
160	Neighbourhood & Worker's Education Centre Limited	2,372,266
161	Association for the Rights of Industrial Accident Victims Limited	1,978,401
162	SKH St. Matthias' Church Nursery School Limited	1,931,633
163	Five Districts Business Welfare Association	1,891,064
164	Society of St. Vincent de Paul Central Council of Hong Kong	1,614,866
165	Cheung Sha Wan Kai Fong Welfare Association Lam Tam Yin Wah Day Nursery	1,417,910
166	Hong Kong Southern District Women's Association Limited	1,290,147
167	Women Service Association Limited	1,275,891
168	Tin Shui Wai Women Association Limited	1,240,847
169	People Service Centre Limited	1,194,302
170	Kwun Tong Resident Association	1,194,302
171	Yuen Long District Women's Association Limited	1,194,302
172	Emmanuel Church	850,071
	Total ^{Note 2}	23,416,249,290

Note 1 Including LSG subventions (including subventions on PF) and other subventions (such as Rent and Rates, Central Items, etc.). The subventions for 2024-25 is provisional. Certain subvented items (such as the food cost for the Short-term Food Assistance Service and the operating expenditure, fee waivers/reductions and incentive payments for the Neighborhood Support Child Care Project) are not included as their subventions are adjusted quarterly/half-yearly based on service usage.

Note 2 Individual figures may not add up to the total due to rounding.

Annex 2

NGOs required to refund to the Government due to their cumulative LSG reserve having exceeded 25% of operating expenditure for the year and the amount involved in 2022-23

<u>S/N</u>	<u>Name of NGO</u>	<u>Amount of Refund from LSG Reserve in 2022-23</u> <small>Note 1</small> <u>(\$)</u>
1	Haven of Hope Christian Service	20,382,279
2	Po Leung Kuk	19,113,415
3	Shamshuipo Kai Fong Welfare Advancement Association	3,563,582
4	Society of Boys' Centres	3,062,899
5	Watchdog Limited	2,398,299
6	Hong Kong Juvenile Care Centre	1,998,813
7	New Life Church of Christ Hong Kong Limited	1,971,443
8	Fo Guang Shan International Buddhist Progress Society (Hong Kong) Limited	1,476,364
9	Neighbourhood Advice-Action Council (The)	1,405,984
10	Hong Kong Buddhist Association (The)	1,283,957
11	Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary	1,191,245
12	Christian Nationals' Evangelism Commission Grace Light Neighbourhood Elderly Centre	1,143,122
13	Zion Social Service Limited	789,792
14	Hong Kong-Macao Conference of Seventh-day Adventists	649,884
15	Cheung Sha Wan Kai Fong Welfare Association Lam Tam Yin Wah Day Nursery	602,330
16	Alice Lan and Vera Shen Education Fund Limited	584,501
17	Society of St. Vincent de Paul Central Council of Hong Kong	536,643
18	Tai Hang Residents' Welfare Association	510,471
19	Association for the Rights of Industrial Accident Victims Limited	291,010
20	Asbury Methodist Social Service	204,313
21	Suen Mei Speech and Hearing Centre	74,443
22	Boys' Brigade, Hong Kong (The)	51,560
23	Hop Yat Church, The Church of Christ in China, Social Service Department	29,778
24	Hong Kong Down Syndrome Association (The)	23,289
	Total <small>Note 2</small>	63,339,414

Note 1 The amount of refund from LSG reserve payable to the Government is calculated on the basis of SWD's examination of the AFRs submitted by individual NGOs. The figures are subject to revision upon subsequent submission of supplementary information.

Note 2 Individual figures may not add up to the total due to rounding.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(W)158

(Question Serial No. 2632)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): ()
Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Charmaine LEE)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the existing provision of residential services for people with rehabilitation needs, i.e. (1) halfway houses (HWHs) for persons in mental recovery, (2) long stay care homes (LSCHs) for persons in mental recovery, (3) integrated vocational training centres for the mentally handicapped, (4) hostels for moderately mentally handicapped persons (HMMHs), (5) hostels for severely physically handicapped persons (HSPHs), (6) care and attention homes for the aged blind (C&A/ABs), (7) small group homes for mildly mentally handicapped children [SGH(MMHC)s] and supported hostels (SHOSs):

1. Please tabulate the following information for various residential rehabilitation services in the past 3 years: (a) number of places, (b) enrolment rate, (c) average waiting time, (d) number of waitlisted persons who passed away, (e) average age of residents, (f) annual expenditure, and (g) staffing establishment.
2. What is the Government's plan to expand residential rehabilitation services in the future? Please provide details of the plan and the expenditure involved.

Asked by: Hon LI Sai-wing, Stanley (LegCo internal reference no.: 13)

Reply:

1. The number of service places, average enrolment rate, average waiting time, number of waitlisted applicants who passed away and the annual expenditure for various residential rehabilitation services in the past 3 years are set out in Tables 1 to 5 of Annex 1. For staffing establishment of various residential rehabilitation services, please refer to the following webpage of the Social Welfare Department (SWD): (https://www.swd.gov.hk/en/ngo/subventions/suballoc/subvention/nses/nses_rehs/index.html). SWD does not have information on the average age of residents or staffing establishment of individual residential rehabilitation services. Subject to their compliance with the requirements of the Funding and Service Agreement and the relevant statutory staffing requirements, non-governmental organisations (NGOs) operating subsidised services may determine their staffing establishment in accordance with their own human resources policies and flexibly deploy resources and employ staff to achieve the service outputs and outcomes required. SWD does not have information on the staffing establishment of NGOs providing residential rehabilitation services.

2. The number of places for various residential rehabilitation services will increase by a total of 1 000 in the next 2 years, involving a total annual funding allocation of about \$240 million. Information on these service places is set out at Annex 2.

Table 1: Number of service places for various residential rehabilitation services

Service type	No. of service places		
	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24 (as at 31 December 2023)
HWH	1 594	1 594	1 594
LSCH	1 587	1 587	1 987
Integrated vocational training centre (residential) [IVTC(Res)]	170	170	170
HMMH	2 800	2 851	2 926
HSPH	715	715	790
C&A/AB	828	828	828
SGH(MMHC) ^{Note}	128	128	128
SHOS	804	866	866

Note SGH(MMHC)s include integrated small group homes (ISGHs).

Table 2: Average enrolment rate of residential rehabilitation services

Average enrolment rate (%)		
2021-22 (Actual)	2022-23 (Actual)	2023-24 (Revised estimate)
96	97	97

Table 3: Average waiting time for various residential rehabilitation services

Service type	Average waiting time (in months) ^{Note 2}		
	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
HWH	4.2	4.2	Not available yet Note 4
LSCH	57.8	72.3	
IVTC(Res)	N.A. ^{Note 3}	N.A. ^{Note 3}	
HMMH	144.8	154.1	
HSPH	80.9	73.0	
C&A/AB	10.7	5.1	
SGH(MMHC) ^{Note 1}	15.1	17.5	
SHOS	63.5	78.8	

N.A. - Not applicable

Note 1 SGH(MMHC)s include ISGHs.

Note 2 The waiting time is affected by multiple factors, such as whether the applicant has any preference on the location of the service units, whether he/she has selected any particular service units, the turnover rate of individual service units, etc. The average waiting time is calculated based on financial year, i.e. 1 April to 31 March of the following year.

Note 3 The service may admit service users directly or through referral and hence SWD does not have statistics on waiting time.

Note 4 As the average waiting time is compiled on a financial-year basis covering the 1st day of April of a year to the 31st day of March of the following year, the figure for 2022-23 is not yet available.

Table 4: Number of applicants who passed away while waiting for various residential rehabilitation services

Service type	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24 (as at 31 December 2023)
HWH	2	1	1
LSCH	18	22	33
IVTC(Res)	N.A. ^{Note 1}	N.A. ^{Note 1}	N.A. ^{Note 1}
HMMH	11	12	13
HSPH	8	13	16
C&A/AB	6	15	6
SGH(MMHC) ^{Note 2}	0	0	0
SHOS	6	13	9

N.A. - Not applicable

Note 1 The service may admit service users directly or through referral and hence SWD does not have statistics on the waiting time.

Note 2 SGH(MMHC)s include ISGHs.

Table 5: Expenditure on various residential rehabilitation services in the past 3 years

Service type	Annual total expenditure (\$ million)		
	2021-22 (Actual)	2022-23 (Actual)	2023-24 (Revised estimate)
HWH	229.6	232.7	240.3
LSCH	307.7	319.5	375.9
IVTC(Res)	11.7	11.9	12.4
HMMH	387.6	388.7	443.6
HSPH	204.7	193.8	212.9
C&A/AB	179.2	182.7	188.7
SGH(MMHC) ^{Note 1}	34.4	34.3	35.7
SHOS	112.2	120.2	131.6

Note 1 SGH(MMHC)s include ISGHs.

**Estimated number of additional service places for
various residential rehabilitation services**

Service type	Estimated no. of additional service places for the next 2 years
HMMH	50
Hostel for severely mentally handicapped persons	500
C&A home for severely disabled persons	240
SHOS	210
Total	1 000

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(W)159****(Question Serial No. 2633)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ()Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social ServicesControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Charmaine LEE)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

The Government has stated that it will provide direct financial assistance through the Hong Kong Paralympians Fund (the Fund) to athletes with disabilities (AWDs) in their pursuit of sporting excellence. In this connection, please provide the following information:

1. How many AWDs have received financial assistance in the past 3 years? What was the amount of assistance disbursed to each of them?
2. How does the Government support AWDs apart from providing support through the Fund? Please provide details.

Asked by: Hon LI Sai-wing, Stanley (LegCo internal reference no.: 14)Reply:

1. The number of elite AWDs provided with subsistence grant by the Fund and the amount of funding in the past 3 years are tabulated below:

Year	No. of elite AWDs receiving subsistence grant	Amount of funding (\$ million)
2021-22	102	2.3
2022-23	111	2.4
2023-24	115	2.5

2. In addition to the support provided under the Fund, the Government has implemented various measures to help AWDs unleash their potential and enhance performance, including the full-time athlete system and the Elite Vote Support Scheme for Para Sports (EVSS), launched by the Culture, Sports and Tourism Bureau (CSTB) in collaboration with the Hong Kong Sport Institute (HKSI) since December 2017. Under the EVSS, HKSI provides direct financial subsidy and other support services, including support in sports science and sports medicine, accommodation and meals, for elite AWDs. HKSI also provides grants to AWDs for pursuing educational and other academic training courses as well as a one-off cash grant, under the Elite Athletes Performance Recognition Scheme, to athletes who had represented Hong Kong and achieved outstanding results in major multi-sport events and international competitions with a

view to supporting their post-retirement transformation. Currently, HKSI has 122 AWDs including 54 full-time athletes.

Besides, CSTB has been providing funding under the Arts and Sport Development Fund (Sports Portion) to support athletes' preparation and participation in major international and national games, as well as "national sports organisations" in hosting local international competitions. To further strengthen the support for AWDs, CSTB launched, in collaboration with the China Hong Kong Paralympic Committee, a 5-year pilot programme on career and education for AWDs in June 2023, to equip AWDs with knowledge, skill sets and career planning skills so as to facilitate their integration into society and post-athletic transformation for their second-career development. The programme aims to provide career and education support and life skills training for at least 100 AWDs every year.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(W)160

(Question Serial No. 2634)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): ()
Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Charmaine LEE)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the protection of abused children:

1. Please provide the number of child abuse cases handled over the past year and up until the present, with a breakdown by physical abuse, psychological abuse, sexual abuse and other forms of abuse.
2. Please provide a breakdown of these cases by the relationship between the child victim and the perpetrator.
3. The Department states that it will continue to formulate the implementation details of the mandatory reporting regime (MRR) for suspected child abuse cases. Please provide an update on the current progress of this initiative. Moreover, what progress has been made in developing ancillary facilities and making staffing arrangements (e.g. increasing the number of residential child care centres) to facilitate the implementation of MRR?

Asked by: Hon LI Sai-wing, Stanley (LegCo internal reference no.: 15)

Reply:

- 1 & 2. The number of newly registered child protection cases of the Social Welfare Department (SWD) in the past year, broken down by type of abuse and the perpetrator's relationship with the victim/maltreated child, is set out at Annex. Statistics on child protection cases between January and March 2024 are not yet available as they are currently being compiled.
3. The Government has kicked start a participative process for the formulation of the Mandated Reporter Guide (the Guide) and has invited professional bodies, professionals and key service providers of the social welfare sector, education sector and healthcare sector, who will be the mandatory reporters, to envisage different potential scenarios of handling suspected child abuse/neglect cases under the reporting threshold set out in the Mandatory Reporting of Child Abuse Bill (the Bill), reflect questions and provide advice. Currently, professional consultative panels of respective sectors formed at the invitation of the Government are discussing the case scenarios, questions and views collected, and a skeleton

document of the Guide will be knocked out based on these discussions. To tie in with the work of the Legislative Council (LegCo) in scrutinising the Bill, the Government will provide the Bills Committee with the skeleton document of the Guide in a timely manner. After enactment of the Bill by LegCo, there will be an 18-month transitional period, during which the professional panels will continue to conduct focus group discussions with professional bodies/service providers in their respective sectors, with a view to completing the Guide before the end of the transitional period, so that briefings on the Guide for professional bodies/service providers in their respective sectors can take place well ahead of the commencement of the Ordinance.

The Government has set up an e-learning platform to provide training, reference materials and information for relevant professionals. The Child Protection Online Training comprises online self-learning training and webinars. Module 1 of the online self-learning training has been launched in February 2024 to provide training on the basic knowledge on child protection. Module 2 will be rolled out in phases after the enactment of the Bill and will cover the basic knowledge on the relevant legal and reporting issues related to the new legislation. In addition, the Government will also organise webinars to provide the professionals with enrichment programmes to discuss different topics related to child protection and to enhance cross-sectoral collaboration among professionals. Q&A sessions will also be included according to training needs to encourage interactive learning.

Apart from the Child Protection Online Training, relevant bureaux/departments/organisations have been providing, and will continue to provide, professionals with training (including talks, seminars, workshops and online training, etc.) relating to child protection and their specific professions to enhance their knowledge and skills in handling suspected child abuse. SWD will also continue to collaborate with different government departments and organisations to enhance training for social workers and relevant professionals, in order to strengthen their capability for early identification and handling of suspected child abuse cases.

SWD will set up an additional Residential Child Care Centre (RCCC) in Tuen Mun in 2024-25. Another new RCCC is under planning. These 2 RCCCs will be operational before the commencement of the proposed Ordinance, adding a total of 96 emergency care service places and catering for about 380 children each year.

Table (1): Distribution of newly registered child protection cases by type in 2023

Type	2023
Physical harm/abuse	602
Neglect	310
Sexual abuse	509
Psychological harm/abuse	7
Multiple abuse	29
Total	1 457

Table (2): Relationship between the perpetrator and the maltreated child in 2023

Relationship with the maltreated child	Number of perpetrators
Parents/siblings/step-parent/grandparent/relative	986
Family friend/parent of peer/schoolmate/friend/peer	201
Carer/school teacher/school personnel/staff of boarding section of school/tutor/coach/religious personnel	134
Co-tenant/neighbour/inmate of residential service	14
Unrelated person	142
Unidentified person/others	62
Total	1 539 ^[Note]

[Note] The number of perpetrators and the number of maltreated children do not tally because a perpetrator may harm/maltreat more than 1 child and a child may be harmed/maltreated by more than 1 perpetrator.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(W)161

(Question Serial No. 2635)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): ()
Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Charmaine LEE)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding child care services, please inform this Committee of:

1. (a) the number of long full-day child care service places, (b) average utilisation rate of the service, (c) number of Extended Hours Service (EHS) places and (d) utilisation rate of EHS places for children aged below 3 in various districts in Hong Kong in the past 3 years.
2. Regarding the Neighbourhood Support Child Care Project (NSCCP):
 - a. please set out in table form details of the services provided under NSCCP in various districts in Hong Kong over the past 3 years, including (1) the number of places, (2) average utilisation rate and (3) average fee for home-based child care service (HCCS) and centre-based care group (CCG).
 - b. In the past 3 years, (1) what was the annual expenditure on NSCCP? (2) How many service operators were involved in NSCCP, and what was the amount of subvention they received each year? (Please provide the figures for the past 2 years.)

Asked by: Hon LI Sai-wing, Stanley (LegCo internal reference no.: 16)

Reply:

1. The number of places and average utilisation rate of aided child care centres (CCCs) providing long full-day child care service for children aged below 3 (including aided standalone CCCs and aided CCCs attached to kindergartens (KGs)) and EHS in Hong Kong in the past 3 financial years, broken down by district, are set out at Annex 1.
2. Regarding NSCCP:
 - a. The number of places, number of service users and service fees for NSCCP in the past 3 financial years, broken down by 18 districts, are set out at Annex 2. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) does not have information on the average utilisation rate of services under NSCCP.
 - b. The actual expenditures on NSCCP in 2021-22 and 2022-23 were \$51.2 million and \$28.3 million respectively, while the revised estimate for 2023-24 was

\$107.7 million. At present, there is 1 service operator in each of the 18 districts in Hong Kong providing services under NSCCP. The amounts of subventions received by service operators in 2022-23 and 2023-24 were about \$41.47 million and \$43.45 million respectively.

Table 1: Number of places and average utilisation rate of aided CCCs providing long full-day child care service for children aged below 3 and EHS in Hong Kong by district (2021-22)

District	Aided standalone CCC		Aided CCC attached to KG ^[Note]		EHS	
	Number of places	Average utilisation rate (%)	Number of places	Average utilisation rate (%)	Number of places	Average utilisation rate (%)
Central & Western	48	100	566	24	99	24
Southern	-	N.A.	324	55	73	49
Islands	-	N.A.	297	24	27	N.A.
Eastern	64	100	413	50	189	25
Wan Chai	48	100	221	59	94	31
Kwun Tong	-	N.A.	566	70	226	20
Wong Tai Sin	-	N.A.	409	76	210	21
Sai Kung	-	N.A.	821	34	94	13
Kowloon City	67	100	495	45	151	16
Yau Tsim Mong	99	100	341	60	139	27
Sham Shui Po	62	100	384	60	165	27
Sha Tin	177	91	540	71	135	26
Tai Po	-	N.A.	341	42	94	8
North	51	100	416	47	82	42
Yuen Long	64	100	424	84	122	22
Tsuen Wan	76	99	281	70	98	32
Kwai Tsing	32	100	510	63	138	13
Tuen Mun	64	100	524	62	173	26
Total	852	98	7 873	54	2 309	24

N.A. - Not applicable

^[Note] Figures provided by the Education Bureau (EDB) as at September 2021.

Table 2: Number of places and average utilisation rate of aided CCCs providing long full-day child care service for children aged below 3 and EHS in Hong Kong by district (2022-23)

District	Aided standalone CCC		Aided CCC attached to KG ^[Note 3]		EHS	
	Number of places	Average utilisation rate (%)	Number of places	Average utilisation rate (%)	Number of places	Average utilisation rate (%)
Central & Western	48	100	499	23	99	30
Southern	-	N.A.	287	57	73	47
Islands	-	N.A.	367	20	27	4
Eastern	64	100	375	53	175	33
Wan Chai	48	100	246	50	94	35
Kwun Tong	-	N.A.	611	69	226	26
Wong Tai Sin	-	N.A.	400	80	210	27
Sai Kung	-	N.A.	965	31	94	16
Kowloon City	67	100	547	41	151	20
Yau Tsim Mong	99	100	365	55	139	34
Sham Shui Po	62	100	463	51	165	28
Sha Tin	177	98	589	71	135	27
Tai Po	92	20 ^[Note 1]	424	41	111	13
North	51	100	379	49	82	41
Yuen Long	152	91 ^[Note 2]	385	83	139	32
Tsuen Wan	76	98	273	66	98	31
Kwai Tsing	32	100	488	66	138	18
Tuen Mun	64	100	490	60	173	29
Total	1 032	97	8 153	52	2 329	27

N.A. - Not applicable

^[Note 1] The first additional aided standalone CCC in the district commenced operation in January 2023.

^[Note 2] The second additional aided standalone CCC in the district commenced operation in March 2023.

^[Note 3] Figures provided by EDB as at September 2022.

Table 3: Number of places and average utilisation rate of aided CCCs providing long full-day child care service for children aged below 3 and EHS in Hong Kong by district (April to December 2023)

District	Aided standalone CCC		Aided CCC attached to KG ^[Note 2]		EHS	
	Number of places	Average utilisation rate (%)	Number of places	Average utilisation rate (%)	Number of places	Average utilisation rate (%)
Central & Western	48	100	474	27	99	35
Southern	-	N.A.	274	50	73	63
Islands	-	N.A.	349	22	27	6
Eastern	64	100	358	59	175	38
Wan Chai	48	100	235	42	94	50
Kwun Tong	-	N.A.	579	69	226	48
Wong Tai Sin	-	N.A.	381	88	210	41
Sai Kung	-	N.A.	919	31	94	26
Kowloon City	67	100	520	43	151	30
Yau Tsim Mong	99	100	347	57	139	41
Sham Shui Po	62	100	441	52	162	42
Sha Tin	177	99	560	74	138	40
Tai Po	92	83	403	47	111	31
North	51	100	360	54	82	55
Yuen Long	152	76 ^[Note 1]	393	93	139	44
Tsuen Wan	76	100	261	72	98	40
Kwai Tsing	32	100	464	70	138	22
Tuen Mun	64	96	466	73	173	35
Total	1 032	95	7 784	56	2 329	39

N.A. - Not applicable

^[Note 1] The second additional aided standalone CCC in the district commenced operation in March 2023.

^[Note 2] Figures provided by EDB as at September 2023.

Table 1: Number of places, number of children served and service fee for NSCCP (2021-22)

District	Number of places [Note 1]	Number of children served		Basic service fee per hour [Note 2] (\\$)	
		HCCS	CCG	HCCS	CCG
Central & Western	53	104	266	24	24
Eastern	53	282	150	22	22
Islands	53	388	180	22	13
Kowloon City	53	376	214	20	13
Kwun Tong	53	224	164	20	13
Kwai Tsing	53	522	98	18	13
North	53	316	258	18	13
Southern	53	147	165	20	12
Sai Kung	53	485	47	20	13
Sham Shui Po	53	720	327	20	13
Sha Tin	53	587	398	20	13
Tuen Mun	53	705	146	20	13
Tai Po	53	393	218	20	13
Tsuen Wan	53	397	122	20	13
Wan Chai	53	157	147	22	22
Wong Tai Sin	53	257	365	18	10
Yuen Long	53	1 035	336	18	13
Yau Tsim Mong	53	513	218	20	13
Total	954	7 608	3 819		

[Note 1] Service operators are required to provide a minimum of 53 service places in each district (i.e. the total number of places in all 18 districts should be at least 954). Service operators may flexibly increase the number of HCCS places beyond this requirement so as to meet the actual service demand.

[Note 2] Operators may determine the amount of fees according to the circumstances of the district. Service users with social needs and/or financial difficulties can apply for fee waivers/reductions.

Table 2: Number of places, number of children served and service fee for NSCCP (2022-23)

District	Number of places [Note 1]	Number of children served		Basic service fee per hour [Note 2] (\$)	
		HCCS	CCG	HCCS	CCG
Central & Western	53	136	310	24	24
Eastern	53	247	88	22	22
Islands	53	376	157	22	13
Kowloon City	53	290	173	20	13
Kwun Tong	53	220	189	20	13
Kwai Tsing	53	524	163	18	13
North	53	256	250	18	13
Southern	53	76	106	20	12
Sai Kung	53	510	142	20	13
Sham Shui Po	53	572	284	20	13
Sha Tin	53	537	404	20	13
Tuen Mun	53	693	131	20	13
Tai Po	53	386	255	20	13
Tsuen Wan	53	516	143	20	13
Wan Chai	53	134	78	22	22
Wong Tai Sin	53	203	393	18	10
Yuen Long	53	909	291	18	13
Yau Tsim Mong	53	455	351	20	13
Total	954	7 040	3 908		

[Note 1] Service operators are required to provide a minimum of 53 service places in each district (i.e. the total number of places in all 18 districts should be at least 954). Service operators may flexibly increase the number of HCCS places beyond this requirement so as to meet the actual service demand.

[Note 2] Operators may determine the amount of fees according to the circumstances of the district. Service users with social needs and/or financial difficulties can apply for fee waivers/reductions.

**Table 3: Number of places, number of children served and service fee for NSCCP
(April to December 2023)**

District	Number of places [Note 1]	Number of children served		Basic service fee per hour [Note 2] (\$)	
		HCCS	CCG	HCCS	CCG
Central & Western	53	125	276	24	24
Eastern	53	240	102	22	22
Islands	53	311	165	22	13
Kowloon City	53	201	79	20	13
Kwun Tong	53	242	176	20	13
Kwai Tsing	53	361	136	18	13
North	53	210	224	18	13
Southern	53	77	354	20	12
Sai Kung	53	319	165	20	13
Sham Shui Po	53	492	233	20	13
Sha Tin	53	338	270	20	13
Tuen Mun	53	593	125	20	13
Tai Po	53	275	138	20	13
Tsuen Wan	53	262	127	20	13
Wan Chai	53	110	116	22	22
Wong Tai Sin	53	170	360	18	10
Yuen Long	53	702	201	18	13
Yau Tsim Mong	53	311	338	20	13
Total	954	5 339	3 585		

[Note 1] Service operators are required to provide a minimum of 53 service places in each district (i.e. the total number of places in all 18 districts should be at least 954). Service operators may flexibly increase the number of HCCS places beyond this requirement so as to meet the actual service demand.

[Note 2] Operators may determine the amount of fees according to the circumstances of the district. Service users with social needs and/or financial difficulties can apply for fee waivers/reductions.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(W)162

(Question Serial No. 2636)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Charmaine LEE)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding different types of pre-school services:

1. Please tabulate the respective numbers of service places for on-site pre-school rehabilitation services (OPRS), early education and training centres (EETCs), special child care centres (SCCCs), occasional child care service (OCCS) and the integrated programme in kindergarten-cum-child care centres (IP) in various districts in the past 3 years, along with the average waiting time for these services.
2. The Government regularised the Tier 1 Support Services last year and extended them to cover nearly 900 pre-primary institutions. Please provide separate lists for (a) the number of agencies providing the services, (b) the staffing establishment (SE) of each agency and (c) the annual expenditure involved.

Asked by: Hon LI Sai-wing, Stanley (LegCo internal reference no.: 17)

Reply:

1. The respective numbers of service places for EETCs, SCCC, IP and OCCS for disabled children in the past 3 years, broken down by administrative district of the Social Welfare Department (SWD), are set out in Tables 1a to 1d of Annex 1. As places of OPRS are available in all districts in the territory and allocated on an agency basis, SWD does not have information on the number of OPRS places broken down by district. The total number of service places for OPRS in the past 3 years is set out in Table 1e of Annex 1. The average waiting time for OPRS, EETCs, SCCC and IP is set out in Table 2 of Annex 1. As OCCS for disabled children may admit service users directly or through referrals, SWD does not have statistics on the waiting time for the service.
2. SWD regularised the Tier 1 Support Services in September 2023, integrating them with OPRS and extending them to cover nearly 900 pre-primary institutions. At present, 21 non-governmental organisations (NGOs) operate OPRS through inter-disciplinary service teams under a school-based and integrated approach, which offer support to pre-school children who are awaiting assessment by Child Assessment Centres (CACs) or have been assessed by CACs to have borderline developmental problems (i.e. Tier 1 children), as well as providing professional consultation and training to their parents and teachers. The inter-disciplinary service teams comprise clinical/educational

psychologists, speech therapists, occupational therapists/physiotherapists and special child care workers, etc. The SE of each service team following the integration of the Tier 1 Support Services and OPRS is set out at Annex 2. Subject to their compliance with the requirements of relevant Funding and Service Agreements (FSAs), NGOs may flexibly deploy resources and employ staff to achieve the service output and outcomes required. Therefore, SWD does not have information on the SE of each NGO. In 2024-25, the estimated expenditure for the Tier 1 Support Services is about \$171 million.

Table 1a: Number of service places for EETCs

District	No. of service places for EETCs		
	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24 (as at 31 December 2023)
Central/Western/ Southern & Islands	473	473	473
Eastern/Wan Chai	401	401	401
Kwun Tong	390	390	390
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	604	604	604
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	231	231	231
Sham Shui Po	400	523	523
Sha Tin	381	381	381
Tai Po/North	487	487	487
Yuen Long	172	172	172
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	406	406	406
Tuen Mun	229	325	325
Total	4 174	4 393	4 393

Table 1b: Number of service places for SCCCs

District	No. of service places for SCCCs		
	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24 (as at 31 December 2023)
Central/Western/ Southern & Islands	313	313	313
Eastern/Wan Chai	216	216	246
Kwun Tong	186	186	186
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	425	425	425
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	30	30	30
Sham Shui Po	235	295	357
Sha Tin	138	168	168
Tai Po/North	299	299	299
Yuen Long	108	108	108
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	180	180	180
Tuen Mun	144	144	144
Total	2 274	2 364	2 456

Table 1c: Number of service places for IP

District	No. of service places for IP		
	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24 (as at 31 December 2023)
Central/Western/ Southern & Islands	132	138	138
Eastern/Wan Chai	186	168	168
Kwun Tong	228	228	228
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	240	240	240
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	210	216	216
Sham Shui Po	108	114	114
Sha Tin	168	168	168
Tai Po/North	168	168	168
Yuen Long	186	186	186
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	198	198	198
Tuen Mun	156	156	156
Total	1 980	1 980	1 980

Table 1d: Number of service places for OCCS for disabled children

District	No. of service places for OCCS for disabled children		
	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24 (as at 31 December 2023)
Central/Western/ Southern & Islands	6	6	6
Eastern/Wan Chai	8	8	8
Kwun Tong	10	10	10
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	19	19	19
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	2	2	2
Sham Shui Po	13	16	19
Sha Tin	10	13	13
Tai Po/North	17	17	17
Yuen Long	10	10	10
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	6	6	6
Tuen Mun	10	10	10
Total	111	117	120

Table 1e: Number of service places for OPRS

Year	No. of service places
2021-22	9 074
2022-23	10 074
2023-24 (as at 31 December 2023)	10 124

Table 2: Average waiting time for pre-school rehabilitation services

Service type	Average waiting time (in months) ^{Note 1}		
	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
OPRS	5.2	4.3	4.2
EETC	8.0	5.4	5.0
SCCC	19.9	20.2	19.3
IP	8.0	6.3	5.3
OCCS for disabled children ^{Note 2}	-	-	-

Note 1 As the average waiting time is compiled on a financial-year basis covering the 1st day of April of a year to the 31st day of March of the next year, the figure for 2023-24 is not yet available.

Note 2 As this service may admit service users directly or through referrals, SWD does not have statistics on the waiting time.

SE of OPRS

Every 100 OPRS children served and provision of Tier 1 Support Services in the networked kindergartens/kindergarten-cum-child care centres by each service team	
Rank/Post ^{Note 1}	No. of staff
Social Work Officer	0.25
Assistant Social Work Officer	1.5
Social Work Assistant	1.0
Clinical/Educational Psychologist	0.5
Senior Special Child Care Worker	1.0
Special Child Care Worker	6.75
Speech Therapist	2.5
Physiotherapist I and Occupational Therapist I	1.75
Occupational Therapy Assistant	1.0
Clerical Assistant	1.0
Welfare Worker	1.0
Motor Driver ^{Note 2}	1.0
Total	19.25

Note 1 The above SE is used solely for the purpose of calculating the amount of recurrent subvention. Subject to their compliance with the requirements of FSAs and the relevant statutory staffing requirements, NGOs operating subsidised services may determine their SE in accordance with their own human resources policies, and flexibly deploy resources and employ staff to achieve the service output and outcomes required.

Note 2 Only applicable to service teams operating mobile training centres.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(W)163

(Question Serial No. 2639)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Charmaine LEE)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

The Secretary for Labour and Welfare, Mr Chris Sun, announced in December last year that the Government was exploring the expansion of the Residential Care Services Scheme in Guangdong (GDRCS Scheme) to include residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs) operated by Mainland entities, thus providing more options for the elderly to retire in cities in the Guangdong (GD)-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area (GBA). Regarding this initiative, please provide the following information:

1. Please provide a breakdown of the number of elderly persons participating in the GDRCS Scheme in each of the past 3 years, specifying the figures for each of the 2 existing service operators.
2. What is the annual funding provision for the 2 service operators?
3. Please provide an update on the progress of the Government's plan to expand the GDRCS Scheme. What is the implementation timetable, and what is the estimated expenditure involved?
4. In addition to expanding the GDRCS Scheme, how is the Government promoting cross-boundary elderly care policies? Will it consider extending the scheme to other places beyond the GD Province?

Asked by: Hon LI Sai-wing, Stanley (LegCo internal reference no.: 20)

Reply:

1. The number of participants of the GDRCS Scheme from 2021-22 to 2023-24 are as follows:

Year	No. of participants of the GDRCS Scheme	
	The Hong Kong Jockey Club Shenzhen Society for Rehabilitation Yee Hong Heights	The Hong Kong Jockey Club Helping Hand Zhaoqing Home for the Elderly
2021-22	132	12
2022-23	106	11
2023-24 (as at end-December 2023)	144	21

2. The actual number of places purchased and the expenditure incurred by the Social Welfare Department each year depend on the number of participants. The annual expenditure from 2021-22 to 2023-24 is set out below:

Year	Expenditure (\$ million)
2021-22 (Actual)	15.1
2022-23 (Actual)	13.1
2023-24 (Revised estimate)	33.7

3. The Labour and Welfare Bureau signed a Letter of Intent (LOI) on Collaboration on expanding the GDRCS Scheme with the Department of Civil Affairs of GD Province on 17 November 2023, agreeing to explore cooperation in selecting RCHEs operated by Mainland entities in jointly designated cities within the GBA for participation in the GDRCS Scheme. The LOI stipulates that participating Mainland RCHEs should be rated 4 stars or above on the “List of Star-rated Senior Care Organizations” by the Department of Civil Affairs of Guangdong Province based on the standards of “Classification and Accreditation for Senior Care Organization of China”, with a minimum of 2 years of operational records.

To identify suitable RCHEs to join the GDRCS Scheme, the Government is liaising with relevant departments in Mainland cities within the GBA, and conducting on-site inspections of eligible Mainland RCHEs. In 2024, the Government will explore the expansion of the GDRCS Scheme to include RCHEs operated by Mainland entities. The estimated expenditure for the GDRCS Scheme in 2024-25 is about \$32.5 million.

4. Based on the experience gained, the Government will explore ways to further assist elderly recipients of the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance in residing in RCHEs under the GDRCS Scheme. The Government currently does not have any plan to extend the scheme to other places beyond the GD Province.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(W)164

(Question Serial No. 2641)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Charmaine LEE)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the problem of manpower shortage in residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs), please provide the following information:

1. the number of elderly residents in various subsidised and private RCHEs in the past 3 years up to the present, broken down by age group (60 to 65 years old, 65 to 75 years old, 75 to 85 years old, and 85 years old or above);
2. the ratio of elderly residents in subsidised and private RCHEs to the total elderly population in Hong Kong in the past 3 years; and
3. the respective numbers of health workers/care workers/nurses/other (if any) currently employed in subsidised and private RCHEs.
4. In the past 5 years, how did the Government increase the supply of manpower in RCHEs through various training or funding programmes/policies? Please refer to the table below.

Programme name/initiative	Number of trainees/Number of trainees who joined the industry	Related expenditure

5. How does the Government plan to further increase the manpower for RCHEs in the future? Please provide details.

Asked by: Hon LI Sai-wing, Stanley (LegCo internal reference no.: 22)

Reply:

1. The number of elderly residents in various types of RCHEs in the past 3 years is set out in Table 1 of Annex. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) does not have any statistical information on the number of elderly residents in RCHEs by age group.
2. Elderly residents in RCHEs account for about 4% of persons aged 65 or above in Hong Kong in the past 3 years.
3. The number of staff employed in various types of RCHEs as at the end of December 2023 is set out in Table 2 of Annex.

4. & 5. Since 2012, SWD has implemented a training sponsorship scheme to provide funding support to non-governmental organisations (NGOs) operating subsidised elderly services or rehabilitation services, to fully sponsor the tuition fees of students admitted to and completed designated programmes in occupational therapy (OT) and physiotherapy (PT), thereby encouraging them to join the social welfare sector. The Government will continue to implement the scheme to sponsor an additional 750 students to enrol in the above 2 designated OT and PT programmes in the next 5 years starting from 2023-24, involving an expenditure of about \$447 million. Sponsored students are required to work in NGOs operating subsidised welfare services for at least 2 to 3 years after graduation. As at the end of December 2023, a total of 371 graduates who participated in the scheme have joined the social welfare sector, with 192 in OT and 179 in PT.

SWD launched the Navigation Scheme for Young Persons in Care Services (the Navigation Scheme) in 2015-16, and enhanced it in 2021-21 to provide a total of 1 200 training places within the next 5 years, involving an expenditure of about \$266 million. A total of 989 graduates have completed the Navigation Scheme since its implementation. Based on the information provided by some trainees upon graduation, 573 graduates will continue to be employed in social welfare service units.

To address the shortage of nurses in the social welfare sector and meet the demand for nurses in residential care homes (RCHs), SWD has implemented the Enrolled Nurse (General) Training Programme for the Welfare Sector since the 2017/18 academic year. SWD will continue to implement the programme for 5 consecutive academic years from 2023/24 to 2027/28, and subsidise over 1 700 additional students to enrol in the training programme. The number of additional subsidised places is 427 per cohort, involving an expenditure of about \$587 million. Students are required to work as Enrolled Nurses (General) in welfare service organisations recognised by SWD for a minimum of 3 consecutive years after completing the training programme. As at the end of December 2023, 667 out of the 755 graduates from the training programme during the academic years from 2017/18 to 2020/21 worked as Enrolled Nurses (General) in the social welfare sector during the 2-year commitment period after graduation. Among them, 502 worked in RCHEs.

Employers in the elderly care service sector were given approval to import 1 718, 1 511 and 1 631 elderly care workers through the Supplementary Labour Scheme (SLS) in 2019, 2020 and 2021, respectively. To help RCHs face the challenge of manpower shortage during the COVID-19 pandemic, the Government relaxed certain requirements for the sector to import care workers through SLS from March to May 2022. RCHEs were given approval to import 3 441 care workers in the year.

SWD launched the Special Scheme to Import Care Workers for Residential Care Homes (Special Scheme) on 19 June 2023. Since then, SLS of the Labour Department (LD) no longer accepted applications from RCHs for importation of care workers. For SLS applications submitted prior to that date, approvals were given for RCHEs to import 793 care workers in 2023. As LD has to concurrently process applications received under SLS/ the Enhanced Supplementary Labour Scheme from sectors other than the elderly care service sector, the expenditure involved cannot be calculated separately.

As at December 2023, 2 rounds of applications for quotas to import care workers under the Special Scheme have been completed, resulting in 2 624 quotas (including those for contract renewal) being granted to various RCHEs. The Government will continue to monitor the demand for care workers in the RCH sector and review the Special Scheme in a timely manner. The Special Scheme is implemented by a total of 5 SWD staff members, including 1 Senior Social Work Officer, 1 Social Work Officer, 1 Executive Officer II, 1 Assistant Clerical Officer and 1 Clerical Assistant. The Special Scheme incurred a manpower expenditure of about \$2.88 million for over a 10-month period in 2023-24. In addition to the dedicated manpower mentioned above, SWD has also deployed its existing resources to assist in the implementation of the Special Scheme.

As announced in the 2022 Policy Address, the Government will undertake a holistic review of the skill and qualification requirements of RCH staff, so as to establish professional standards and a career progression path to assist the RCH sector in attracting and retaining the talent required. The consultant commissioned by SWD commenced a study in July 2023 to holistically review the skill and qualification requirements of staff who provide health and rehabilitation services in RCHEs and residential care homes for persons with disabilities. One area within the scope of the review is to explore the feasibility of setting up a new rank of senior health worker in RCHs so that local health workers with suitable training can take up more health and rehabilitation work in a position with more professional development and career progression. The study is expected to be completed in 2024.

Table 1: Number of elderly residents in RCHEs

Type of RCHE ^{Note}	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24 (as at end- December 2023)
Subvented home	13 763	14 514	14 856
Contract home	3 741	4 305	5 448
Self-financing home	2 172	2 076	2 107
Private home	38 161	36 201	38 348
Total	57 837	57 096	60 759

^{Note} Including RCHEs providing both subsidised and non-subsidised residential care places

Table 2: Number of staff employed in RCHEs (as at end-December 2023)

Type of RCHE	Manager	Nurse	Health Worker	Care Worker	Assistant	Total
Subvented home	124	1 255	898	3 440	3 385	9 102
Contract home	59	1 027	254	1 746	986	4 072
Self-financing home	40	219	199	594	513	1 565
Private Home	647	1 624	2 804	6 658	4 260	15 993
Total	870	4 125	4 155	12 438	9 144	30 732

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(W)165

(Question Serial No. 0446)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

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

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Charmaine LEE)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

In Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2024-25, the Government states that it will “inject additional funding into the Innovation and Technology Fund for Application in Elderly and Rehabilitation Care (I&T Fund) and expand the scope of the I&T Fund to allow eligible service units to procure gerontechnology products suitable for household use by elderly persons, persons with disabilities and their carers”. In this connection, will the Government inform this Committee of:

- (a) the implementation progress of the I&T Fund;
- (b) the numbers of applications received and approved, along with the amount of funding granted to successful applications in 2023; and
- (c) the amount of funding to be injected into the I&T Fund.

Asked by: Hon LOONG Hon-biu, Louis (LegCo internal reference no.: 25)

Reply:

The Government allocated \$1 billion to launch the I&T Fund in December 2018 to subsidise eligible elderly and rehabilitation service units to procure, rent or trial technology products, with a view to improving the quality of life of service users and reducing the pressure on care staff and carers. Since September 2022, the eligibility for the I&T Fund has been extended from subvented service units to all private and self-financing residential care homes for the elderly and residential care homes for persons with disabilities. As at the end of February 2024, grants totalling around \$660 million have been approved under the I&T Fund to subsidise about 1 900 elderly and rehabilitation service units to procure or rent over 18 000 items of technology products. In 2023, about 700 service units applied to procure or rent around 3 500 items of technology products. The I&T Fund has already approved over \$19 million in grants for about 500 technology products. The Social Welfare Department is currently processing the remaining applications.

It is announced in the 2023 Policy Address that the Government will inject an additional \$1 billion into the I&T Fund in 2024-25, and expand the scope of the I&T Fund to cover gerontechnology products suitable for household use.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(W)166

(Question Serial No. 0795)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (000) Operational Expenses
Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Charmaine LEE)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

It is mentioned in the Budget Speech that, starting from the second quarter of this year, the number of the Residential Care Service Vouchers (RCSVs) will increase to 5 000 so that more eligible elderly persons can benefit from it at the earliest opportunity. The scheme will involve an annual expenditure of about \$1,440 million.

1. The voucher value of each RCSV, effective from 1 April 2023, is \$16,161 per month. However, based on the aforementioned expenditure amount, each RCSV should be valued at \$24,000. In this regard, how many RCSVs will be issued with the \$1,440 million mentioned above, and what will be the voucher value of each RCSV?
2. Will there be any revisions to the eligibility criteria for the RCSV Scheme due to the increase in quantity?
3. Are the aforementioned RCSVs applicable under the Residential Care Services Scheme in Guangdong (GDRCS Scheme)?

Asked by: Hon MA Fung-kwok (LegCo internal reference no.: 14)

Reply:

1. The Government will expand the coverage of RCSVs from care-and-attention (C&A) places to nursing home (NH) places, starting in the second quarter of 2024. An extra 1 000 RCSVs will also be provided, bringing the total to 5 000. The annual expenditure will amount to about \$1,440 million, covering the voucher value of RCSVs for C&A/NH places, the care supplement for eligible low-income RCSV users to pay for expenses on items such as diapers, special diets and medical consumables, the special supplement for RCSV users in C&A places who require enhanced care due to deteriorating health conditions, as well as administrative expenses, etc. The voucher value of RCSVs is \$16,161 per month in 2023-24. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) will determine the voucher value of RCSVs for NH places with reference to the monthly cost of a place under the Nursing Home Place Purchase Scheme (i.e. \$20,838 for 2023-24).

2. The eligibility criteria for elderly persons applying for RCSVs will remain unchanged despite the Government increasing the number of RCSVs. Those who have been assessed as suitable for residential care services under SWD's Standardised Care Need Assessment Mechanism for Elderly Services and are currently waitlisted for C&A or NH places on the Central Waiting List for Subsidised Long Term Care Services will be eligible to apply for the RCSV Scheme.
3. RCSVs are inapplicable under the GDRCS Scheme.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(W)167

(Question Serial No. 2692)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Charmaine LEE)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

It is mentioned in Paragraph 197 of the Budget Speech that the Government regularised the Community Care Service Voucher (CCSV) Scheme for the Elderly (CCSV Scheme) in September 2023, and extended its scope to cover the rental of assistive technology products. The number of CCSVs will increase to 11 000 in 2024-25, involving an annual expenditure of about \$900 million. In this connection, would the Government please inform this Committee of the following:

1. Will the Government consider increasing the budget to continuously expand the number of CCSVs in the future? If there is a plan, please provide a concrete timetable.
2. With the number of CCSVs increasing to 11 000, please provide details on the corresponding expenditure, implementation timetable and staffing arrangement.
3. What were the number of applications, the number of CCSV recipients and the distribution of CCSV quotas by district in the past year?

Asked by: Hon NG Chau-pei, Stanley (LegCo internal reference no.: 36)

Reply:

- 1 & 2. The Government has made the CCSV permanent since September 2023. The number of CCSVs will also be increased by 1 000 in 2024-25 (i.e. starting from 1 April 2024), bringing the total to 11 000, and will be further increased to 12 000 in 2025-26. The annual expenditure involved is about \$900 million. After the CCSV was made permanent, the staffing establishment of the CCSV Office includes 26 posts in the Social Work and Clerical grades.
3. As the CCSV Scheme adopts the “money-following-the-user” principle, CCSV holders have the flexibility to choose recognised service providers based on their needs. The Government does not allocate CCSV quotas by district. In 2023-24 (as at end-December 2023), a total of 4 875 persons applied for CCSVs, and 4 727 of them were issued with CCSVs.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(W)168

(Question Serial No. 2693)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

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

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Charmaine LEE)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

The Government will continue to implement a 5-year scheme to provide full subsidies for home managers, health workers and care workers of residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs) and residential care homes for persons with disabilities (RCHDs) to enrol in training courses recognised under the Qualifications Framework (QF). In this connection, would the Government please inform this Committee of the following:

1. the estimated annual subsidy amount, specific measures, and related expenditure for each year over the 5-year period;
2. the outcomes expected to be achieved each year over the 5-year period; and
3. the current numbers of home managers, health workers and care workers in RCHEs and RCHDs, their average wages and average working hours, as well as the number of new recruits and turnover rates.

Asked by: Hon NG Chau-pei, Stanley (LegCo internal reference no.: 37)

Reply:

1. & 2. To enhance the service quality of RCHEs and RCHDs on a continuous basis, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) has implemented a 5-year scheme in phases since March 2019 to provide full subsidies for home managers, health workers and care workers of all RCHEs and RCHDs across the territory to enrol in QF-recognised training courses. SWD has set a maximum course fee subsidy for each trainee of the relevant courses. A training allowance is also provided for RCHEs and RCHDs concerned in order to maintain their operations through appropriate manpower deployment while their health workers and care workers are attending the courses, and to provide on-site training support and conduct on-the-job assessments for the trainees concerned. The amounts of the course fee subsidy and training allowance (if applicable) for each trainee of the courses are as follows:

Course	Maximum course fee subsidy for each trainee	Amount of training allowance per trainee	Total
Training for Home Managers (Course A)	\$4,000	N.A.	\$4,000
Training for Home Managers (Course B)	\$6,000		\$6,000
Advanced Training for Health Workers	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$6,000
Training for Care Workers	\$2,000	\$2,200	\$4,200

N.A. - Not applicable

Once the trainees have been issued graduate certificates by the training institutes upon completion of the relevant courses, the RCHs concerned may apply to SWD for full reimbursement of the course fees already paid.

After assessing the effectiveness of the Scheme and considering the views of the sector, SWD has decided to extend the Scheme by 3 years to subsidise more RCH staff to enrol in the related training courses, thereby continuously enhancing the quality of residential care services. On average, the estimated annual expenditure involved is about \$5 million.

3. The numbers of home managers, health workers and care workers in RCHEs and RCHDs as at the end of December 2023 are set out at Annex. SWD does not have information on the average wages, average working hours, number of new recruits and turnover rates for the posts concerned.

**Numbers of home managers, health workers and care workers in RCHEs and RCHDs
as at end-December 2023**

	Home manager	Health worker	Care worker
RCHE	870	4 155	12 438
RCHD	314	975	3 852
Total	1 184	5 130	16 290

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(W)169

(Question Serial No. 3069)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Charmaine LEE)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Under Programme (1), the financial provision for the subvented/private sectors for 2024-25 is \$437,360,000, which represents a significant increase of 23.4% over the revised estimate of \$354,380,000 for 2023-24. In this connection, would the Government please inform this Committee about the purposes for the increased expenditure and furnish specific details about the measures that will be implemented?

Asked by: Hon NG Chau-pei, Stanley (LegCo internal reference no.: 38)

Reply:

Under the Programme of Family and Child Welfare, the estimated financial provision for subvented/private sectors for 2024-25 increases by about \$830 million (or 23.4%) compared to the revised estimate for 2023-24. The increased funding is mainly for strengthening support services related to day child care services and child protection, including setting up an additional Residential Child Care Centre, increasing the incentive payment for foster parents, strengthening the home-based child care service under the Neighbourhood Support Child Care Project, extending the After School Care Programme for Pre-primary Children in phases to cover all 18 districts in Hong Kong, and increasing the Child Care Centre Parent Subsidy.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(W)170

(Question Serial No. 0693)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Charmaine LEE)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

To strengthen the functioning of families to better cater to the needs of PWDs, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) provides subventions for non-governmental organisations (NGOs) to operate parents/relatives resource centres (PRCs) across the territory, in order to provide emotional support and professional advice to parents/relatives and carers of PWDs to help them understand how to take care of PWDs, exchange experiences and support one another in order to cope with stress and difficulties. Since 2018-19, the number of PRCs has increased from 6 to the current 19, with 1 centre in every district. Additionally, there is 1 PRC designated for parents/relatives and carers of persons in mental recovery. In this connection, please inform this Committee of the following:

- Please provide details of the services provided by the 19 PRCs in the past 3 years, including (i) targeted performance indicators and actual performance statistics, (ii) details of support services rendered, (iii) staffing establishment, (iv) estimated and actual expenditure, (v) evaluation of the effectiveness of PRC services and (vi) satisfaction levels of service users, as well as the expenditure and manpower for the coming year.
- SWD allocated additional resources in 2020-21 for setting up specialised ethnic minorities (EM) units in 5 PRCs located in districts with a higher EM population (i.e. Central and Western, Kwun Tong, Yau Tsim Mong, Kwai Tsing and Yuen Long). Please provide details on the service content and the results of effectiveness evaluation of these specialised EM units.
- The Chief Executive announced in his 2023 Policy Address that SWD would set up 4 additional PRCs designated for carers of persons in mental recovery in the third quarter of 2025. Please provide the details, progress and implementation timetable of this initiative, as well as the expenditure and manpower involved.
- It is understood that some NGOs have set up self-financing parents resource centres. Please provide the number of such centres, their locations, service content and attendance of service users.
- Self-financing parents resource centres cannot provide the same number of service places as subsidised PRCs. In view of this, will the Government consider allocating additional resources to strengthen support for self-financing parents resource centres?

Asked by: Hon NGAN Man-yu (LegCo internal reference no.: 10)

Reply:

PRCs subvented by SWD provide a range of support services and organise various types of activities for parents/relatives and carers of PWDs, including providing counselling and service information, as well as organising emotional support groups, community education, care skills workshops, and social and recreational activities. The essential service requirements, output standards and outcome standards of PRCs are defined in the Funding and Service Agreements (FSAs). Regarding the 19 PRCs (including those with specialised EM units), the output standards and actual performance statistics from 2021-22 to 2023-24 are set out in Table 1 of Annex; the staffing establishment for the services is set out in Table 2 of Annex; the actual expenditure, revised estimate and estimated expenditure for 2024-25 are set out in Table 3 of Annex; the outcome indicators and satisfaction levels from 2021-22 to 2022-23 are set out in Table 4 of Annex. Subject to their compliance with the requirements of FSAs, service operators may flexibly deploy their staff in accordance with their operational needs or human resources policies. Therefore, SWD does not have information on their staff deployment for the coming year.

Apart from providing the above services, PRCs with specialised EM units will also provide tailored services for EM service users in view of their language barrier and cultural difference to facilitate and encourage their use of community services, with a view to meeting their needs and promoting social inclusion. The outcome indicators from 2021-22 to 2022-23 are set out in Table 5 of Annex.

SWD will set up 4 additional PRCs for carers of persons in mental recovery in the third quarter of 2025 to support persons in mental recovery and their carers, involving an annual recurrent expenditure of about \$18 million. By then, apart from the existing PRC in Kowloon East, PRCs for carers of persons in mental recovery will be set up in Hong Kong Island, Kowloon West, New Territories East and New Territories West to facilitate carers in obtaining the support they need. SWD will calculate the amount of subventions based on the staffing establishment mentioned above.

SWD is aware that there are currently 5 self-financing resource centres operated by NGOs. The districts in which they are located and their respective numbers are set out in Table 6 of Annex. As these centres are not subvented by SWD, SWD does not have information on their service content and attendance. No service quotas have been set for PRCs subvented by SWD, and citizens in need may seek services at any one of the 19 PRCs across the territory. SWD has no plan to allocate additional resources to self-financing parents resource centres.

Table 1: Output indicators and actual performance statistics of PRCs from 2021-22 to 2023-24

Output indicator	Agreed output level	Actual performance statistics		
		2021-22	2022-23	2023-24 (as at 31 December 2023)
1 Monthly average of registered family membership in a year	7 010	11 352	12 121	13 157
2 Average attendance per opening session per quarter in a year	428	309 ^{Note}	408 ^{Note}	487
3 Average number of individual-based support activities per quarter in a year	3 910	9 863	9 996	8 036
4 Average number of group meetings on support activities per quarter in a year	3 350	4 167	4 734	5 028
5 Average number of community education/networking activities per quarter in a year	137	177	180	227
6 Monthly average number of counselling cases	810	1 031	1 048	1 022
7 Number of therapeutic groups in a year	131	148	150	112

^{Note} To minimise the risk of community spread of COVID-19 during the period when the outbreak was more severe, welfare services subsidised by SWD maintained limited services. In light of the gradual easing of the epidemic situation, these services gradually resumed normal operations.

Table 2: Staffing establishment of PRCs ^{Note}

Rank/post	PRC	PRC with specialised EM unit
Social Work Officer	0.125	0.25
Assistant Social Work Officer	2	3
Social Work Assistant	1	1
Welfare Worker/ Special Child Care Worker	1	1
Welfare Worker	1	2
Clerical Assistant	1	1
Workman II	0.667	1

^{Note} SWD calculates the amount of subventions based on the staffing establishment. Subject to their compliance with the requirements of FSAs, service operators may flexibly deploy resources and arrange suitable staffing.

Table 3: Expenditure of PRCs from 2021-22 to 2024-25

2021-22 (Actual) (\$ million)	2022-23 (Actual) (\$ million)	2023-24 (Revised estimate) (\$ million)	2024-25 (Estimate) (\$ million)
82.9	94.9	94.1	100.2

**Table 4: Outcome indicators and satisfaction levels of all PRCs ^{Note 1}
from 2021-22 to 2022-23**

Outcome indicator	Agreed level ^{Note 2}	2021-22	2022-23
Percentage of service users indicating enhancement of problem coping and solving capability after receiving PRC service	75%	96%	89%
Percentage of service users indicating enhancement of community support after receiving PRC service		93%	85%
Percentage of service users being satisfied with the overall services delivered to them in a year		99%	98%

Note 1 The relevant figures for 2023-24 are not yet available.

Note 2 The agreed levels for the outcome indicators of each PRC may vary depending on the individual PRC's circumstances.

**Table 5: Outcome indicators and satisfaction levels of
PRCs with specialised EM units ^{Note 1} from 2021-22 to 2022-23**

Outcome indicator	Agreed level ^{Note 2}	2021-22	2022-23
Percentage of service users indicating enhancement of problem coping and solving capability after receiving PRC service	75%	94%	96%
Percentage of service users indicating enhancement of community support after receiving PRC service		90%	90%
Percentage of service users being satisfied with the overall services delivered to them in a year		98%	96%

Note 1 The relevant figures for 2023-24 are not yet available.

Note 2 The agreed levels for the outcome indicators of each PRC may vary depending on the individual PRC's circumstances.

Table 6: Districts where self-financing PRCs are located and their number

District	Number of self-financing PRCs
Sham Shui Po	1
Wong Tai Sin	1
Kowloon City	1
Sha Tin	1
Islands	1

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(W)171

(Question Serial No. 0709)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Charmaine LEE)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

It is stated in the Programme that the Social Welfare Department (SWD) provides pre-school services for children with disabilities through early education and training centres (EETCs), special child care centres (SCCCs), integrated programme in kindergarten-cum-child care centres (IP), on-site pre-school rehabilitation services (OPRS) and occasional child care services (OCCS) for disabled children. In 2023, SWD regularised the Tier 1 Support Services and integrated them with OPRS. In this connection, please provide this Committee with the following information:

- The waiting time and number of service places for different types of pre-school rehabilitation services in the past 5 years:

Waiting time for pre-school rehabilitation services

Service type	Average waiting time (in months)				
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
OPRS					
EETC					
IP					
SCCC					

Number of service places for pre-school rehabilitation services

Service type	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
OPRS					
EETC					
IP					
SCCC					

- The Training Subsidy Programme for Children on the Waiting List of Subvented Pre-school Rehabilitation Services (TSP) is currently divided into 2 levels, namely the Normal Level Subsidy (NLS) with a maximum subsidy level of \$3,549 per month, and the Higher Level Subsidy (HLS) with a maximum subsidy level of \$6,904 per month. Please provide the relevant details of TSP for the past 3 years, including the number of beneficiaries, the average length of benefit period and the expenditure per beneficiary for each subsidy level, as well as the total number of beneficiaries, the total average duration of benefit period and the total expenditure.

- Please provide details of the work related to regularisation of the Tier 1 Support Services, including the particulars on taking forward and implementing the relevant arrangements, the number of service places, the number of participating pre-primary institutions, effectiveness evaluation or developments (including feedback from the sector), as well as the expenditure and manpower involved.

Asked by: Hon NGAN Man-yu (LegCo internal reference no.: 26)

Reply:

The average waiting time and number of service places for different types of pre-school rehabilitation services (including OPRS, EETCs, IP and SCCCs) in each of the past 5 years are set out at Annex 1.

SWD provides eligible children on the waiting list for subvented pre-school rehabilitation services with Training Subsidy so that they can obtain self-financing services (including individual or group training/therapy and assessment services) run by recognised service providers as soon as possible. There are currently 34 non-governmental organisations (NGOs) providing TSP services across the territory. The annual expenditure on TSP and the number of beneficiaries for the past 3 years are set out at Annex 2. SWD does not have information on the length of benefit period of TSP beneficiaries.

Given the satisfactory results of the Pilot Project on Tier 1 Support Services in Kindergartens/Kindergarten-cum-Child Care Centres, SWD regularised the Tier 1 Support Services in September 2023, integrating them with OPRS and extending them to cover nearly 900 pre-primary institutions. Additional resources have been allocated to NGOs operating OPRS. Through inter-disciplinary service teams under a school-based and integrated approach, NGOs offer assistance to pre-school children who are awaiting assessment by Child Assessment Centres (CACs) or have been assessed by CACs to have borderline developmental problems (i.e. Tier 1 children), as well as providing professional consultation and training to their parents and teachers. The inter-disciplinary service teams comprise clinical/educational psychologists, speech therapists, occupational therapists/physiotherapists and special child care workers, etc. The staffing establishment of each service team following the integration of the Tier 1 Support Services and OPRS is set out at Annex 3. The Tier 1 Support Services are provided under a school-based and integrated approach, and are not subject to any quota. In 2024-25, the estimated expenditure for the Tier 1 Support Services is about \$171 million.

Table 1: Average waiting time for various pre-school rehabilitation services

Service type	Average waiting time (in months) ^{Note 1}				
	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
OPRS	N.A. ^{Note 2}	4.8	5.2	4.3	4.2
EETC	16.6	11.2	8.0	5.4	5.0
IP	12.6	7.5	8.0	6.3	5.3
SCCC	18.4	17.5	19.9	20.2	19.3

N.A. – Not applicable

Note 1 As the average waiting time is compiled on a financial-year basis covering the 1st day of April of a year to the 31st day of March of the next year, the figure for 2023-24 is not yet available.

Note 2 OPRS was regularised in October 2018.

Table 2: Number of places for various pre-school rehabilitation services

Service type	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24 (as at 31 December 2023)
OPRS	7 074	8 074	9 074	10 074	10 124
EETC	3 771	3 888	4 174	4 393	4 393
IP	1 980	1 980	1 980	1 980	1 980
SCCC	2 020	2 170	2 274	2 364	2 456

Table 1: Annual expenditure on TSP

Year	Expenditure (\$ million)
2021-22 (Actual)	92.3
2022-23 (Actual)	77.1
2023-24 (Revised estimate)	136.3

Table 2: Number of TSP beneficiaries

Year	NLS	HLS	No. of beneficiaries
2021-22	2 259	1 799	4 058
2022-23	2 158	1 782	3 940
2023-24 (as at end-December 2023)	2 008	1 542	3 550
Total	6 425	5 123	11 548

Staffing establishment of OPRS

Every 100 OPRS children served and provision of Tier 1 Support Services in the networked kindergartens/kindergarten-cum-child care centres by each service team	
Rank/Post ^{Note 1}	No. of staff
Social Work Officer	0.25
Assistant Social Work Officer	1.5
Social Work Assistant	1.0
Clinical/Educational Psychologist	0.5
Senior Special Child Care Worker	1.0
Special Child Care Worker	6.75
Speech Therapist	2.5
Physiotherapist I and Occupational Therapist I	1.75
Occupational Therapy Assistant	1.0
Clerical Assistant	1.0
Welfare Worker	1.0
Motor Driver ^{Note 2}	1.0
Total	19.25

Note 1 The above staffing establishment is used solely for the purpose of calculating the amount of recurrent subvention. Subject to their compliance with the requirements of FSAs and the relevant statutory staffing requirements, NGOs operating subsidised services may determine their staffing establishment in accordance with their own human resources policies, and flexibly deploy resources and employ staff to achieve the service output and outcomes required.

Note 2 Only applicable to service teams operating mobile training centres.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(W)172

(Question Serial No. 3115)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Charmaine LEE)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding pre-school rehabilitation services, please inform this Committee of:

- the number of children with special needs who have been assessed to be in need of pre-school rehabilitation services and their average age in each of the past 3 years;
- the waiting time and service provision of different types of pre-school rehabilitation services in the past 3 years, including the number of waitlisted children, average waiting time, distribution by district, unit cost, age distribution of service users, number of service places and utilisation rate; and
- In the 2023 Policy Address, it was mentioned that the Government would strive to strengthen support for carers, including setting up designated teams to support special school leavers and their carers, and increasing the incentive payment for home-based child carers (HCCs) of children with special educational needs (SEN). In this connection, please describe briefly the measures in place for supporting carers of SEN children, including the details of implementation, the number of beneficiaries, outcomes and the expenditure and manpower involved.

Asked by: Hon NGAN Man-yu (LegCo internal reference no.: 38)

Reply:

- The Child Assessment Service (CAS) of the Department of Health provides comprehensive professional assessment services for children under the age of 12 with suspected developmental problems. The number of case referrals made by CAS to pre-school rehabilitation services and school rehabilitation services in 2021, 2022 and 2023 was 16 371, 13 984, and 14 972 (provisional figures), respectively. CAS does not maintain the number of referrals to pre-school rehabilitation services separately. Apart from CAS, non-governmental organisations (NGOs) and private recognised professionals also offer assessment services. Therefore, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) does not have information on the number of children with special needs assessed to be in need of pre-school rehabilitation services and their average age.

- The average waiting time, numbers of service places and waitlisted children broken down by administrative district of SWD, as well as age distribution of service users, utilisation rate and average cost per place per month for various pre-school rehabilitation services (including on-site pre-school rehabilitation services (OPRS), early education and training centres (EETCs), integrated programme in kindergarten-cum-child care centres (IP), special child care centres (SCCCs) and occasional child care services (OCCS) for disabled children) in the past 3 years are tabulated in Tables 1 to 7 at Annex. As places of OPRS are available in all districts in the territory and allocated on an agency basis, SWD does not have information on the number of OPRS places broken down by district.
- SWD provides subventions to NGOs to offer children with special needs and their parents/carers with a series of support services, including the aforementioned pre-school rehabilitation services and parents/relatives resource centres, in all districts across the territory. Social workers will collaborate with local welfare service units based on the needs of the service users, and refer them to appropriate services, such as counselling, respite services, care skills training, stress-management groups and recreational activities, etc., taking into account their individual circumstances. Moreover, SWD set up the Designated Hotline for Carer Support and Information Gateway for Carers in September and November 2023, respectively to strengthen support for carers. As carer support measures encompass multiple services and cater to carers of persons with different types of disabilities, SWD does not maintain implementation number of beneficiaries, outcomes, expenditure and manpower involved in the provision of support measures for parents/carers of children with special needs. Home-based child care service is one of the services provided under the Neighbourhood Support Child Care Project (NSCCP). NSCCP aims at providing a flexible form of day child care service, and the children under the care of home-based child carers are not limited to children with special needs. SWD does not maintain the information on measures for supporting children with special needs and their carers under NSCCP.

Table 1: Average waiting time for pre-school rehabilitation services

Service type	Average waiting time (in months) ^{Note 1}		
	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
OPRS	5.2	4.3	4.2
EETC	8	5.4	5
IP	8	6.3	5.3
SCCC	19.9	20.2	19.3
OCCS for disabled children ^{Note 2}	-	-	-

Note 1 As the average waiting time is compiled on a financial-year basis covering the 1st day of April of a year to the 31st day of March of the next year, the figure for 2023-24 is not yet available.

Note 2 The service may admit service users directly or through referral and hence SWD does not have statistics on waiting time.

Table 2: Number of service places for pre-school rehabilitation services

Service type	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24 (as at 31 December 2023)
OPRS	9 074	10 074	10 124
EETC	4 174	4 393	4 393
IP	1 980	1 980	1 980
SCCC	2 274	2 364	2 456
OCCS for disabled children	111	117	120

Table 3a: Number of service places for EETCs

District	No. of service places for EETCs		
	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24 (as at 31 December 2023)
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	473	473	473
Eastern/Wan Chai	401	401	401
Kwun Tong	390	390	390
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	604	604	604
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	231	231	231
Sham Shui Po	400	523	523
Sha Tin	381	381	381
Tai Po/North	487	487	487
Yuen Long	172	172	172
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	406	406	406
Tuen Mun	229	325	325
Total	4 174	4 393	4 393

Table 3b: Number of service places for IP

District	No. of service places for IP		
	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24 (as at 31 December 2023)
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	132	138	138
Eastern/Wan Chai	186	168	168
Kwun Tong	228	228	228
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	240	240	240
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	210	216	216
Sham Shui Po	108	114	114
Sha Tin	168	168	168
Tai Po/North	168	168	168
Yuen Long	186	186	186
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	198	198	198
Tuen Mun	156	156	156
Total	1 980	1 980	1 980

Table 3c: Number of service places for SCCCs

District	No. of service places for SCCCs		
	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24 (as at 31 December 2023)
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	313	313	313
Eastern/Wan Chai	216	216	246
Kwun Tong	186	186	186
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	425	425	425
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	30	30	30
Sham Shui Po	235	295	357
Sha Tin	138	168	168
Tai Po/North	299	299	299
Yuen Long	108	108	108
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	180	180	180
Tuen Mun	144	144	144
Total	2 274	2 364	2 456

Table 3d: Number of service places for OCCS for disabled children

District	No. of service places for OCCS for disabled children		
	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24 (as at 31 December 2023)
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	6	6	6
Eastern/Wan Chai	8	8	8
Kwun Tong	10	10	10
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	19	19	19
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	2	2	2
Sham Shui Po	13	16	19
Sha Tin	10	13	13
Tai Po/North	17	17	17
Yuen Long	10	10	10
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	6	6	6
Tuen Mun	10	10	10
Total	111	117	120

Table 4a: Number of children waitlisted for OPRS

District	No. of children waitlisted for OPRS ^{Note}		
	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24 (as at 31 December 2023)
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	241	220	209
Eastern/Wan Chai	217	218	224
Kwun Tong	248	253	268
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	267	334	332
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	205	260	292
Sham Shui Po	143	186	180
Sha Tin	242	330	301
Tai Po/North	224	285	333
Yuen Long	353	385	465
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	280	355	308
Tuen Mun	283	253	319
Total	2 703	3 079	3 231

Note The figure does not include users of pre-school rehabilitation services who are now receiving transitional services of EETCs, or users who are waiting for a change of service type/choice of centre.

Table 4b: Number of children waitlisted for EETCs

District	No. of children waitlisted for EETCs ^{Note}		
	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24 (as at 31 December 2023)
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	99	86	48
Eastern/Wan Chai	120	91	82
Kwun Tong	106	103	78
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	133	132	110
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	138	98	78
Sham Shui Po	79	79	54
Sha Tin	84	115	109
Tai Po/North	122	113	70
Yuen Long	141	134	109
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	124	144	108
Tuen Mun	112	102	64
Total	1 258	1 197	910

^{Note} The figure does not include users of pre-school rehabilitation services who are waiting for a change of service type/choice of centre.

Table 4c: Number of children waitlisted for IP

District	No. of children waitlisted for IP ^{Note}		
	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24 (as at 31 December 2023)
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	23	20	17
Eastern/Wan Chai	37	35	29
Kwun Tong	70	50	38
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	69	55	51
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	56	53	38
Sham Shui Po	40	31	27
Sha Tin	37	34	33
Tai Po/North	46	40	43
Yuen Long	70	68	47
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	47	38	36
Tuen Mun	46	58	32
Total	541	482	391

^{Note} The figure does not include users of pre-school rehabilitation services who are now receiving transitional services of EETCs, or users who are waiting for a change of service type/choice of centre.

Table 4d: Number of children waitlisted for SCCCs

District	No. of children waitlisted for SCCC ^{Note}		
	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24 (as at 31 December 2023)
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	98	99	90
Eastern/Wan Chai	126	145	119
Kwun Tong	86	70	61
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	98	108	69
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	99	131	106
Sham Shui Po	61	71	60
Sha Tin	92	75	53
Tai Po/North	94	85	84
Yuen Long	214	190	173
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	112	110	97
Tuen Mun	88	107	92
Total	1 168	1 191	1 004

^{Note} The figure does not include users of pre-school rehabilitation services who are now receiving transitional services of EETCs or OPRS, or users who are waiting for a change of service type/choice of centre.

Table 5a: Age distribution of users of pre-school rehabilitation services in 2021-22

Service type	No. of service users			
	Aged 0 to 2	Aged 3 to 4	Aged 5 to 6	Total
OPRS	75	3 844	5 014	8 933
EETC	774	1 768	1 438	3 980
IP	67	843	1 028	1 938
SCCC	46	667	1 440	2 153

Table 5b: Age distribution of users pre-school rehabilitation services in 2022-23

Service type	No. of service users			
	Aged 0 to 2	Aged 3 to 4	Aged 5 to 6	Total
OPRS	56	4 239	5 654	9 949
EETC	604	1 922	1 653	4 179
IP	51	861	1 012	1 924
SCCC	35	638	1 525	2 198

**Table 5c: Age distribution of users of pre-school rehabilitation services in 2023-24
(as at 31 December 2023)**

Service type	No. of service users			
	Aged 0 to 2	Aged 3 to 4	Aged 5 to 6	Total
OPRS	98	4 542	5 322	9 962
EETC	696	1 972	1 425	4 093
IP	89	898	890	1 877
SCCC	49	830	1 480	2 359

Table 6: Utilisation rates of pre-school rehabilitation services

Service type	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24 (as at 31 December 2023)
OPRS	98.4%	98.8%	98.4%
EETC	95.4%	95.1%	93.2%
IP	97.9%	97.2%	94.8%
SCCC	94.7%	93.0%	96.1%
OCCS for disabled children ^{Note}	-	-	-

^{Note} The service may admit service users directly or through referral and hence SWD does not have statistics on the number of service users.

Table 7: Average cost per place per month for pre-school rehabilitation services

Service type	Average cost per place per month		
	2021-22 (Actual) (\$)	2022-23 (Actual) (\$)	2023-24 (Revised estimate) (\$)
Pre-school rehabilitation services	9,764	9,950	10,695

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(W)173

(Question Serial No. 3116)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

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

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Charmaine LEE)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

In 2024-25, the Government will inject an additional \$1 billion into the Innovation and Technology Fund for Application in Elderly and Rehabilitation Care (I&T Fund) to enhance the subsidies for eligible elderly and rehabilitation service units to procure, rent and trial technology products, such as ultra-low beds for medical and nursing care and intelligent anti-wandering systems, with a view to improving the quality of life of the elderly and persons with disabilities (PWDs) and reducing the pressure of carers. Regarding the application of gerontechnology, would the Government please provide the following information:

- Please provide details on the vetting of applications for the I&T Fund in the past 3 years, including information on applicant organisations, the number of applications received, types of products involved, the amount of grants awarded, and the number of beneficiaries.
- What is the current balance and utilisation status of the I&T Fund after the injection of additional funding? Please provide an estimate of the number of years the funding will sustain the operation of the I&T Fund, as well as the estimated expenditure and the number of funded projects for the coming year.
- Since the establishment of the I&T Fund, how many projects have been dedicated to the research and development (R&D) of gerontechnology and related products? Please provide a list of these R&D projects, along with details on their progress, funding and deliverables.
- The Government mentioned that it would enhance the subsidies for eligible elderly and rehabilitation service units to procure, rent and trial technology products after the injection of additional funding. Please provide specific measures or plans in this regard.

Asked by: Hon NGAN Man-yu (LegCo internal reference no.: 39)

Reply:

The Government allocated \$1 billion to launch the I&T Fund in December 2018 to subsidise eligible elderly and rehabilitation service units to procure, rent or trial technology products, with a view to improving the quality of life of service users and reducing the pressure on care staff and carers. Since September 2022, the eligibility for the I&T Fund has been extended from subvented service units to all private and self-financing residential care homes for the elderly (RCHes) and residential care homes for PWDs (RCHDs). As at the end of February 2024, grants totalling around \$670 million have been approved under the I&T Fund to subsidise eligible elderly and rehabilitation service units to procure, rent or trial technology products. The balance of the I&T Fund was about \$330 million. Details pertaining to the applications and approval of grants under the I&T Fund in the past 3 years are set out at Annex. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) does not maintain statistics on the number of persons who have used these technology products. In the coming year, SWD will continue to invite eligible elderly and rehabilitation service units to submit applications. The expenditure and operational longevity of the I&T Fund are contingent upon the number of applications received, the amount of grants involved and the approval situation.

In addition, eligible service units may identify suitable technology research and development companies as working partners, and apply for trials of their technology products specifically designed and developed for the nursing and rehabilitation needs of elderly persons or PWDs. As at the end of February 2024, there were 5 projects for the trial of newly developed technology products, involving an expenditure of about \$12 million. These products include a fall prevention management system, a smart bedside intelligence management system, an interactive rehabilitation assessment and training system, a smart transportation robot suite and a sleep management system. These projects are currently being implemented. SWD will review the effectiveness of these projects in a timely manner.

It is announced in the 2023 Policy Address that the Government will inject an additional \$1 billion into the I&T Fund in 2024-25, and expand the scope of the I&T Fund to cover gerontechnology products suitable for household use. SWD is currently undertaking preparatory work to formulate the implementation details, and will announce the details in due course.

**Statistics pertaining to the applications and approval of grants under the I&T Fund
from 2021-22 to 2023-24
(as at 29 February 2024)**

Tranche no. (application period)	Type of service unit	No. of technology products applied	Amount of grant applied (\$ million)	No. of technology products approved	Amount of grant approved (\$ million)
5 (February to May 2021)	Subsidised elderly service unit	2 046	60	1 792	56
	Subsidised rehabilitation service unit	1 007	33	855	30
	Total	3 053	93	2 647	86
6 (September to October 2021)	Subsidised elderly service unit	1 254	40	1 129	37
	Subsidised rehabilitation service unit	377	21	334	19
	Total	1 631	61	1 463	56
7 (January to March 2022)	Subsidised elderly service unit	726	25	620	23
	Subsidised rehabilitation service unit	428	12	367	11
	Total	1 154	37	987	34
8 ^{Note} (September to November 2022)	Subsidised elderly service unit	2 268	57	2 115	52
	Subsidised rehabilitation service unit	1 200	43	1 023	40
	Non-subsidised private and self- financing RCHE	3 570	111	2 302	79
	Non-subsidised private and self- financing RCHD	108	4	104	3
	Total	7 146	215	5 544	174
9 (May to August 2023)	Subsidised elderly service unit	1 465	41	274	9
	Subsidised rehabilitation service unit	646	22	176	8
	Non-subsidised private and self- financing RCHE	1 346	36	90	2
	Non-subsidised private and	84	3	7	0.4

Tranche no. (application period)	Type of service unit	No. of technology products applied	Amount of grant applied (\$ million)	No. of technology products approved	Amount of grant approved (\$ million)
	self- financing RCHD				
	Total	3 541	102	547	19

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

^{Note} The eligibility for applying for procurement and rental of technology products has been extended to non-subsidised private or self-financing RCHEs and RCHDs starting with the Eighth Tranche launched in September 2022.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(W)174

(Question Serial No. 0213)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Charmaine LEE)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

It is mentioned in the Budget Speech that starting this year, the Government will set up 10 more aided standalone child care centres (CCCs) in phases. It will also extend the After School Care Programme for Pre-primary Children (ASCP(PC)) in phases to cover all districts in Hong Kong, while increasing the number of service places. In this connection, please provide this Committee with the following information:

1. a breakdown of the estimated expenditure for the above measures, and the amount of government subsidy granted in each of the past 3 years;
2. the utilisation rates of aided CCCs and ASCP(PC) in each district in the past 3 years; and
3. whether adjustments will be made to the number of service places and service content in a timely manner based on the demographic characteristics and service demand of each district to avoid misallocation of resources.
4. Has an assessment been conducted to determine whether there are sufficient manpower to meet the staffing requirements for the additional CCC and ASCP(PC) service places, as well as the measures to be taken in case of a manpower shortfall?

Asked by: Hon SHIU Ka-fai (LegCo internal reference no.: 24)

Reply:

1. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) will set up 10 more aided standalone CCCs and extend ASCP(PC) to cover all districts in Hong Kong in phases within a period of 3 years starting from 2024. The estimated expenditure for these 2 measures are about \$66.4 million and \$14.2 million respectively. The amount of subsidies granted by SWD to aided standalone CCCs and ASCP(PC) in each of the past 3 financial years is tabulated below:

Year	Amount of subsidy (\$ million)	
	Aided standalone CCCs	ASCP(PC)
2021-22 (Actual)	51.1	12.4 ^{Note}
2022-23 (Actual)	53.8	8.0 ^{Note}
2023-24 (Revised estimate)	65.9	27.5

Note SWD has been re-engineering Mutual Help Child Care Centres (MHCCCs) from 2021-22 onwards to provide after-school care service for pre-primary children in phases. According to the Service Agreements, 10 of these MHCCCs received a portion of their subsidies for 2022-23 in March 2022.

2. The average utilisation rates of aided CCCs (including aided standalone CCCs and aided CCCs attached to kindergartens (KGs)) and ASCP(PC) in the past 3 financial years, broken down by district, are set out at Annex.
3. SWD will take into account the overall situations of child care services and the characteristics of individual districts, including the available CCC places, service utilisation, ratio of subsidised to private child care services, land supply situation, and service demand as a result of demographic changes, etc. when conducting service planning, in order to better meet the service demand in the community.
4. In accordance with the Child Care Services Regulations (Cap. 243A), the child care staff serving in a CCC have to be registered as child care workers upon successful completing a training course approved by the Director of Social Welfare. Institutions will adjust the number of training places offered based on demand. Besides, the operating expenditure of ASCP(PC) is subsidised under the Lump Sum Grant subvention. Each centre of ASCP(PC) provides 42 service places and has a staffing establishment including 1 Assistant Social Work Officer and 2 supporting staff. Subject to their compliance with the requirements of the Funding and Service Agreements, service operators may flexibly deploy resources and employ staff to achieve the service output and outcome required.

Table 1: Average utilisation rates of aided standalone CCCs, aided CCCs attached to KGs and ASCP(PC) by district (2021-22)

District	Aided standalone CCCs	Aided CCCs attached to KGs	ASCP(PC)
	Average utilisation rate (%)	Average utilisation rate ^{Note 1} (%)	Average utilisation rate ^{Note 2} (%)
Central & Western	100	24	N.A.
Southern	N.A.	55	N.A.
Islands	N.A.	24	N.A.
Eastern	100	50	N.A.
Wan Chai	100	59	N.A.
Kwun Tong	N.A.	70	35
Wong Tai Sin	N.A.	76	-
Sai Kung	N.A.	34	N.A.
Kowloon City	100	45	N.A.
Yau Tsim Mong	100	60	N.A.
Sham Shui Po	100	60	46
Sha Tin	91	71	N.A.
Tai Po	N.A.	42	39
North	100	47	1
Yuen Long	100	84	-
Tsuen Wan	99	70	N.A.
Kwai Tsing	100	63	20
Tuen Mun	100	62	N.A.
Total	98	54	32

N.A. - Not applicable

Note 1 Figures provided by the Education Bureau (EDB) as at September 2021.

Note 2 10 centres in Kwun Tong, Sham Shui Po, Tai Po, Kwai Tsing, Wong Tai Sin, North and Yuen Long districts commenced service in August 2021 and February 2022.

Table 2: Average utilisation rates of aided standalone CCCs, aided CCCs attached to KGs and ASCP(PC) by district (2022-23)

District	Aided standalone CCCs	Aided CCCs attached to KGs	ASCP(PC)
	Average utilisation rate (%)	Average utilisation rate ^{Note 3} (%)	Average utilisation rate ^{Note 4} (%)
Central & Western	100	23	N.A.
Southern	N.A.	57	23
Islands	N.A.	20	N.A.
Eastern	100	53	N.A.
Wan Chai	100	50	N.A.
Kwun Tong	N.A.	69	43
Wong Tai Sin	N.A.	80	69
Sai Kung	N.A.	31	N.A.
Kowloon City	100	41	N.A.
Yau Tsim Mong	100	55	N.A.
Sham Shui Po	100	51	71
Sha Tin	98	71	N.A.
Tai Po	20 ^{Note 1}	41	41
North	100	49	28
Yuen Long	91 ^{Note 2}	83	42
Tsuen Wan	98	66	N.A.
Kwai Tsing	100	66	58
Tuen Mun	100	60	N.A.
Total	97	52	53

N.A. - Not applicable

Note 1 The first additional aided standalone CCC in the district commenced operation in January 2023.

Note 2 The second additional aided standalone CCC in the district commenced operation in March 2023.

Note 3 Figures provided by EDB as at September 2022.

Note 4 3 centres in Southern, Kwun Tong and Kwai Tsing districts commenced service in February 2023.

Table 3: Average utilisation rates of aided standalone CCCs, aided CCCs attached to KGs and ASCP(PC) by district (April to December 2023)

District	Aided standalone CCCs	Aided CCCs attached to KGs	ASCP(PC)
	Average utilisation rate (%)	Average utilisation rate ^{Note 1} (%)	Average utilisation rate ^{Note 2} (%)
Central & Western	100	27	9
Southern	N.A.	50	37
Islands	N.A.	22	N.A.
Eastern	100	59	N.A.
Wan Chai	100	42	N.A.
Kwun Tong	N.A.	69	54
Wong Tai Sin	N.A.	88	85
Sai Kung	N.A.	31	N.A.
Kowloon City	100	43	N.A.
Yau Tsim Mong	100	57	N.A.
Sham Shui Po	100	52	74
Sha Tin	99	74	N.A.
Tai Po	83	47	47
North	100	54	71
Yuen Long	76	93	48
Tsuen Wan	100	72	N.A.
Kwai Tsing	100	70	56
Tuen Mun	96	73	N.A.
Total	95	56	57

N.A. - Not applicable

Note 1 Figures provided by EDB as at September 2023.

Note 2 4 centres in Central & Western, Yuen Long and Kwai Tsing districts commenced service in August 2023.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(W)175

(Question Serial No. 0743)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Charmaine LEE)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

In 2024-25, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) will continue to formulate the implementation details of the mandatory reporting regime for suspected child abuse cases, including the enhancement of training and drawing up of guidelines for practitioners in the relevant professions to facilitate early identification of child abuse cases and strengthening of support for child abuse victims and their families. At the same time, it will set up an additional residential child care centre (RCCC) to increase the number of emergency places of residential child care services. In this connection, please inform this Committee of:

1. the details regarding the enhancement of training and drawing up of guidelines for practitioners in the relevant professions, including the timetable and a breakdown of the estimated expenditure; and
2. the manpower deployment and estimated expenditure for operating the newly established RCCC.

Asked by: Hon SHIU Ka-fai (LegCo internal reference no.: 30)

Reply:

1. The Government has kicked start a participative process for the formulation of the Mandated Reporter Guide (the Guide) and has invited professional bodies, professionals and key service providers of the social welfare sector, education sector and healthcare sector, who will be the mandatory reporters, to envisage different potential scenarios of handling suspected child abuse/neglect cases under the reporting threshold set out in the Mandatory Reporting of Child Abuse Bill (the Bill), reflect questions and provide advice. Currently, professional consultative panels of respective sectors formed at the invitation of the Government are discussing the case scenarios, questions and views collected, and a skeleton document of the Guide will be knocked out based on these discussions. To tie in with the work of the Legislative Council (LegCo) in scrutinising the Bill, the Government will provide the Bills Committee with the skeleton document of the Guide in a timely manner. After enactment of the Bill by LegCo, there will be an 18-month transitional period, during which the professional panels will continue to conduct focus group discussions with professional bodies/service providers in their respective sectors, with a view to completing the Guide before the end of the transitional

period, so that briefings on the Guide for professional bodies/service providers in their respective sectors can take place well ahead of the commencement of the Ordinance.

The Government has set up an e-learning platform to provide training, reference materials and information for relevant professionals. The Child Protection Online Training comprises online self-learning training and webinars. Module 1 of the online self-learning training has been launched in February 2024 to provide training on the basic knowledge on child protection. Module 2 will be rolled out in phases after the enactment of the Bill and will cover the basic knowledge on the relevant legal and reporting issues related to the new legislation. In addition, the Government will also organise webinars to provide the professionals with enrichment programmes to discuss different topics related to child protection and to enhance cross-sectoral collaboration among professionals. Q&A sessions will also be included according to training needs to encourage interactive learning. The expenditure involved in training and promotion is about \$2.8 million.

Apart from the Child Protection Online Training, relevant bureaux/departments/organisations have been providing, and will continue to provide, professionals with training (including talks, seminars, workshops and online training, etc.) relating to child protection and their specific professions to enhance their knowledge and skills in handling suspected child abuse. SWD will also continue to collaborate with different government departments and organisations to enhance training for social workers and relevant professionals, in order to strengthen their capability for early identification and handling of suspected child abuse cases.

2. The estimated annual operating expenditure of the new RCCC is about \$28.56 million. The RCCC's staffing establishment is tabulated below:

Position/Rank	Number
Assistant Social Work Officer	1
Social Work Assistant	3
Registered Nurse	2
Enrolled Nurse	4
Child Care Supervisor	1
Senior Child Care Worker	4
Child Care Worker	28
Child Care Aide	5
Clinical Psychologist	0.8
Clerical Assistant	1
Cook	1
Workman II	4

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(W)176****(Question Serial No. 2017)**

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Charmaine LEE)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

It is mentioned in the Budget that the incentive payment for foster families will be substantially increased to encourage more enthusiastic individuals to become foster parents. In this connection, please inform this committee of:

- (1) the number of foster children and their age distribution;
- (2) the number of foster children waitlisted, their age distribution and the average waiting time in years;
- (3) the number of foster families, as well as their income and age distribution;
- (4) the expected increase in the number of foster families and reduction in the average waiting time of foster children after raising the incentive payment for foster families; and
- (5) the expenditure and manpower required after raising the incentive payment for foster families.

Asked by: Hon TAN Yue-heng (LegCo internal reference no.: 9)

Reply:

- (1) The number of children receiving foster care service and their age distribution are tabulated below:

Age	Number of children receiving foster care service ^[Note 1]
Newborn to below 6	385
6 to below 12	319
12 to below 18	139
18 or above ^[Note 2]	1
Total	844

^[Note 1] Statistics as at 31 December 2023.

^[Note 2] Under exceptional circumstances, children receiving foster care service may extend their stay after reaching 18 years old.

- (2) According to the statistics as at 31 December 2023, the average waiting time for foster care service was about 2 months. This figure only referred to cases that were successfully matched within a 3-month period but not difficult cases in matching. The number of waitlisted children and their age distribution are tabulated below:

Age	Number of waitlisted children ^[Note]
Newborn to below 6	223
6 to below 12	66
12 to below 18	3
Total	292

[Note] Statistics as at 31 December 2023.

- (3) The number of foster families and the age distribution of foster parents are tabulated below:

Age	Number of foster families ^[Note]
25 to 40	33
41 to 50	150
51 to 55	130
56 to 60	201
Above 61	455
Total	969

[Note] Statistics as at 31 December 2023.

The Social Welfare Department (SWD) does not have information on the income distribution of foster families.

- (4) To enhance support for foster care service, the Government will increase the incentive payment for foster families and provide additional professional support for foster families caring for children with special learning or care needs, in order to attract more families to provide foster care service. While an addition of 100 foster care places has been provided in 2023-24, SWD will keep in view the utilisation and development of foster care service and make full use of existing resources to continue increasing 80 service places in phases. The time required for matching a child with a suitable foster family varies and depends on multiple factors, such as the characteristics of the child and the circumstances of the case, whether the foster family can meet the special needs of the child, the birth family's choice of region and the foster family's personal preferences. Therefore, the potential reduction in the average waiting time cannot be estimated.
- (5) Increasing the incentive payment for foster families involves an additional annual expenditure of about \$144 million. SWD will provide additional resources for non-governmental organisations providing foster care service to hire an additional 12 Assistant Social Work Officers to facilitate the implementation of a series of enhancement measures for foster care service.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(W)177

(Question Serial No. 2018)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Charmaine LEE)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

It is stated in the Budget Speech that the number of community care service vouchers (CCSVs) for the elderly will be increased to 11 000 in 2024-25. In this connection, would the Government please inform this Committee of the following:

- (1) the number of beneficiaries in the third phase of the Pilot Scheme on CCSV for the Elderly (Pilot Scheme on CCSV), along with the amount of subsidy granted and the actual staffing establishment (SE) involved;
- (2) the estimated number of beneficiaries, as well as the amount of subsidy and actual SE involved, following the increase in the number of CCSVs; and
- (3) the service types covered by the CCSV Scheme for the Elderly (CCSV Scheme) and the names of service providers.
- (4) Will CCSV Scheme be expanded to cover more service types in order to encourage elderly persons to make good use of gerontechnology products?

Asked by: Hon TAN Yueheng (LegCo internal reference no.: 10)

Reply:

- (1) A total of 12 578 persons used CCSVs during the third phase of the Pilot Scheme on CCSV, which was funded by the Lotteries Fund with a revised estimates of \$1,000.2 million. The CCSV Office during the time had an SE of 22 posts, including those in the Social Work Officer and Clerical grades.
- (2) The Government will increase the number of CCSVs by 1 000 in 2024-25, bringing the total to 11 000, and will further increase the number to 12 000 in 2025-26. The annual expenditure involved will be about \$900 million. As the CCSV Scheme adopts the “money-following-the-user” principle, CCSV holders have the flexibility to determine when to use the services, as well as their choices of recognised service providers (RSPs) and service packages based on their needs. As RSPs are reimbursed for their actual costs under the CCSV Scheme, CCSV holders who have yet to use any services do not consume the resources of the Government or service providers, and will not hinder the distribution of CCSVs to other needy elderly persons by the Social Welfare Department (SWD). Therefore, SWD can distribute more CCSVs than the quota allows, thus

enabling more eligible elderly persons to receive services without having to wait. In 2024-25, the CCSV Office will have an SE of 26 posts, including those in the Social Work Officer and Clerical grades.

- (3) RSPs under the CCSV Scheme provide day care service, home care service and mixed mode services (i.e. both day care and home care services). The list of RSPs under the scheme in 2023-24 is provided at Annex.
- (4) The Government expanded the scope of CCSVs to cover the rental of assistive technology products in September 2023, so as to enhance the quality of life for elderly persons and alleviate the burden on carers.

List of RSPs under the CCSV Scheme in 2023-24 (as at end-December 2023)

Organisation	RSP
Agatha Corporation Limited	Ann Health Services
Evercare Health Limited	Evercare Home Care Services
Hello Toby Technology (HK) Limited	Allied First
Kerry Fung & Associates Limited	Centre for Holistic Healthcare – Integrated Services
Senior Care Elderly Limited	Senior Care (Fuk Kwan) Elderly Care Home cum Elderly Day Care Centre
Silvermorph Charity Limited	Silvermorph Charity Limited
The Lok Sin Tong Benevolent Society, Kowloon	Lok Sin Tong Chu Ting Cheong Home for the Aged
Association for Engineering and Medical Volunteer Services	Association for Engineering and Medical Volunteer Services
Renhe Professional Nursing Services Limited	Renhe Professional Nursing Services Limited
Yan Oi Tong Limited	Yan Oi Tong (Tuen Mun) Community Care Service Voucher for the Elderly - Day Care Unit
	Yan Oi Tong Clarea Au Eldergarten
	Yan Oi Tong (Yuen Long) Community Care Service Voucher for the Elderly - Day Care Unit
	Yan Oi Tong (Yau Oi) Community Care Service Voucher for the Elderly - Day Care Unit
Yan Chai Hospital Social Services Department	Yan Chai Hospital Community Care Service for the Elderly
	Yan Chai Hospital Suen Choi To May Integrated Community Development Centre
	Yan Chai Hospital Fung Ying Seen Koon Integrated Community Development Centre
	Yan Chai Hospital Fung Ying Seen Koon Luen Wo Integrated Community Development Centre
	Yan Chai Hospital Mrs. Annie Chan Social Centre For The Elderly
	Yan Chai Hospital Yim Tsui Yuk Shan Active Mind Centre
	Yan Chai Hospital Wan Shing Memorial Social Centre for the Elderly
Yan Chai Happy Home Living Limited	

Organisation	RSP
I Passion Limited	I Passion (Touch) Day Care Centre
	I Passion (Rica) Day Care Centre
	I Passion (On Sum) Day Care Centre
Tin Tin Home for the Aged Limited	GY Care (Tuen Mun)
Sincerity Rehabilitation Service Group Limited	Virtue Club & Sincerity Rehabilitation Center
	Virtue Club Tuen Mun Outreaching Support and Rehabilitation Center
Psybridge Medical Services Limited	Silver Blossoms
Siu Yat Nursing Care Limited	Siu Yat Nursing Care Limited
	Siu Yat Nursing Care Limited (Tai Po)
Nu Pro (Asia) Limited	Nu Pro (Asia) Limited
On Fuk Nursing Home Limited	On Fuk Nursing Home Limited
	Tang Tat Day Care Centre For The Elderly
Bamboos Professional Nursing Services Limited	Bamboos Professional Nursing Services Limited - CCSV Home Care Unit
Pentecostal Church of Hong Kong	Fung Tak Care & Health Elderly Centre
Sai Kung District Community Centre	Sai Kung District Community Centre
Chi Lin Nunnery	Chi Lin Day Care Centre for the Elderly
Empower Health & Rehabilitation Centre Limited	Empower Health & Rehabilitation Centre Limited
Charmind Limited	Evergreen Nursing Home cum Day Care Centre
Quality HealthCare Nursing Agency Limited	Quality HealthCare Nursing Agency
Trustful Medical and Domestic Services Co. Limited	Trustful Medical and Domestic Services Co. Limited
	Trustful Healthcare Centre (ST)
Woopie Social Enterprises Limited	Woopie Club (North Point)
	Woopie Club Home Care Services Team
	Woopie Club (Sai Wan Ho)
	Woopie Club (Sha Tin)
	Woopie Club (Tuen Mun)
	Woopie Club (Kwun Tong)
	Woopie Club (Aberdeen)
	Woopie Club (Tai Po)
	Woopie Club (To Kwa Wan)
	Woopie Club (Tseung Kwan O)
	Woopie Club (Cheung Sha Wan)
	Woopie Club (Ma On Shan)
Woopie Club (Yuen Long)	
Tung Wah Group of Hospitals	Hua Fen Day Care Centre for the Elderly
	Chan Tat Chee Connect Community Support Centre for the Elderly
	Henry G. Leong Community Support Centre for the Elderly

Organisation	RSP
	Ma Cheng Shuk Ying Home for the Elderly-Home@Community Support Unit
	Top-Tact Home Care Services
	Spring of Life Community Support Unit for the Elderly
Delightful RCHE Limited	Yan Sin Elderly Service
On Golden Pond Limited	On Golden Pond (Main Street East) Day Care Centre
Senior Citizen Home Safety Association	Senior Citizen Home Safety Association
Home of the Elderly Consultancy Limited	Home of the Elderly Consultancy Limited
Po Leung Kuk	Po Leung Kuk Care Service for the Elders (Lam Tin)
	Po Leung Kuk Care Service for the Elders (Pak Tin)
	Po Leung Kuk Care Service for the Elders (Wan Hon)
	Po Leung Kuk Care Service for the Elders (Sha Tin)
	Po Leung Kuk Care Service for the Elders (Fu Cheong)
	Po Leung Kuk Care Service for the Elders (Sau Mau Ping)
	Po Leung Kuk Care Service for the Elders (Tung Chung)
	Po Leung Kuk Care Service for the Elders (Sai Wan)
	Po Leung Kuk Care Service for the Elders (Kai Ching)
	Po Leung Kuk Care Service for the Elders (Kwai Chung Estate)
	Po Leung Kuk Care Service for the Elders (Diamond Hill)
	Po Leung Kuk Care Service for the Elders (Tin Yan)
	Po Leung Kuk Care Service for the Elders (Ho Man Tin)
	Po Leung Kuk Care Service for the Elders (Sai Ying Pun)
	Po Leung Kuk Care Service for the Elders (Tak Tin)
	Po Leung Kuk Care Service for the Elders (Kwai Shing)
Po Leung Kuk Care Service for the Elders (Tai Kok Tsui)	
Po Leung Kuk Care Service for the Elders (Wong Chuk Hang)	

Organisation	RSP
	Po Leung Kuk Care Service for the Elders (Kowloon West)
	Po Leung Kuk Care Service for the Elders (Tuen Mun and Yuen Long)
	Po Leung Kuk Care Service for the Elders (Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing)
Mercy Medirehab Professional Group Limited	Mercy Medirehab Professional Group Limited
Florence Nightingale Home Health & Nursing Ltd	Florence Nightingale Home Health & Nursing Ltd
South Kwai Chung Social Service	South Kwai Chung Social Service Community Care Centre for the Elderly
Mastery Speech and Swallowing Clinic Limited	Mastery Speech and Swallowing Clinic Limited
Cedar Seeds Foundation Limited	Gracious Alliance Rehabilitation Services
Active Global Specialised Caregivers (Hong Kong) Pte Ltd	Active Global Specialised Caregivers (Hong Kong) Pte Ltd
Mie King Home for Aged Limited	Mie King Home for Aged Limited
OK Care Limited	OK Care Limited
Hygiene First Company Limited	Hygiene First Company Limited
Heung Hoi Ching Kok Lin Association	Elderly Community Care Services Day Care Centre (North District)
The Hong Kong Chinese Women's Club	Yau Tong Day Care Centre for the Elderly
Chinese YMCA of Hong Kong	CYMCA Community Support Services for the Elderly - Chai Wan Neighbourhood Elderly Centre
	CYMCA Community Support Services for the Elderly - Tin Ping Care and Attention Home for the Elderly
Aberdeen Kai-fong Welfare Association Social Service Centre	Southern District Integrated Elderly Service Centre
Hong Kong Outreach Therapy and Nursing Services Limited	Hong Kong Outreach Therapy and Nursing Services Limited
Caritas - Hong Kong	Caritas Mutual Help Project (Day Care Centre)
	Caritas Jockey Club Integrated Day Services Centre for the Elderly
The Women's Welfare Club (Eastern District) Hong Kong	The Women's Welfare Club (Eastern District) Hong Kong Ng Siu Mui Home Joyful Garden
Hong Kong Old Age Nursing Association Limited	Fu Shan Day Care Elderly Centre

Organisation	RSP
Hong Kong Family Welfare Society	Hong Kong Family Welfare Society Lee Foo Service Centre
	Hong Kong Family Welfare Society Oi Tung Service Centre
	Hong Kong Family Welfare Society Cheung Hang Service Centre
Hong Kong Baptist Mr. & Mrs. Au Shue Hung Rehabilitation & Healthcare Home Ltd	The Wonderland Day Centre
The Hong Kong Society for the Aged	SAGE Mrs Y K Fung Home for the Elderly
	SAGE Mrs Wong Yee Jar Jat Memorial Home for the Elderly
	SAGE Shek Wai Kok Home for the Elderly
	SAGE Quan Chuen Home for the Elderly
	SAGE Madam Ho Sin Hang Home for the Elderly
	SAGE Kai Yip Home for the Elderly
	SAGE Tung Lin Kok Yuen Home for the Elderly
Hong Kong Young Women's Christian Association	Y Care (Yau Yat Chuen)
	Y Senior Care
	NWS Y Care (North District)
	YWCA Jockey Club Y Care Elderly Centre (Sha Tau Kok)
Hong Kong Women Development Association Limited	Hong Kong Women Development Association Day Care Centre for the Elderly
The Hong Kong Society for Rehabilitation	Cheng Tak Yim Day Rehabilitation and Care Centre
Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui Welfare Council Limited	H.K.S.K.H. Cyril and Amy Cheung Aged Care Complex
	H.K.S.K.H. Centre of Wellness (East Kowloon)
	H.K.S.K.H. Lady MacLehose Centre Cheung Hing Wah Charitable Foundation Cheung Hang Rehabilitation Centre - Home Care Link
	H.K.S.K.H. Western District Elderly Community Centre
Hong Kong Lutheran Social Service, Lutheran Church - Hong Kong Synod Limited	Lutheran Community Care Service Voucher Centre for the Elderly
	Lutheran Kwai Tsing Community Care Service Voucher Centre for the Elderly

Organisation	RSP
	HKLSS Community Care Service Voucher Centre for the Elderly (Kowloon City & Yau Tsim Mong) (Mr & Mrs Lawrence Wong Lutheran Rehabilitation and Care Centre)
	Lutheran Tseung Kwan O Community Care Service Voucher Centre for the Elderly
Hong Kong Dandelion Association Limited	Hong Kong Dandelion Association Limited
Hong Kong Alzheimer's Disease Association	Hong Kong Alzheimer's Disease Association Brain Health Centre
	Hong Kong Alzheimer's Disease Association Tseung Kwan O Integrated Service Centre
	Hong Kong Alzheimer's Disease Association Jean Wei Centre
	Hong Kong Alzheimer's Disease Association Gene Hwa Lee Centre
Hong Kong Employment Development Service Limited	Grace Elderly Care Service
	Grace Elderly Care Service (Yuen Long)
Hong Kong Healthcare Market Research and Consulting Limited	Nurse HK Professional Nursing Service
Supreme Care Limited	Supreme Care Limited
Rehabvibe Medical Service Company Limited	Rehabvibe
Grateful Life Experience Centre	Grateful Life Home Care Service Team
Tri Tech Corporation Ltd.	Yi Wo Yuen Day Care Centre for The Elderly
Baptist Oi Kwan Social Service	Yee Tsuen Integrated Health Service Centre
	Yee Wui Integrated Health Service Centre
	Yee Lok Integrated Health Service Centre
	Jordan Elderly Centre
	Yee Chi Home-Based Cognitive Training and Day Care Centre
Renascence Medical Limited	Renascence Integrated Rehabilitation Centre
PA Company Limited	Jockey Club CADENZA Hub
Kin Pak Nursing Home Limited	Kin Pak Nursing Home Limited
V-Professional Nursing Centre	V-Professional Nursing Centre
International Church of the Foursquare Gospel Hong Kong District Limited	Care Navigate
Christian & Missionary Alliance Church Union Hong Kong Limited	C & MA Tsui Lok Good Neighbours Centre for the Elderly
	C & MA Riviera Gardens Elderly Learning Centre

Organisation	RSP
Evangelical Lutheran Church Social Service - Hong Kong	ELCHK, Tuen Mun West Day Care Centre for the Elderly
	ELCHK, Smart Club
	Grace Court Day Care Centre for the Elderly
	ELCHK, Lutheran Healthy Aging Club
The Tsung Tsin Mission of Hong Kong Social Service	Carewell-Home Care Services
Christian Family Service Centre	Mind Delight Memory and Cognitive Training Centre
	Lively Elderly Day Training Centre
	D & O Service - CAPD & Osteoporosis Care
	Vera R. Desai - Mind Delight Memory & Cognitive Training Centre
Haven of Hope Christian Service	Haven of Hope Lok Wah Day Care Centre for the Elderly
	Haven of Hope Day Care Cum Rehabilitation Centre for Elderly (HK East)
	Haven of Hope Tsui Lam Day Training Centre for the Elderly
	Haven of Hope Day Memory Care Centre for Elderly (HK West)
	Haven of Hope Community Care Service Centre for the Elderly
Professional Physiotherapy and Chinese Medicine Centre Limited	Professional Physiotherapy and Chinese Medicine Centre Limited
Health & Young (Hong Kong) Limited	The Longevity (HK) Home for the Aged
	Medipoint (Hong Kong)
Health & Young Limited	The Longevity Home for the Aged
	Medipoint
Healthy Link Corporation Limited	Jubilant
Care U Professional Nursing Service Limited	Care U Professional Nursing Service Limited
From Heart Escort Co., Limited	From Heart Professional Services
The Salvation Army	The Salvation Army Tai Po Community Care Service Voucher Scheme for the Elderly
	The Salvation Army Mongkok Community Care Service Voucher Scheme for the Elderly
Prestige Union Care Limited	Prestige Union Care Limited
Lucky Stable Limited	Neighbourhood Day Care

Organisation	RSP
Pok Oi Hospital	Pok Oi Hospital Day Care Centre for the Elderly (Tuen Mun)
	Pok Oi Hospital Day Care Centre for the Elderly (Sham Shui Po)
	Pok Oi Hospital Day Centre for the Elderly (Yuen Long)
Senior Care Nursing Home Limited	Senior Care (Tai Wah) Elderly Care Home cum Elderly Day Care Centre
Senior Care Limited	Senior Care (Man Kee) Elderly Care Home cum Elderly Day Care Centre
Methodist Epworth Village Community Centre, Social Welfare	Epworth Elderly Day Care Centre
Methodist Centre	Methodist Community Care Centre (Eastern)
	Methodist Kin Lok Centre
	Methodist Rejoice Centre
	Methodist Ap Lei Chau Centre
	Methodist Cheer Centre
	Methodist Agile Mind Centre
Yang Memorial Methodist Social Service	Methodist Grace Centre
	East Kowloon Community Care Service
	West Kowloon Community Care Service
	Senior Citizen Cognitive Training Centre
	Oi Man Neighbourhood Elderly Centre
Choi Wan Community Care Service	
Wise Creation Holding Limited	Oasis Day Care Centre
Spark Medical Limited	Spark Medical Limited
Ho Hok Fong Co. Limited	Paired Community Care Service for the Elderly
Wah Fung Nursing Centre Limited	Wah Fung Nursing Centre Limited
CHG Health Service Limited	CHG Health Service Limited
Alice Ho Miu Ling Nethersole Social Service Limited	Nethersole Outreaching Rehabilitation Mission
Shun Yan Elderly Centre Limited	Shun Yan Elderly Centre Limited
Sik Sik Yuen	Ho Hing Health Care Services Centre (Sponsored by Sik Sik Yuen) 'Love@Home' Elderly Community Care Services
	Ho Ning Health Care Services Centre (Sponsored by Sik Sik Yuen) 'Love@Home' Elderly Community Care Services
	Ho Yam Care and Attention Home for the Elderly (Sponsored by Sik Sik Yuen) 'Love@Home' Elderly Community Care Services

Organisation	RSP
Going Home Nursing Care Limited	Going Home Nursing Care Limited
Home & Hope Services Limited	Home & Hope Services Limited
Oi Kwan Care for the Aged Home Limited	Oi Kwan Care for the Aged cum Day Care Centre for the Elderly (Branch 1)
	Oi Kwan Care for the Aged cum Day Care Centre for the Elderly
Tsz Hong Professional Service Limited	Tsz Hong Professional Service Limited
Chi Wah Elderly Home Limited	Chi Wah Elderly Home Limited
New Page Speech Therapy & Rehab Consultancy Ltd	New Page Speech Therapy & Rehab Consultancy Ltd
N.T. Women & Juveniles Welfare Association Ltd	New Territories Women & Juveniles Welfare Association Community Care Centre for the Elderly
New Town Medical Care Limited	New Town Medical Care Limited
Sparkle Healthcare Company Limited	Sparkle Healthcare Company Limited
St. Paul's Hospital	St. Paul's Hospital Elderly Day Care Centre
St. James' Settlement	E · Home Plus
	Joyful Community Care
	Kin Chi Dementia Care Support Service Centre (Wan Chai)
Eden Elder Care Specialists Limited	EDEN HOME Professional Care Services
GC System	Happy Home Support
Ka Mei Elderly Care Centre Limited	Care Well Day Care Centre
Kato (Hong Kong) Holdings Limited	Fai-To Sino-West Combined Home for the Aged
	Ka Shui Garden Day Care Centre (Hung Hom)
	Kato Home for the Elderly
	Pine Villa
	Ka Shui Garden Day Care Centre (Tsuen Wan)
Fook Yen Home for the Aged Limited	Fook Yen Home for the Aged Limited
Wai Ying Investment Limited	Evergreen (Tsz Ching) Nursing Home Cum Day Care Centre
	Evergreen (Pratas Street) Nursing Home
	Evergreen (Kwai Chung Estate) Nursing Home
	Evergreen (On Tai) Nursing Home cum Day Care Centre
Step Forward Para-Medical Services	Step Forward Para-Medical Services
Devco Technology Limited	Unicare 360
LHK Social Service Limited	LHK Day Care Centre - Cordial Place
Shining Social Services Limited	Shining Home Care Service
	Amity Social Care Services
	Amity Social Care Services (Shatin)
	Amity Social Care Services (North)

Organisation	RSP
Walking Easy	Integrated Rehabilitation & Care Centre for Elderly
The Neighbourhood Advice-Action Council	Shamshuipo District Community Care Service Centre for the Elderly
	Shatin District Community Care Service Centre for the Elderly
Hope Worldwide	HOPE Worldwide Elderly Care Service Company Limited
Chak Oi Company Limited	GY Care (Sham Shui Po)
Jackson Elderly Care Limited	GY Care (Aberdeen)
E.T. Investment Limited	Olive Nursing Home cum Day Care Unit for the Elderly
	Oasis Nursing Home
	Oasis Home Care Team
	Hygge Living Rehabilitation Centre
Treasure Tree Health & Nursing Limited	Treasure Tree Health & Nursing Limited
Hong Chi Culture & Media Limited	Yi Wo Yuen Day Care Centre for the Elderly(Kowloon)
Doctor Now Limited	DoctorNow Home
Caregivers Alliance (Home) Limited	Caregivers Alliance (Home) Limited
Spark Plus Company Limited	Spark Plus Company Limited

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(W)178

(Question Serial No. 2061)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Charmaine LEE)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Under Programme (1) of Head 170, it is mentioned in Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2024-25 that the Department will extend the After School Care Programme for Pre-primary Children (ASCP(PC)) in phases to cover all 18 districts in Hong Kong. In this connection, please inform this Committee of the following:

1. What are the projected number of places for each phase, and what are the specific plans for the phased extension?
2. What is the estimated expenditure and manpower involved in each phase?
3. What is the division of labour and workflow regarding assessment, support, and other relevant work?

Asked by: Hon TANG Ka-piu (LegCo internal reference no.: 19)

Reply:

- 1 & 2. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) will extend ASCP(PC) to cover all districts in Hong Kong in phases within a period of 3 years starting from 2024. The number of centres participating in ASCP(PC) will increase from 16 to 28, while the number of places will increase from 672 to 1 176. The additional annual expenditure involved is about \$14.2 million. SWD will invite non-governmental organisations to submit proposals, and plans to launch the first phase of service extension in the first quarter of 2025.
3. The staffing establishment of each centre of ASCP(PC) includes 1 Assistant Social Work Officer and 2 supporting staff. Subject to their compliance with the requirements of the Funding and Service Agreements, service operators may flexibly deploy resources and employ staff to achieve the service output and outcome required. SWD will follow up with the selected service operators regarding the specific implementation details including assessment and related supportive work, and keep in view the progress of service extension and implementation.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(W)179

(Question Serial No. 2062)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): ()
Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Charmaine LEE)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

It is mentioned in Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2024-25 that the Department will increase the maximum level of Child Care Centre Parent Subsidy to alleviate parents' financial burden. In this connection, please inform this Committee of the following:

1. How many families stand to benefit from increasing the maximum level of the subsidy and what is the estimated expenditure involved?
2. Will the Department continue to increase the maximum level of the subsidy in the future?

Asked by: Hon TANG Ka-piu (LegCo internal reference no.: 20)

Reply:

- 1 & 2. Starting from April 2024, the Child Care Centre Parent Subsidy will be increased from a maximum of \$600 to \$1,000 per month. This subsidy applies to all aided standalone child care centres (CCCs) and CCCs attached to kindergartens. It is estimated that this measure will benefit about 10 000 parents and children each year, with an additional annual recurrent expenditure of approximately \$68.75 million. Where financial conditions permit, the Government will consider different options to support parents who are temporarily unavailable to take care of their children due to work or other reasons.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(W)180

(Question Serial No. 2063)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Charmaine LEE)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

It is mentioned in Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2024-25 that the Department will strengthen the home-based child care service under the Neighbourhood Support Child Care Project (NSCCP) and increase the level of incentive payment for home-based child carers and the number of places. In this connection, please inform this Committee of the following:

1. the number of home-based child carers, their average age and salary, and the number of training places in the past year;
2. the average number of children under the care of each home-based child carer in the past year; and
3. the estimated increase in expenditure.

Asked by: Hon TANG Ka-piu (LegCo internal reference no.: 21)

Reply:

1. As at December 2023, there were 1 770 home-based child carers under NSCCP. The age distribution of these carers is as follows:

Age group	Number of home-based child carers
20 or below	3
21-30	34
31-40	169
41-50	392
61-60	465
61 or above	707
Total	1770

The current incentive payment for home-based child carers is set at the standard rate of \$25 per hour. According to the Service Agreement (SA) signed between the Social Welfare Department (SWD) and NSCCP operators, the operators are required to provide home-based child carers with regular and appropriate training. Since SWD has not imposed a limit on the number of home-based child carers and the actual number of carers fluctuates over time, SWD has not specified a fixed number of training places for home-based child carers.

2. According to the SA signed between SWD and NSCCP operators, each home-based child carer can only care for up to 3 children under the age of 9 at the same time, including the carer's own children.
3. Starting from April 2024, SWD will increase the incentive payment for home-based child carers under NSCCP. The number of places under NSCCP will also be increased starting from the fourth quarter of 2024. These measures will incur an additional annual recurrent expenditure of about \$293.3 million.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(W)181

(Question Serial No. 2064)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Charmaine LEE)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

It is mentioned in Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2024-25 that the Department will set up a Residential Child Care Centre (RCCC) to increase the number of emergency residential child care service places. In this connection, please inform this Committee of the following:

1. Please provide details regarding the estimated expenditure for establishing the RCCC, including the location of the premises, the ancillary facilities to be purchased, the internal floor area of the premises, and the estimated timeframe for the commencement of services.

Asked by: Hon TANG Ka-piu (LegCo internal reference no.: 22)

Reply:

1. The RCCC to be set up in 2024-25 will be located in Tuen Mun, with an internal floor area of about 675 square metres. It will be equipped with ancillary facilities suitable for providing training and services for children below the age of 6. The estimated annual operating expenditure is about \$28.56 million, and it is expected to commence operation by the end of 2024.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(W)182

(Question Serial No. 2065)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Charmaine LEE)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

It is mentioned in Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2024-25 that the Social Welfare Department (SWD) will continue to implement the Scheme on Living Allowance for Carers of Elderly Persons from Low-income Families (the Scheme for Carers of Elderly Persons). In this connection, please inform this Committee of the following:

1. Since the implementation of the Scheme for Carers of Elderly Persons, what are the number of beneficiaries and the growth in expenditure? What are the outcomes of the scheme?
2. In 2024-25, how much funding does the Government plan to allocate to support carers of elderly persons from low-income families? What specific measures will be implemented?

Asked by: Hon TANG Ka-piu (LegCo internal reference no.: 23)

Reply:

1. The Government launched the Scheme for Carers of Elderly Persons on a pilot basis from June 2014 to September 2023, and has converted it into a regular measure since October 2023. The actual expenditure ^{Note} on the Scheme for Carers of Elderly Persons, calculated for a full financial year, increased by about 44.5% from \$53.35 million in 2015-16 to \$77.11 million in 2022-23. During the period from the pilot scheme's launch until December 2023, a cumulative total of 9 645 carers of elderly persons have benefitted. According to the Report of Consultancy Study on Needs and Support Required of Carers of Elderly Persons and of Persons with Disabilities in Hong Kong submitted by the Consulting Team from the Hong Kong Polytechnic University to the Labour and Welfare Bureau in May 2022, the allowance for carers of elderly persons can alleviate their financial burden. The majority of surveyed carers and stakeholders supported the continuous provision of the living allowance to carers from low-income families, and considered the allowance as recognition of the contribution made by carers of elderly persons to both society and their families.
2. The Scheme for Carers of Elderly Persons aims to provide carers of elderly persons from low-income families with a living allowance to help supplement their living expenses, so that elderly persons in need of long-term care services may, with their carers'

assistance, receive more proper care and continue to live in a familiar community. Each eligible carer of elderly person can receive a monthly allowance of \$3,000. If the carer has to take care of more than one elderly person at the same time, the maximum allowance will be \$6,000 per month. The scheme is expected to benefit about 5 000 carers annually, involving an annual funding of \$215.8 million.

Currently, SWD has engaged 214 subvented elderly centres across the territory to act as approved service providers for the Scheme for Carers of Elderly Persons. These centres provide essential support and follow-up services for elderly persons and their carers, such as organising training programmes, conducting home visits, and providing emotional counselling to carers of elderly persons as required.

^{Note} The actual expenditure comprises the combined sum of the allowance provided and the service fees paid to approved service providers.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(W)183

(Question Serial No. 2066)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Charmaine LEE)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Under Programme (3), it is mentioned that the Department will explore the expansion of the Residential Care Services Scheme in Guangdong (GDRCS Scheme) to include residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs) operated by Mainland entities. In this connection, please inform this Committee of the following:

1. Please provide the number of elderly persons receiving Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) and residing in private residential care homes (with a breakdown by age and disabling condition), their duration of stay and average CSSA payment in the past 5 years.
2. Does the Government have any plans to implement measures to encourage more elderly CSSA recipients to choose retirement in the Greater Bay Area (GBA)?

Asked by: Hon TANG Ka-piu (LegCo internal reference no.: 24)

Reply:

1. The number of CSSA recipients aged 60 or above residing in non-subsidised residential care places (RCPs) from 2019-20 to 2023-24, broken down by level of disability, is set out in Table 1 of Annex. The monthly average CSSA payments received by singletons aged 60 or above residing in non-subsidised RCPs from 2020 to 2024, broken down by level of disability, are set out in Table 2 of Annex. The Social Welfare Department does not have the other information sought.
2. The Government has previously relaxed the eligibility criteria for service operators under the GDRCS Scheme to allow Hong Kong organisations, including non-governmental and private ones, with experience and a good track record in providing subsidised residential care services for the elderly to join the GDRCS Scheme as recognised service providers and apply for their RCHEs located in Mainland cities within the Greater Bay Area to be included in the GDRCS Scheme. The Government is currently exploring the expansion of GDRCS Scheme in 2024 to include specific RCHEs operated by Mainland entities, thereby providing more choices for elderly persons retiring in Mainland cities within the GBA. Based on the experience gained, the Government will explore ways to further assist elderly CSSA recipients in residing in RCHEs under the GDRCS Scheme.

Table 1: Number of CSSA recipients aged 60 or above residing in non-subsidised RCPs by level of disability from 2019-20 to 2023-24

Year	No. of recipients		
	50% disabled ^{Note}	100% disabled	Requiring constant attendance
2019-20	6	5 329	16 089
2020-21	6	4 802	15 752
2021-22	7	4 378	14 687
2022-23	15	3 925	13 926
2023-24 (as at end-December 2023)	12	3 874	14 436

Note Able-bodied recipients aged 65 or above and 50% disabled recipients aged 65 or above receive the same CSSA standard rate. For recipients aged between 60 and 64 before the eligible age for elderly CSSA was raised from 60 to 65 on 1 February 2019, those able-bodied and 50% disabled recipients received the same CSSA standard rate. Due to limitations in statistical compilation, the number of disabled CSSA recipients residing in non-subsidised RCPs excludes those aged 65 or above who are 50% disabled, as well as those aged between 60 and 64 who have received the CSSA standard rate for 50% disabled before 1 February 2019.

Table 2: Monthly average CSSA payments received by singletons aged 60 or above residing in non-subsidised RCPs by level of disability from 2020 to 2024

	Level of disability	1 February 2020 (\$) ^{Note 2}	1 February 2021 (\$) ^{Note 2}	1 February 2022 (\$) ^{Note 2}	1 February 2023 (\$) ^{Note 2}	1 February 2024 (\$) ^{Note 2}
Non-subsidised RCP	Able-bodied/ 50% disabled ^{Note 1}	7,793	8,203	8,466	9,087	9,346
	100% disabled	9,376	9,837	10,215	10,844	11,221
	Requiring constant attendance	12,147	12,669	13,156	13,923	14,434

Note 1 Persons aged 65 or above and those aged between 60 and 64 who have received elderly CSSA before 1 February 2019 receive the same CSSA standard rate irrespective of whether they are able-bodied or 50% disabled. Due to limitations in statistical compilation, the number includes able-bodied persons aged 65 or above, as well as able-bodied persons aged between 60 and 64 who have received elderly CSSA before 1 February 2019.

Note 2 CSSA payments are adjusted annually on 1 February in accordance with relevant mechanisms. The listed figures refer to the average payment amounts received by CSSA households when they do not have any other sources of income.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(W)184

(Question Serial No. 2067)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Charmaine LEE)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

It is mentioned in Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2024-25 under Programme (2) that the Department will continue to oversee the implementation of the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) Scheme and the Social Security Allowance (SSA) Scheme. In this connection, please inform this Committee of the following:

1. How many elderly CSSA recipients have passed away without being promptly discovered, resulting in the Government issuing additional CSSA payments? What was the amount of payment involved?
2. How many elderly persons living alone have died due to a failure to provide timely rescue? Among these elderly persons, how many died by suicide?
3. What measures will the Government take to reduce the number of deaths among elderly persons living alone due to a lack of timely detection and rescue?

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

Reply:

- 1 & 2. The Social Welfare Department does not have the information sought.
3. There are 41 District Elderly Community Centres and 173 Neighbourhood Elderly Centres (elderly centres) across the territory that provide support services for elderly persons and their carers at the district level, including community education, community networking, volunteer development and counselling services, etc. Each elderly centre also provides outreach, referral and support services for hidden and vulnerable elderly persons and carers. Through various outreach services and community networks, such as liaising with different neighbourhood networks and mobilising community members, the elderly centres and home care teams identify potentially vulnerable elderly persons and provide the required support services, such as home respite service, 24-hour emergency support, as well as carer support and training. Starting from late March 2024, the Government will engage the District Services and Community Care Teams in Tsuen Wan and Southern Districts on a pilot basis to help identify households of singleton and doubleton elderly, carers of elderly persons and carers of persons

with disabilities with welfare needs in these two districts, provide them with support and make referrals to welfare service units as appropriate, and assist needy households to install emergency alarm systems.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(W)185

(Question Serial No. 2069)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Charmaine LEE)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Paragraph 198 of the Budget Speech stated that the Government is committed to increasing the number of day rehabilitation, residential care and respite service places for persons with disabilities (PWDs). As at end-2023, the total number of service places had been increased to 36 400. The Government will also allocate funding of about \$130 million from the Community Care Fund to implement a 3-year pilot scheme starting from the third quarter of 2024 to provide an additional subsidy of \$500 per month for employed disabled recipients of the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) as an incentive for employment. The scheme is expected to benefit some 6 800 persons. In this connection, would the Government please inform this Committee of the following:

1. What are the number, and median and average wage of employed PWDs among CSSA recipients?
2. Has the Government conducted a comprehensive review of the employment situation of PWDs in different districts of Hong Kong and formulated a detailed research report to promote the employment of PWDs?
3. Will the Government consider increasing the amount of additional subsidy every year for the next 3 years?

Asked by: Hon TANG Ka-piu (LegCo internal reference no.: 27)

Reply:

1. As at the end of December 2023, the number of disabled CSSA recipients engaged in paid employment was 6 042. Due to limitations in statistical compilation, the figure includes the number of able-bodied persons aged 65 or above since able-bodied persons and 50% disabled persons aged 65 or above receive the same standard rate. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) does not have the other information sought in the question.
2. The Census and Statistics Department conducted a survey on PWDs and people with chronic diseases from 2019 to 2020 and published the results in the Special Topics Report No. 63, which included employment statistics related to PWDs. However, the report did not include figures broken down by district.

3. SWD is carrying out the preparatory work for implementing a 3-year pilot scheme in the third quarter of 2024 to provide an additional subsidy of \$500 per month for employed disabled recipients of CSSA. SWD will release the details of the pilot scheme before its implementation. The Government will evaluate the effectiveness of the pilot scheme in due course.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(W)186

(Question Serial No. 2070)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): ()
Programme: (2) Social Security
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Charmaine LEE)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

It is mentioned in Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2024-25 under Programme (2) that the Bureau will oversee the assistance provided to needy households referred by the Care Teams for installation of emergency alarm systems (EASs). In this connection, please inform this Committee of the following:

1. the specific number of Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) recipients who have been subsidised by the Social Welfare Department (SWD) for the installation of EASs, the names of the service providers who have provided services to the CSSA recipients, the number of installations handled by each service provider, and the costs involved.

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

Reply:

Under the CSSA Scheme, recipients aged 65 or above who are single or living in a family with other family members who cannot take care of him/her may apply from SWD for a special grant to meet the one-off installation fee or monthly service charges of EAS. Recipients aged 60 to 64 who are single or living in a family with other family members who cannot take care of him/her can also apply from SWD for the special grant if they are certified to be more than 50% disabled or suffering from such medical conditions which, in the opinion of a doctor of a public hospital or clinic, may develop into life threatening conditions and require immediate attention. As at the end of December 2023, 27 110 recipients were receiving the grant for EAS under CSSA. Since eligible CSSA recipients are free to choose a suitable EAS service provider for themselves, SWD does not have information on the service providers.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(W)187

(Question Serial No. 2071)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Charmaine LEE)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the regularisation of the Pilot Scheme on Professional Outreaching Team for Private Residential Care Homes for Persons with Disabilities (POT), please provide the following information:

1. What was the estimated expenditure and staffing establishment for the implementation of POT in the past 3 years? How effective was POT, and has it achieved the expected goals?
2. What is the estimated expenditure and staffing establishment for the implementation of POT in the coming year?

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

Reply:

The Social Welfare Department (SWD) launched a 4-year pilot scheme on POT in March 2019, providing free multi-disciplinary services rendered by POT service teams (service teams) for over 60 private residential care homes for persons with disabilities (RCHDs) across the territory. Members of the service teams include social workers, physiotherapists, occupational therapists, speech therapists, registered nurses (psychiatric) and clinical psychologists, etc. Service teams conduct professional clinical assessments, provide nursing consultation services, formulate individual or group rehabilitation training plans and provide various social and recreational activities for residents of private RCHDs to support their social and rehabilitation needs. In addition, service teams also provide consultations, training and support to family members of the service users and RCHD staff, in order to enhance the service quality of private RCHDs.

The pilot scheme has effectively improved the physical functions/mobility and self-care abilities, emotional and mental health, and social life of the residents of RCHDs, enhanced their quality of life by encouraging their participation in community activities, and strengthened the care and nursing skills of RCHD staff. In view of these positive outcomes, POT was regularised in March 2023 to continuously support the social and rehabilitation needs of the residents of private RCHDs.

The actual expenditure in the past 3 years (2020-21 to 2022-23), the revised estimate of expenditure for 2023-24 and the estimated expenditure for 2024-25 are set out at Annex. Subject to their compliance with the requirements of the Funding and Service Agreement, service operators may flexibly deploy resources and arrange suitable staffing. SWD does not have information on the staffing establishment of service units.

Expenditure on POT from 2020-21 to 2024-25

Year	Expenditure (\$ million)
2020-21 (Actual)	56.6
2021-22 (Actual)	67.0
2022-23 (Actual)	64.4
2023-24 (Revised estimate)	72.0
2024-25 (Estimate)	70.2

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(W)188

(Question Serial No. 2072)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Charmaine LEE)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

According to Programme (2), the Social Welfare Department (SWD) has established and published relevant key performance indicators (KPIs) on its website to ensure the provision of appropriate support to adult recipients of the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) and assist them in achieving self-reliance. However, the impact of the pandemic has resulted in these KPIs not meeting their targets in the past. In this connection, please inform this Committee of the following:

1. How many KPIs were achieved for each service centre in 2023? What were the manpower and expenditure involved in achieving these targets?
2. Has the Government considered reforming the programme to implement more proactive measures to facilitate the employment of CSSA recipients?

Asked by: Hon TANG Ka-piu (LegCo internal reference no.: 30)

Reply:

1. In January 2013, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) launched the Integrated Employment Assistance Programme for Self-reliance (IEAPS), under which non-governmental organisations (NGOs) are commissioned to provide services to able-bodied CSSA recipients to encourage and assist them in increasing their employability and securing paid employment. In April 2020, SWD enhanced the services to improve the effectiveness of NGO in providing the relevant services.

During the current contract period of employment support services (i.e. from 1 April 2020 to 30 September 2025), SWD has commissioned 26 NGOs to operate relevant services. The performance requirements and service performance of NGOs are provided at Annex. The revised estimated expenditure for relevant services was about \$160 million in 2023-24. SWD does not have information on the NGOs' manpower involved in operating employment support services.

2. Based on past experience, the causes of unemployment amongst able-bodied CSSA recipients vary, and may involve relatively deep-rooted personal behavioural and family issues, as well as factors such as the external economic environment (e.g. impact of the pandemic on the general economy, families and individuals). SWD will review the relevant services before existing contract expires.

**Performance requirements and service performance of NGOs
(as at 31 December 2023)**

Category of services	Performance requirements <i>(Performance requirements that NGOs are required to meet during the contract period from 1 April 2020 to 30 September 2025)</i>		Service performance <i>(Service performance of NGOs for the 45-month period from 1 April 2020 to 31 December 2023)</i>	
	Percentage of service recipients having secured employment or returned to mainstream schooling for at least 1 month	Percentage of service recipients having secured employment or returned to mainstream schooling for at least 3 months	Percentage of assisting service recipients to secure employment or return to mainstream schooling for at least 1 month	Percentage of assisting service recipients to secure employment or return to mainstream schooling for at least 3 months
Services for unemployed able-bodied CSSA recipients aged 15 to 64 ^[Note 1] <i>(represents the percentage of service recipients having secured paid employment ^[Note 2] or returned to mainstream schooling)</i>	25%	20%	21.9%	16.7%
Services for single parents and child carers on CSSA with their youngest child aged 12 to 14 ^[Note 1] <i>(represents the percentage of service recipients having secured paid employment with at least 32 working hours in a month)</i>	40%	30%	31.9%	25.7%

[Note 1] Able-bodied CSSA adults aged 60 to 64 may receive employment support services on a voluntary basis.

[Note 2] For unemployed able-bodied CSSA recipients aged 15 to 59, paid employment refers to employment with monthly earnings no less than the prescribed level (\$2,630 per month with effect from 1 February 2024) and working hours no less than 120 hours per month.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(W)189

(Question Serial No. 2073)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

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

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Charmaine LEE)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

It is mentioned in Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2024-25 under Programme (3) that the Government will continue to enhance support for carers such as promoting the Information Gateway for Carers (the Information Gateway) and the Designated Hotline for Carer Support (the Carer Hotline). In this connection, would the Government please inform this Committee of:

1. the monthly usage statistics of the Information Gateway and the number of registered users in the past year;
2. the number of cases handled by the Carer Hotline in the past year, broken down by case type; and
3. the specific measures to promote the Information Gateway and Carer Hotline, as well as the staffing establishment involved.

Asked by: Hon TANG Ka-piu (LegCo internal reference no.: 31)

Reply:

1. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) launched the Information Gateway on 30 November 2023, which covers information about services provided for elderly persons, persons with disabilities and their carers, caring skills, as well as community activities and resources for carers, etc. As at 29 February 2024, the Information Gateway has a hit rate of over 280 000. Registration is not required to use the Information Gateway.
2. SWD has commissioned the Tung Wah Group of Hospitals to launch the 24-hour Carer Hotline on 26 September 2023, with 30 phone lines answered by over 100 professional social workers on shift duties. As at 29 February 2024, the Carer Hotline has received a total of 12 957 calls. The nature and number of calls received by the Carer Hotline are set out at Annex.

3. SWD promotes and publicises the Information Gateway and Carer Hotline through various channels, so that elderly persons, persons with disabilities and their carers in need can obtain the necessary information and support. Specific promotional measures include producing Television and Radio Announcements in the Public Interest, posters, service leaflets and publicity materials; placing advertisements in newspapers, online media and public transportation; and organising various publicity events at the district level, etc. SWD undertakes the publicity work by deploying internal resources and hence no additional manpower is involved.

**Table 1: Nature of calls received by the Carer Hotline in 2023-24
(as at 29 February 2024)**

Nature of call	No. of calls
Emotional problem	4 332
Enquiry on community support services	3 093
Care issues	1 976
Financial problem	1 027
Health problem	578
Mental health problem	543
Enquiry on residential care services	427
Request for respite services	412
Family relationship problem	242
Housing/accommodation problem	145
Others	182
Total	12 957

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(W)190

(Question Serial No. 2074)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (000) Operational Expenses
Programme: Not Specified
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Charmaine LEE)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

In 2023-24, 177 non-governmental organisations (NGOs) are receiving government subventions for operating social welfare services in accordance with the Funding and Service Agreements (FSAs) that are specific to various service programmes. In this connection, please provide the following information:

1. Currently, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) is providing lump sum grant (LSG) subventions to these 177 NGOs, which collectively operate over 3 000 service units or projects. Please provide a breakdown of these NGOs by distinguishing between those operating medium to long-term projects (i.e. without a time limit) and those operating projects with a time limit (1 to 2 years, 2 to 5 years, 5 to 10 years, etc.), along with their respective percentages.
2. What are the changes in the above data when compared to that from 3 years ago?

Asked by: Hon TANG Ka-piu (LegCo internal reference no.: 32)

Reply:

- 1 & 2. As at the end of February 2024, SWD has signed a total of 344 FSAs with 177 NGOs (including 5 NGOs receiving subventions under the previous subvention mode). To ensure that subvented services align with the Government's policy objectives, SWD will specify the objectives, nature, content and target groups of the services in the FSAs. All subvented service units are required to comply with the relevant requirements and standards prescribed by SWD, including essential service requirements, output/outcome standards and service quality standards.

Prior to the implementation of the LSG Subvention System, SWD signed non-time-defined FSAs with NGOs under the previous subvention system. SWD conducts reviews for different services as needed and converts non-time-defined FSAs to time-defined FSAs upon service reviews for meeting the changing service needs and relevant requirements. Meanwhile, SWD has also been consolidating FSAs of similar service nature. As a result, there are currently both time-defined or non-time-defined FSAs, with the former accounting for a larger share. Details are tabulated below:

	Time-defined FSA		Non-time-defined FSA	Total
	3 years	5 years		
Number of FSAs (percentage)	64 (19%)	162 (47%)	118 (34%)	344 (100%)
	226 (66%)			

Compared to the situation at the end of 2021, the total number of FSAs has decreased by 159, with time-defined and non-time-defined FSAs reduced by 114 and 45, respectively.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(W)191

(Question Serial No. 2079)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): ()
Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Charmaine LEE)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

It is mentioned in Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2024-25 under Programme (1) that the Department will continue to enhance the training for practitioners in the relevant professions to facilitate early identification and handling of child abuse cases. In this connection, please provide the following information:

1. Regarding the training for relevant professionals, what are the specific timetable, the number of participants, and the expected effectiveness?
2. Have the relevant departments formulated a series of measures to ensure the proper protection of personal privacy for both the professional undergoing training and others involved in the training process?

Asked by: Hon TANG Ka-piu (LegCo internal reference no.: 37)

Reply:

1. The Government has set up an e-learning platform to provide training, reference materials and information for relevant professionals. The Child Protection Online Training comprises online self-learning training and webinars. Module 1 of the online self-learning training has been launched in February 2024 to provide training on the basic knowledge on child protection. Module 2 will be rolled out in phases after the enactment of the Bill and will cover the basic knowledge on the relevant legal and reporting matters related to the new legislation. In addition, the Government will also organise webinars to provide the professionals with enrichment programmes to discuss different topics related to child protection and to enhance cross-sectoral collaboration among professionals. Q&A sessions will also be included according to training needs to encourage interactive learning. The expenditure involved in training and promotion is about \$2.8 million.

Apart from the Child Protection Online Training, relevant bureaux/departments/organisations have been providing, and will continue to provide, professionals with training (including talks, seminars, workshops and online training, etc.) relating to child protection and their specific professions to enhance their knowledge and skills in handling suspected child abuse. The Social Welfare Department will also continue to collaborate with different government departments and organisations to enhance training for social workers and relevant professionals, in order to strengthen their capability for early identification and handling of suspected child abuse cases.

2. The Government has always attached great importance to the protection of privacy of personal data, and has formulated relevant measures to ensure that the personal data submitted through the aforementioned e-learning platform will be handled in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Personal Data (Privacy) Ordinance (Cap. 486). With the participants' knowledge and consent, the e-learning platform will collect the necessary personal data, specify the collection purpose and intended usage of the personal data, and advise participants how they may request access to or correction of the personal data provided. Unless permitted or required by law, the Government will not disclose the personal data of the participants to any third parties without their prior consent. All personal data provided by the participants through the e-learning platform will be kept confidential, and access to them is restricted to authorised personnel only.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(W)192

(Question Serial No. 3112)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Charmaine LEE)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

It is mentioned in Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2024-25 under Programme (1) that the Department will increase the incentive payment for foster families and provide additional support to foster families caring for children with special learning or care needs, including arranging early assessment and appropriate professional therapy and training. In this connection, would the Government please inform this Committee of the following:

1. What is the estimated additional expenditure involved in increasing the incentive payment for foster families?
2. How many children receive professional therapy and training each year? What types of therapy are involved? How do we determine whether the children's physical and mental well-being has improved through therapy? Is there any follow-up on the outcomes of therapy?

Asked by: Hon TANG Ka-piu (LegCo internal reference no.: 38)

Reply:

1. The additional annual expenditure involved in increasing the incentive payment for foster families is about \$144 million.
2. To strengthen support for foster care services, the Government will provide additional support to families caring for children with special learning or care needs by arranging foster children suspected to have special needs to receive early assessment and appropriate professional therapy or training, such as clinical psychological therapy, speech therapy, physiological therapy and occupational therapy. Caseworkers will maintain close contact with foster care workers to review and follow up on the progress of the foster children's treatment. The number of beneficiaries depends on the number of foster children with special learning or care needs.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(W)193

(Question Serial No. 1193)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): ()
Programme: (7) Young People
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Charmaine LEE)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

The Social Welfare Department (SWD) mainly provides family and child welfare services and programmes. It is mentioned in the 2023 Policy Address that the Government will roll out a School-based After School Care Service Scheme (the Scheme) in the 2023/24 school year. Non-governmental organisations (NGOs) will be engaged to run the services at the participating schools. The Scheme will be implemented on a trial basis in around 50 primary schools. In this connection, please provide the following information:

- (a) Please set out in a table the number of service places allocated for each primary school under the Scheme.
- (b) Please set out in a table the number of student beneficiaries and the amount of subsidy for each primary school under the Scheme as at 29 February 2024.
- (c) Has there been an evaluation of the effectiveness of the Scheme since its implementation? If yes, what are the details? Will SWD consider expanding the Scheme to all primary schools across the territory? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon TIEN Puk-sun, Michael (LegCo internal reference no.: 4)

Reply:

- (a) & (b) The Government implemented the Scheme in the 2023/24 school year. There are currently a total of 59 primary schools participating, offering a total of 2 915 service places. With an estimated total expenditure of \$99.02 million and an estimated total of 3 000 service places for students, the monthly average cost per service place under the Scheme is estimated to be about \$2,750. Breakdown figures of participating students and the amount of allowance to be provided are not yet available as some schools joined the Scheme some time after the start of the school year. The number of service places for each participating school is set out at Annex.
- (c) The Government will evaluate the effectiveness of the Scheme in due course, and determine its way forward based on the evaluation results and views from stakeholders.

Number of service places for each participating school under the Scheme

Participating school in the 2023-24 school year ^{Note 1}	Number of service places
Kowloon City	
S.K.H. Holy Cross Primary School	60
Oblate Primary School	60
S.K.H. Good Shepherd Primary School	55
St. Eugene de Mazenod Oblate Primary School	45
ELCHK Hung Hom Lutheran Primary School	60
Ma Tau Chung Government Primary School (Hung Hom Bay)	35
Farm Road Government Primary School	20
Kowloon Tong Government Primary School	30
Ma Tau Chung Government Primary School	8
Sub-total:	373
Yau Tsim Mong	
T.K.D.S Fong Shu Chuen School	45
Fresh Fish Traders' School	75
Jordan Road Government Primary School	60
CCC Wanchai Church Kei To Primary School	55
Canton Road Government Primary School	10
TWGHs Lo Yu Chik Primary School	40
Sub-total:	285
Sham Shui Po	
S.K.H. Kei Oi Primary School	60
S.K.H. St. Andrew's Primary School	75
Good Counsel Catholic Primary School	60
S.K.H. St. Clement's Primary School	65
Shamshuipo Kaifong Welfare Association Primary School	30
Li Cheng Uk Government Primary School	40
Fuk Wing Street Government Primary School	40
Sham Shui Po Government Primary School	45
S.K.H. St. Thomas' Primary School	50
S.K.H. Kei Fook Primary School	60
Sub-total:	525
Kwun Tong	
The Mission Covenant Church Holm Glad Primary School	60
HKTAYYI Chan Lui Chung Tak Memorial School	65
Sau Mau Ping Catholic Primary School	60
L.S.T. Yeung Chung Ming Primary School	82
Kwun Tong Government Primary School	35
Kwun Tong Government Primary School (Sau Ming Road)	65
Sub-total:	367

Participating school in the 2023-24 school year ^{Note 1}	Number of service places
Kwai Tsing	
S.K.H. Chu Oi Primary School	20
Salesian Yip Hon Primary School	60
CNEC Ta Tung School	25
Buddhist Lam Bing Yim Memorial School (Sponsored by HKBA)	40
Yan Chai Hospital Chiu Tsang Hok Wan Primary School	55
Cho Yiu Catholic Primary School	25
Tsuen Wan Trade Association Primary School	40
TWGHs Wong See Sum Primary School	30
Asbury Methodist Primary School	50
Salesian Yip Hon Millennium Primary School	30
TWGHs Chow Yin Sum Primary School	45
TWGHs Ko Ho Ning Memorial Primary School	60
Sub-total:	480
Tsuen Wan	
Tsuen Wan Public Ho Chuen Yiu Memorial Primary School	60
Holy Cross Lutheran School	70
Tsuen Wan Chiu Chow Public School	70
Ho Shun Primary School (Sponsored by Sik Sik Yuen)	60
C.C.C. Kei Wai Primary School	45
Hoi Pa Street Government Primary School	60
HKTA The Yuen Yuen Institute Shek Wai Kok Primary School	60
Sub-total:	425
Yuen Long	
Lions Clubs International Ho Tak Sum Primary School	60
Yuen Long Public Middle School Alumni Association Tang Ying Yip Primary School	60
Cumberland Presbyterian Church Yao Dao Primary School	60
TWGHs Leo Tung-hai Lee Primary School	60
S.K.H. Tin Shui Wai Ling Oi Primary School	60
Ho Ming Primary School (Sponsored by Sik Sik Yuen)	30
TWGHs Yiu Dak Chi Memorial Primary School (Yuen Long)	30
Chiu Yang Por Yen Primary School	60
Chinese Y.M.C.A Primary School	40
Sub-total:	460
Total:	2 915

Note 1 The participating schools in each district are listed based on their assigned serial numbers under the Scheme.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(W)194

(Question Serial No. 1196)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): ()
Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Charmaine LEE)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

The Social Welfare Department (SWD) is responsible for providing various day child care services, including the Neighbourhood Support Child Care Project (NSCCP) implemented since October 2011. NSCCP provides flexible home-based day child care service for families in their neighbourhood. In this connection, please provide the following information in table form for each of the past 3 financial years:

- (a) the number of children served under NSCCP in each district;
- (b) the number of home-based child carers participating in NSCCP in each district, as well as the number of training hours they have completed; and
- (c) the amount of subvention for each of the 18 service operators in all districts.

Asked by: Hon TIEN Puk-sun, Michael (LegCo internal reference no.: 7)

Reply:

- (a) & (b) The number of home-based child carers and the number of children served under NSCCP in the past 3 financial years, broken down by District Council (DC) district, are set out at Annex. According to the NSCCP Service Agreement signed between service operators and the Social Welfare Department (SWD), service operators are required to establish mechanisms for recruiting, assessing, screening and training home-based child carers, and for service matching. At present, home-based child carers are required to complete 4 hours of basic training. Social workers from the service operators are required to conduct monthly home visits to home-based child carers currently providing services, while child care workers will provide them with individual training/supervision. In addition, service operators are also required to continuously evaluate and follow up on the performance of home-based child carers to ensure service quality. As the training for home-based child carers is conducted by service operators, SWD does not have information on the number of training hours completed by home-based child carers.

- (c) The amount of subvention for NSCCP in the past 3 financial years is tabulated below. SWD does not have a breakdown of the expenditure on NSCCP by the 18 districts.

Year	Expenditure on NSCCP (\$ million)
2021-22 (Actual)	51.2
2022-23 (Actual) ^[Note 1]	28.3
2023-24 (Revised estimate) ^[Note 2]	107.7

^[Note 1] The decrease in expenditure for 2022-23 was due to the fact that part of the funding for 2022-23 was disbursed in 2023-24.

^[Note 2] The increase in expenditure for 2023-24 was due to the fact that part of the funding for 2022-23 was disbursed in 2023-24.

**Numbers of home-based child carers and children served under NSCCP
in the past 3 financial years by DC district**

District	2021-22		2022-23		April to December 2023	
	Number of home-based child carers	Number of children served	Number of home-based child carers	Number of children served	Number of home-based child carers	Number of children served
Central & Western	32	355	29	413	59	387
Eastern	58	428	59	326	103	329
Islands	88	498	83	468	100	397
Kowloon City	515	588	521	455	525	280
Kwun Tong	56	362	44	395	46	404
Kwai Tsing	55	619	72	679	82	495
North	70	482	61	446	78	400
Southern	26	283	27	171	30	422
Sai Kung	135	513	139	591	83	469
Sham Shui Po	49	1 011	57	842	59	706
Sha Tin	42	916	41	848	42	546
Tuen Mun	31	767	33	732	37	644
Tai Po	73	552	69	580	77	380
Tsuen Wan	56	514	63	645	77	380
Wan Chai	98	287	73	189	67	201
Wong Tai Sin	45	621	45	595	112	525
Yuen Long	72	1 309	65	1 151	67	879
Yau Tsim Mong	314	724	278	793	126	640
Total	1 815	10 829	1 759	10 319	1 770	8 484

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(W)195

(Question Serial No. 1198)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): ()
Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Charmaine LEE)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

One of the tasks of the Social Welfare Department (SWD) is to support carers. In late September last year, SWD launched the Designated Hotline for Carer Support 182 183 (the Carer Hotline), which is answered by professional social workers. The purpose of the Carer Hotline is to reduce stress and burden experienced by carers in their daily caregiving responsibilities. In this connection, would the Government please inform this Committee of the following:

- (a) the monthly number of cases received by the Carer Hotline as at 29 February 2024, presented in tabular form;
- (b) the types of services requested by callers, including but not limited to (i) enquiry/consultation service; (ii) emotional support; (iii) respite service; (iv) counselling service; and (v) emergency support service as at 29 February 2024, presented in tabular form;
- (c) the number of cases that required referrals or outreach visits upon receiving requests for assistance, as well as the average time taken to handle such cases, presented in tabular form;
- (d) the staffing of the Carer Hotline, broken down by month as at 29 February 2024, presented in tabular form; and
- (e) whether the effectiveness of the Carer Hotline has been evaluated; if yes, the details; if no, the reasons.

Asked by: Hon TIEN Puk-sun, Michael (LegCo internal reference no.: 9)

Reply:

- (a) The monthly number of calls received by the Carer Hotline as at 29 February 2024 is set out in Table 1 of Annex.
- (b) The services requested by callers as at 29 February 2024 are set out in Table 2 of Annex.
- (c) The numbers of referrals and outreach visits arranged via the Carer Hotline are detailed in Table 3 of Annex. In general, the service operator will reach the caller and provide services within 1 hour of receiving his/her call, and make referral within 1 day if follow-up services are required. SWD does not require the service operator to maintain the average time taken to handle such cases.

- (d) SWD has commissioned the Tung Wah Group of Hospitals to operate the 24-hour Carer Hotline, with 30 phone lines answered by over 100 professional social workers on shift duties. SWD does not have information on the monthly staffing situation of the Carer Hotline.
- (e) The service operator is required to provide the services specified in the relevant Funding and Service Agreement, which sets out the essential service requirements, as well as output and outcome standards. SWD will review the service operator's performance and service effectiveness under the existing Service Performance Monitoring System, and will maintain liaison with the service operator to continuously improve the services.

**Table 1: Number of calls received by the Carer Hotline in 2023-24
(as at 29 February 2024)**

26 September to 31 October 2023	November 2023	December 2023	January 2024	February 2024	Total
3 891	2 029	2 435	2 306	2 296	12 957

Table 2: Services requested by callers in 2023-24 (as at 29 February 2024)

Service type	Count of service ^{Note}
(i) Enquiry/consultation service	7 673
(ii) Emotional support	7 626
(iii) Counselling service	2 626
(iv) Respite service	16
(v) Emergency support service/outreach visit	14
Total	17 955

Note A caller may request for more than 1 type of service.

**Table 3: Number of referrals and outreach visits arranged via the Carer Hotline in 2023-24
(as at 29 February 2024)**

Service type	Number of cases
Referral service	374
Emergency support service/outreach visit	14
Total	388

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(W)196

(Question Serial No. 1202)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: Not Specified

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Charmaine LEE)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Subsidised social welfare services are currently provided by the Government through subventions to non-governmental organisations (NGOs) and subsidies to subvented/private operators in the form of contract service. In this connection, please provide the following information:

- (a) What are the current assessment criteria for NGOs bidding for subsidised welfare services?
- (b) Will the Department consider the track record and service quality of NGOs during the approval process? If yes, please provide details. If no, what are the reasons for that?
- (c) Will the Department regulate and evaluate the service quality of NGOs receiving subventions? If yes, please provide details. If no, what are the reasons for that?

Asked by: Hon TIEN Puk-sun, Michael (LegCo internal reference no.: 13)

Reply:

- (a) & (b) When the Social Welfare Department (SWD) launches new subvented services, it generally invites NGOs to submit proposals or selects suitable operators through competitive bidding, and formulates the marking scheme based on the objectives, nature and key performance indicators of individual services. Apart from price, the marking scheme mainly focuses on technical assessment (i.e. service quality). The scope of technical assessment usually includes the proposed operational mode, staffing arrangement, district networks and connections, quality assurance mechanism, contingency plans, complaint management mechanism, track records in supporting the Government's policies/initiatives, and value-added or innovative services. Generally speaking, the technical assessment does not require the applicant organisation to have relevant experience, but the assessment panel will take into consideration if the organisation has experience or track records in providing welfare services.
- (c) NGOs operating subvented services are required to put in place an effective internal monitoring mechanism to monitor and manage their service units properly for compliance with the requirements of Funding and Service Agreements (FSAs).

SWD reviews the operation of various services and monitor the performance of the service units in accordance with existing mechanisms. It also conducts scheduled or surprise visits by random selection to assess the NGOs' compliance with the terms and requirements of FSAs.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(W)197

(Question Serial No. 1074)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Charmaine LEE)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

There are concerns raised by persons with disabilities in Hong Kong regarding the insufficiency of welfare support provided to them, which is far from adequate to cover their daily living and medical expenses. In this connection, please provide the following information:

1. the respective rates of the Disability Allowance (DA) and the Higher Disability Allowance (HDA) in the recent 5 years; and
2. the expenses and median income of individuals eligible for the allowances in the recent 5 years.

Asked by: Hon TIK Chi-yuen (LegCo internal reference no.: 2)

Reply:

1. The monthly rates of Normal DA (NDA) and HDA under the Social Security Allowance Scheme from 2019-20 to 2023-24 are as below:

	Monthly rate	
	NDA	HDA
2019-20 (effective from 1 February 2019)	1,770	3,540
2020-21 (effective from 1 February 2020)	1,835	3,670
2021-22 (effective from 1 February 2021)	1,885	3,770
2022-23 (effective from 1 February 2022)	1,935	3,870
2023-24 (effective from 1 February 2023)	2,005	4,010

2. Disability allowance is non-means-tested. The Social Welfare Department does not have the information sought.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(W)198

(Question Serial No. 1078)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Charmaine LEE)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the Standardised Care Need Assessment Mechanism for Elderly Services (SCNAMES), please advise:

1. the annual number of cases arranged for assessment under SCNAMES, the number of cases having completed assessment under SCNAMES, the number of accredited assessors under SCNAMES, the number of cases for pre-appeal mediation and the number of appeal cases lodged by service users, the average number of cases handled by each assessor, and the average duration of case handling in days over the past 5 years, with a breakdown by service unit; and
2. please set out the following figures over the past 5 years in the table below:

Party lodging the appeal	No. of cases for pre-appeal mediation	No. of appeal cases
Service user		
Service provider (Residential care home for the elderly (RCHE))		
Service provider (community service unit)		

Asked by: Hon TIK Chi-yuen (LegCo internal reference no.: 6)

Reply:

The number of cases referred for standardised care need assessment, the number of assessments completed, the number of trained and accredited assessors, and the number of cases for pre-appeal mediation from 2019 to 2023 are set out in Annexes 1 to 4.

From 2019 to 2023, there were no appeal cases related to assessments under SCNAMES.

According to the Manual of Procedures on Registration and Allocation of Long Term Care Services, assessment is generally completed within 3 weeks. Apart from exceptional circumstances, assessors have been able to complete relevant assessments within the deadline in the past 5 years. Besides, the number of cases handled by each assessor may vary due to different factors, such as the referring office concerned, service type and service district, etc. Therefore, the average number of cases handled by each assessor is not available.

Number of cases referred for standardised care need assessment

Organisation	Service type	No. of cases				
		2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Social Welfare Department (SWD)	Placement Unit under Standardised Care Need Assessment Management Offices (Elderly Services) [SCNAMO(ES)]	5 717	5 049	6 064	6 349	6 284
	Medical Social Services Unit (MSSU)	3 442	3 007	3 902	3 819	4 388
	Integrated Family Service Centre (IFSC)	1 142	894	1 039	1 257	1 152
	Others (e.g. Family and Child Protective Services Unit (FCPSU))	300	312	485	97	93
Non-governmental organisations (NGOs)	Elderly Services Unit (e.g. District Elderly Community Centre (DECC), Neighbourhood Elderly Centre (NEC), Day Care Centre for the Elderly (DE), Integrated Home Care Services (IHCS) Team, etc.)	22 394	18 489	24 207	21 583	25 824
	IFSC	897	710	877	894	1 117
Hospital Authority (HA)	MSSU	3 182	2 976	3 212	3 349	3 401
Total		37 074	31 437	39 786	37 348	42 259

Number of standardised care need assessments completed

Organisation	Service type	No. of cases				
		2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
SWD	SCNAMO(ES)	16 012	11 526	15 916	13 584	16 854
	MSSU	3 259	2 782	3 837	3 867	4 573
	IFSC	1 055	789	1 482	1 067	1 131
	Others (e.g. FCPSU)	255	283	532	72	61
NGOs	Elderly Services Unit (e.g. DECC, NEC, DE, IHCS Team, etc.)	12 576	9 523	13 429	12 560	14 914
	IFSC	763	560	765	746	975
HA	MSSU	264	228	272	271	294
Total		34 184	25 691	36 233	32 167	38 802

Number of trained and accredited assessors

As at end-December 2019	As at end-December 2020	As at end-December 2021^{Note}	As at end-December 2022	As at end-December 2023
3 467	3 469	1 982	2 094	2 334

^{Note} SWD has updated SCNAMES since July 2021, including updating the assessment tool from the Minimum Data Set-Home Care version 2.0 to the interRAI-Home Care version 9.3 and updating the service matching mechanism. Serving accredited assessors are required to complete a bridging training programme in order to use the updated assessment tool.

Number of cases for pre-appeal mediation

Party showing disagreement towards assessment results	No. of cases				
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Service user	36	24	41	31	52
Service provider (RCHE)	19	23	12	7	5
Service provider (community care service unit)	-	2	2	2	1
Total	55	49	55	40	58

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(W)199

(Question Serial No. 1079)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): ()
Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Charmaine LEE)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

For elderly persons who have been confirmed after assessment to have the needs for long term care (LTC) services, their applications may be put on a Central Waiting List for Subsidised LTC Services (CWL) to wait for provision of subsidised LTC services, i.e. residential care services (RCS) or community care services (CCS). In this connection, would the Government please inform this Committee of the following:

1. Among applicants waitlisted on CWL for subsidised residential care places for the elderly (RCPs), how many have withdrawn their applications or declined offers of placement in the past 5 years? Please provide a breakdown of the figures based on the reasons for withdrawal or declining offers.
2. Please provide the respective numbers of applicants assessed to be suitable for both RCS and CCS, suitable for RCS only and suitable for CCS only in the past 5 years.

Asked by: Hon TIK Chi-yuen (LegCo internal reference no.: 7)

Reply:

1. From 2019 to 2023, the number of elderly persons waitlisted for subsidised RCPs (including care-and-attention (C&A) places and nursing home (NH) places) who have withdrawn their applications while waiting is as follows:

2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
1 640	1 734	2 548	2 724	2 320

The Social Welfare Department (SWD) does not have information on their reasons for withdrawal.

From 2019 to 2023, the number of elderly persons waitlisted for subsidised RCPs (including C&A places and NH places) who have declined placement offers is as follows:

2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
2 333	2 259	3 390	3 451	2 676

SWD does not have information on their reasons for declining placement offers.

2. The number of elderly persons assessed as “RCS only”, “CCS only” and “dual option” from 2019-20 to 2023-24 are as follows:

LTC service matching	No. of elderly persons				
	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24 (as at end-December 2023)
Suitable for RCS	9 314	10 151	5 297	29 160	21 769
Suitable for CCS	309	267	4 377	8 115	6 196
Dual option	19 537	19 908	21 336	N.A. ^{Note}	N.A. ^{Note}

N.A. - Not applicable

^{Note} SWD has updated the Standardised Care Need Assessment Mechanism for Elderly Services (SCNAMES) since July 2021, including updating the assessment tool from the Minimum Data Set-Home Care version 2.0 (MDS-HC 2.0) to the interRAI-Home Care version 9.3 (interRAI-HC 9.3) and updating the service matching mechanism. Under the updated SCNAMES, “dual option” is no longer available.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(W)200

(Question Serial No. 1080)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): ()
Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Charmaine LEE)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the Pilot Scheme on Community Care Service Voucher (CCSV) for the Elderly (Pilot Scheme on CCSV), please provide:

1. the amount of funding, a breakdown of the subsidies, the number of recognised service providers (RSPs), the cumulative number of eligible applicants, the cumulative number of persons issued with CCSVs (broken down by age), the respective numbers of CCSV holders who have and have not used CCSVs, and the cumulative number of elderly persons who have left the Pilot Scheme on CCSV and their reasons for leaving during the first, second and third phases of the Pilot Scheme on CCSV;
2. the average time needed for elderly persons to be successfully issued with CCSVs after submitting applications, and the average time needed for them to successfully obtain services after being issued with CCSVs, since the launch of the Pilot Scheme on CCSV;
3. the respective numbers of CCSV holders (broken down by age groups of 65 to 74, 75 to 84 and 85 or above) under the first, second and third phases of the Pilot Scheme on CCSV, broken down by co-payment level, service value and service type; and
4. the numbers of service places and vacancies of different types of services provided by RSPs in each year (broken down by day care service and home care service), the full-year number of service users and the number of cases handled on an annual basis, with a breakdown by RSP; the number of service places, the number of elderly persons using CCSVs, the number of elderly persons who withdrew from the Pilot Scheme on CCSV, the number of invitation letters issued and the respective numbers of persons using the mixed mode and single mode of service in each year, with a breakdown by district; and the number of RSPs and number of service places and vacancy rates of different types of services in each year, with a breakdown by district, since the launch of the Pilot Scheme on CCSV.

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

Reply:

1. The information on various phases of the Pilot Scheme on CCSV is provided at Annex 1.

2. The Government made the CCSV Scheme permanent in September 2023. As at the end of December 2023, it took an average of about 11 days for elderly persons to be issued with CCSVs, counting from the time when the Social Welfare Department (SWD) received their applications. CCSV holders have the flexibility to determine when to use the services, as well as their choices of RSPs and service packages based on their needs. SWD does not have information on the time it takes for CCSV holders to use the services for the first time from the date of issuance of the CCSVs.
3. The number of CCSV holders under the first to third phases of the Pilot Scheme on CCSV, broken down by co-payment level and type of service, is provided at Annex 2. SWD does not maintain statistics on the age distribution of CCSV holders broken down by co-payment level.
4. The information on the CCSV Scheme after it has been made permanent (including the number of service places of various RSPs, the number of RSPs and their service places broken down by district, as well as the number of elderly persons using various service modes under the CCSV Scheme in 2023-24) is provided at Annex 3. As required by SWD, RSPs should disclose the latest information on their services on SWD's Elderly Information Website, including the number of service vacancies. SWD does not maintain statistics on the number of service places as RSPs update it from time to time. SWD does not have statistics on the number of elderly persons who left the CCSV Scheme, nor the number of invitation letters issued by district.

As the CCSV Scheme adopts the “money-following-the-user” principle, CCSV holders have the flexibility to choose RSPs and service packages based on their needs. In addition, RSPs may set their own service modes, service content and number of service places and submit them to SWD for approval. As RSPs are reimbursed for their actual costs under the CCSV Scheme, unused service places of RSPs do not consume the resources of the Government. Therefore, SWD does not maintain information on the vacancy rates of the service places of each RSP. It is undesirable for SWD to release the full-year number of service users broken down by service unit, as this would involve disclosing information about RSPs' operation.

Table 1: Approved commitment of the Lotteries Fund (allocated funding) for the Pilot Scheme on CCSV

Item	CCSV subsidy	Seed money Note 1	Publicity	Evaluation study	Total	Grand total
First phase (\$ million)	278.0	102.0	-	-	380.0	2,754.2
Second phase (\$ million)	921.3	133.0	0.5	1.4	1,056.2	
Third phase ^{Note 2} (\$ million)	1,271.0	47.0	-	-	1,318.0	

Note 1 Seed money is provided to RSPs for the purchase of vehicles and/or furniture and equipment required.

Note 2 The Government launched the Pilot Scheme on CCSV in September 2013 and made it permanent in September 2023.

Table 2: Number of RSPs and CCSV subsidy under the Pilot Scheme on CCSV

	Number of RSPs	CCSV subsidy (\$ million)
First phase	62	175.8
Second phase	179	695.6
Third phase ^{Note}	264	1,000.2

Note The Government launched the Pilot Scheme on CCSV in September 2013 and made it permanent in September 2023.

Table 3: Cumulative numbers of eligible applicants and persons issued with CCSVs under the Pilot Scheme on CCSV

	Cumulative number of eligible applicants	Cumulative number of persons issued with CCSVs			
		Aged 60 to 74	Aged 75 to 84	Aged 85 or above	Total
First phase	2 968	447	1 177	1 344	2 968
Second phase	12 217	1 949	4 097	6 108	12 154 ^{Note 1}
Third phase ^{Note 2}	19 923	3 340	6 311	10 169	19 820 ^{Note 3}

Note 1 Including 1 054 CCSV holders migrated from the first phase to second phase.

Note 2 The Government launched the Pilot Scheme on CCSV in September 2013 and made it permanent in September 2023.

Note 3 Including 6 159 CCSV holders migrated from the second phase to third phase.

Table 4: Numbers of CCSV holders who have and have not used CCSVs under the Pilot Scheme on CCSV

	Cumulative number of persons issued with CCSVs	Number of CCSV holders		Cumulative number of persons who have left the CCSV Scheme	
		who used CCSVs	who have yet to use CCSVs	who have used CCSVs	who have not used CCSVs
First phase	2 968	1 053	1	1 080	834
Second phase	12 154	4 379	1 780	3 289	2 706
Third phase ^{Note}	19 820	7 557	3 671	5 021	3 571

^{Note} The Government launched the Pilot Scheme on CCSV in September 2013 and made it permanent in September 2023.

Table 5: Number of elderly persons who left the Pilot Scheme on CCSV and their reasons for leaving

Reason for leaving the Pilot Scheme on CCSV	Number of persons		
	First phase	Second phase	Third phase ^{Note}
Natural turnover			
Will be/have been allocated with/ receiving subsidised community care services or subsidised/private residential care services	845	2 739	4 347
Deceased	298	1 808	3 412
Being taken care of by family members or domestic helpers, etc.	264	680	698
Others (e.g. hospitalisation, out of town, etc.)	106	473	135
Service-related			
No suitable RSPs/service packages	401	295	-
Total	1 914	5 995	8 592

^{Note} The Government launched the Pilot Scheme on CCSV in September 2013 and made it permanent in September 2023.

Table 1: Cumulative number of CCSV holders under the first phase of the Pilot Scheme on CCSV by co-payment level

Co-payment level ^{Note}	Number of persons
I	2 031
II	312
III	299
IV	53
V	273
Total	2 968

Note The amounts of co-payment payable by CCSV holders under the first phase of the Pilot Scheme on CCSV are set according to their affordability at 5 levels, namely (I) to (V) (i.e. \$500 (I), \$750 (II), \$1,000 (III), \$1,500 (IV) and \$2,500 (V)).

Table 2: Cumulative number of CCSV holders under the second phase of the Pilot Scheme on CCSV by co-payment level

Co-payment level ^{Note}	Number of persons
I	2 081
II	5 745
III	1 156
IV	1 173
V	208
VI	1 791
Total	12 154

Note The amounts of co-payment payable by CCSV holders under the second phase of the Pilot Scheme on CCSV are set according to their affordability at 6 levels, namely (I) to (VI) (i.e. 5% (I), 8% (II), 12% (III), 16% (IV), 25% (V) and 40% (VI) of the CCSV value). CCSV holders shall settle their service fees each month in accordance with the voucher value of the CCSVs they used and their corresponding co-payment percentages. The 5 types of CCSV values are set at \$4,130, \$5,970, \$7,460, \$8,380, \$9,870 per month in 2020-21.

Table 3: Cumulative number of CCSV holders under the third phase of the Pilot Scheme on CCSV by co-payment level

Co-payment level ^{Note}	Number of persons
I	2 854
II	10 047
III	1 715
IV	1 998
V	371
VI	2 835
Total	19 820

Note The amounts of co-payment payable by CCSV holders under the third phase of the Pilot Scheme on CCSV are set according to their affordability at 6 levels, namely (I) to (VI) (i.e. 5% (I), 8% (II), 12% (III), 16% (IV), 25% (V) and 40% (VI) of the CCSV value). CCSV holders shall settle their service fees each month in accordance with the voucher value of the CCSVs they used and their corresponding co-payment percentages. The CCSV values in 2023-24 range from \$4,290 to \$10,260 per month.

**Table 4: Number of CCSV holders under the Pilot Scheme on CCSV
by type of service used**

	Number of persons		
	Day care service	Home care service	Day care service and home care service
First phase ^{Note 1}		1 053	
Second phase	1 725	1 599	1 055
Third phase ^{Note 2}	2 199	3 950	1 408

Note 1 Under the first phase of the Pilot Scheme on CCSV, service providers could provide day care services (single mode) or mixed mode services but not home care service (single mode). SWD does not have information on the number of users under this phase by type of service.

Note 2 The Government launched the Pilot Scheme on CCSV in September 2013 and made it permanent in September 2023.

Table 1 : Number of service places under the CCSV Scheme by service provider in 2023-24 (as at end-December 2023)

Organisation	RSP	Number of service places	
		Day care service	Home care service
Agatha Corporation Limited	Ann Health Services	-	100
Evercare Health Limited	Evercare Home Care Services	-	150
Hello Toby Technology (HK) Limited	Allied First	-	100
Kerry Fung & Associates Limited	Centre for Holistic Healthcare – Integrated Services	-	70
Senior Care Elderly Limited	Senior Care (Fuk Kwan) Elderly Care Home cum Elderly Day Care Centre	10	20
Silvermorph Charity Limited	Silvermorph Charity Limited	-	20
The Lok Sin Tong Benevolent Society, Kowloon	Lok Sin Tong Chu Ting Cheong Home for the Aged	12	-
Association for Engineering and Medical Volunteer Services	Association for Engineering and Medical Volunteer Services	-	10
Renhe Professional Nursing Services Limited	Renhe Professional Nursing Services Limited	-	20
Yan Oi Tong Limited	Yan Oi Tong (Tuen Mun) Community Care Service Voucher for the Elderly - Day Care Unit	20	5
	Yan Oi Tong Clarea Au Eldergarten	53	15
	Yan Oi Tong (Yuen Long) Community Care Service Voucher for the Elderly - Day Care Unit	20	3
	Yan Oi Tong (Yau Oi) Community Care Service Voucher for the Elderly - Day Care Unit	20	3
Yan Chai Hospital Social Services Department	Yan Chai Hospital Community Care Service for the Elderly	30	60
	Yan Chai Hospital Suen Choi To May Integrated Community Development Centre	20	40

Organisation	RSP	Number of service places	
		Day care service	Home care service
	Yan Chai Hospital Fung Ying Seen Koon Integrated Community Development Centre	20	40
	Yan Chai Hospital Fung Ying Seen Koon Luen Wo Integrated Community Development Centre	20	60
	Yan Chai Hospital Mrs. Annie Chan Social Centre For The Elderly	20	40
	Yan Chai Hospital Yim Tsui Yuk Shan Active Mind Centre	29	40
	Yan Chai Hospital Wan Shing Memorial Social Centre for the Elderly	20	40
	Yan Chai Happy Home Living Limited	-	100
I Passion Limited	I Passion (Touch) Day Care Centre	20	50
	I Passion (Rica) Day Care Centre	20	50
	I Passion (On Sum) Day Care Centre	20	50
Tin Tin Home for the Aged Limited	GY Care (Tuen Mun)	-	100
Sincerity Rehabilitation Service Group Limited	Virtue Club & Sincerity Rehabilitation Center	-	40
	Virtue Club Tuen Mun Outreaching Support and Rehabilitation Center	-	40
Psybridge Medical Services Limited	Silver Blossoms	-	100
Siu Yat Nursing Care Limited	Siu Yat Nursing Care Limited	20	150
	Siu Yat Nursing Care Limited (Tai Po)	14	150
Nu Pro (Asia) Limited	Nu Pro (Asia) Limited	-	100
On Fuk Nursing Home Limited	On Fuk Nursing Home Limited	20	40
	Tang Tat Day Care Centre For The Elderly	20	40
Bamboos Professional Nursing Services Limited	Bamboos Professional Nursing Services Limited - CCSV Home Care Unit	-	100
Pentecostal Church of Hong Kong	Fung Tak Care & Health Elderly Centre	25	-
Sai Kung District Community Centre	Sai Kung District Community Centre	10	20
Chi Lin Nunnery	Chi Lin Day Care Centre for the Elderly	5	-

Organisation	RSP	Number of service places	
		Day care service	Home care service
Empower Health & Rehabilitation Centre Limited	Empower Health & Rehabilitation Centre Limited	-	30
Charmind Limited	Evergreen Nursing Home cum Day Care Centre	10	100
Quality HealthCare Nursing Agency Limited	Quality HealthCare Nursing Agency	-	100
Trustful Medical and Domestic Services Co. Limited	Trustful Medical and Domestic Services Co. Limited	-	30
	Trustful Healthcare Centre (ST)	23	25
Woopie Social Enterprises Limited	Woopie Club (North Point)	23	100
	Woopie Club Home Care Services Team	-	200
	Woopie Club (Sai Wan Ho)	25	100
	Woopie Club (Sha Tin)	12	100
	Woopie Club (Tuen Mun)	47	100
	Woopie Club (Kwun Tong)	58	100
	Woopie Club (Aberdeen)	24	100
	Woopie Club (Tai Po)	30	100
	Woopie Club (To Kwa Wan)	42	100
	Woopie Club (Tseung Kwan O)	24	100
	Woopie Club (Cheung Sha Wan)	47	100
	Woopie Club (Ma On Shan)	90	100
Tung Wah Group of Hospitals	Woopie Club (Yuen Long)	80	100
	Hua Fen Day Care Centre for the Elderly	44	24
	Chan Tat Chee Connect Community Support Centre for the Elderly	23	-
	Henry G. Leong Community Support Centre for the Elderly	93	45
	Ma Cheng Shuk Ying Home for the Elderly-Home@Community Support Unit	15	-
	Top-Tact Home Care Services	-	25
Spring of Life Community Support Unit for the Elderly	5	10	
Delightful RCHE Limited	Yan Sin Elderly Service	20	150
On Golden Pond Limited	On Golden Pond (Main Street East) Day Care Centre	33	150
Senior Citizen Home Safety Association	Senior Citizen Home Safety Association	-	60

Organisation	RSP	Number of service places	
		Day care service	Home care service
Home of the Elderly Consultancy Limited	Home of the Elderly Consultancy Limited	-	40
Po Leung Kuk	Po Leung Kuk Care Service for the Elders (Lam Tin)	20	20
	Po Leung Kuk Care Service for the Elders (Pak Tin)	10	10
	Po Leung Kuk Care Service for the Elders (Wan Hon)	40	20
	Po Leung Kuk Care Service for the Elders (Sha Tin)	20	20
	Po Leung Kuk Care Service for the Elders (Fu Cheong)	20	20
	Po Leung Kuk Care Service for the Elders (Sau Mau Ping)	40	20
	Po Leung Kuk Care Service for the Elders (Tung Chung)	20	20
	Po Leung Kuk Care Service for the Elders (Sai Wan)	20	20
	Po Leung Kuk Care Service for the Elders (Kai Ching)	5	5
	Po Leung Kuk Care Service for the Elders (Kwai Chung Estate)	40	20
	Po Leung Kuk Care Service for the Elders (Diamond Hill)	20	20
	Po Leung Kuk Care Service for the Elders (Tin Yan)	10	10
	Po Leung Kuk Care Service for the Elders (Ho Man Tin)	20	20
	Po Leung Kuk Care Service for the Elders (Sai Ying Pun)	20	20
	Po Leung Kuk Care Service for the Elders (Tak Tin)	13	20
	Po Leung Kuk Care Service for the Elders (Kwai Shing)	20	20
	Po Leung Kuk Care Service for the Elders (Tai Kok Tsui)	10	10
	Po Leung Kuk Care Service for the Elders (Wong Chuk Hang)	20	20
	Po Leung Kuk Care Service for the Elders (Kowloon West)	-	40
	Po Leung Kuk Care Service for the Elders (Tuen Mun and Yuen Long)	-	40
Po Leung Kuk Care Service for the Elders (Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing)	-	40	

Organisation	RSP	Number of service places	
		Day care service	Home care service
Mercy Medirehab Professional Group Limited	Mercy Medirehab Professional Group Limited	-	200
Florence Nightingale Home Health & Nursing Ltd	Florence Nightingale Home Health & Nursing Ltd	-	30
South Kwai Chung Social Service	South Kwai Chung Social Service Community Care Centre for the Elderly	10	20
Mastery Speech and Swallowing Clinic Limited	Mastery Speech and Swallowing Clinic Limited	-	150
Cedar Seeds Foundation Limited	Gracious Alliance Rehabilitation Services	20	50
Active Global Specialised Caregivers (Hong Kong) Pte Ltd	Active Global Specialised Caregivers (Hong Kong) Pte Ltd	-	350
Mie King Home for Aged Limited	Mie King Home for Aged Limited	10	-
OK Care Limited	OK Care Limited	-	100
Hygiene First Company Limited	Hygiene First Company Limited	-	50
Heung Hoi Ching Kok Lin Association	Elderly Community Care Services Day Care Centre (North District)	12	30
The Hong Kong Chinese Women's Club	Yau Tong Day Care Centre for the Elderly	20	20
Chinese YMCA of Hong Kong	CYMCA Community Support Services for the Elderly - Chai Wan Neighbourhood Elderly Centre	-	30
	CYMCA Community Support Services for the Elderly - Tin Ping Care and Attention Home for the Elderly	-	40
Aberdeen Kai-fong Welfare Association Social Service Centre	Southern District Integrated Elderly Service Centre	8	20
Hong Kong Outreach Therapy and Nursing Services Limited	Hong Kong Outreach Therapy and Nursing Services Limited	-	100

Organisation	RSP	Number of service places	
		Day care service	Home care service
Caritas - Hong Kong	Caritas Mutual Help Project (Day Care Centre)	24	-
	Caritas Jockey Club Integrated Day Services Centre for the Elderly	80	10
The Women's Welfare Club (Eastern District) Hong Kong	The Women's Welfare Club (Eastern District) Hong Kong Ng Siu Mui Home Joyful Garden	10	-
Hong Kong Old Age Nursing Association Limited	Fu Shan Day Care Elderly Centre	68	-
Hong Kong Family Welfare Society	Hong Kong Family Welfare Society Lee Foo Service Centre	13	20
	Hong Kong Family Welfare Society Oi Tung Service Centre	-	12
	Hong Kong Family Welfare Society Cheung Hang Service Centre	-	10
Hong Kong Baptist Mr. & Mrs. Au Shue Hung Rehabilitation & Healthcare Home Ltd	The Wonderland Day Centre	20	40
The Hong Kong Society for the Aged	SAGE Mrs Y K Fung Home for the Elderly	10	-
	SAGE Mrs Wong Yee Jar Jat Memorial Home for the Elderly	6	-
	SAGE Shek Wai Kok Home for the Elderly	10	-
	SAGE Quan Chuen Home for the Elderly	20	-
	SAGE Madam Ho Sin Hang Home for the Elderly	10	-
	SAGE Kai Yip Home for the Elderly	6	-
	SAGE Tung Lin Kok Yuen Home for the Elderly	6	-
	SAGE Hong Kong East Integrated Home Care Services	-	20
Hong Kong Young Women's Christian Association	Y Care (Yau Yat Chuen)	40	20
	Y Senior Care	-	40
	NWS Y Care (North District)	40	20
	YWCA Jockey Club Y Care Elderly Centre (Sha Tau Kok)	20	20
Hong Kong Women Development Association Limited	Hong Kong Women Development Association Day Care Centre for the Elderly	28	50

Organisation	RSP	Number of service places	
		Day care service	Home care service
The Hong Kong Society for Rehabilitation	Cheng Tak Yim Day Rehabilitation and Care Centre	30	-
Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui Welfare Council Limited	H.K.S.K.H. Cyril and Amy Cheung Aged Care Complex	25	40
	H.K.S.K.H. Centre of Wellness (East Kowloon)	40	40
	H.K.S.K.H. Lady MacLehose Centre Cheung Hing Wah Charitable Foundation Cheung Hang Rehabilitation Centre - Home Care Link	20	90
	H.K.S.K.H. Western District Elderly Community Centre	-	30
Hong Kong Lutheran Social Service, Lutheran Church - Hong Kong Synod Limited	Lutheran Community Care Service Voucher Centre for the Elderly	16	2
	Lutheran Kwai Tsing Community Care Service Voucher Centre for the Elderly	20	15
	HKLSS Community Care Service Voucher Centre for the Elderly (Kowloon City & Yau Tsim Mong) (Mr & Mrs Lawrence Wong Lutheran Rehabilitation and Care Centre)	10	15
	Lutheran Tseung Kwan O Community Care Service Voucher Centre for the Elderly	20	-
Hong Kong Dandelion Association Limited	Hong Kong Dandelion Association Limited	-	100
Hong Kong Alzheimer's Disease Association	Hong Kong Alzheimer's Disease Association Brain Health Centre	20	10
	Hong Kong Alzheimer's Disease Association Tseung Kwan O Integrated Service Centre	30	5
	Hong Kong Alzheimer's Disease Association Jean Wei Centre	25	10
	Hong Kong Alzheimer's Disease Association Gene Hwa Lee Centre	35	5
Hong Kong Employment Development Service Limited	Grace Elderly Care Service	12	20
	Grace Elderly Care Service (Yuen Long)	20	20

Organisation	RSP	Number of service places	
		Day care service	Home care service
Hong Kong Healthcare Market Research and Consulting Limited	Nurse HK Professional Nursing Service	-	100
Supreme Care Limited	Supreme Care Limited	-	10
Rehabvibe Medical Service Company Limited	Rehabvibe	-	50
Grateful Life Experience Centre	Grateful Life Home Care Service Team	-	50
Tri Tech Corporation Ltd.	Yi Wo Yuen Day Care Centre for The Elderly	46	150
Baptist Oi Kwan Social Service	Yee Tsuen Integrated Health Service Centre	35	20
	Yee Wui Integrated Health Service Centre	26	20
	Yee Lok Integrated Health Service Centre	19	20
	Jordan Elderly Centre	28	20
	Yee Chi Home-Based Cognitive Training and Day Care Centre	32	50
Renascence Medical Limited	Renascence Integrated Rehabilitation Centre	-	50
PA Company Limited	Jockey Club CADENZA Hub	50	35
Kin Pak Nursing Home Limited	Kin Pak Nursing Home Limited	-	20
V-Professional Nursing Centre	V-Professional Nursing Centre	-	20
International Church of the Foursquare Gospel Hong Kong District Limited	Care Navigate	-	20
Christian & Missionary Alliance Church Union Hong Kong Limited	C & MA Tsui Lok Good Neighbours Centre for the Elderly	20	10
	C & MA Riviera Gardens Elderly Learning Centre	10	3
Evangelical Lutheran Church Social Service - Hong Kong	ELCHK, Tuen Mun West Day Care Centre for the Elderly	40	40
	ELCHK, Smart Club	33	12
	Grace Court Day Care Centre for the Elderly	25	-
	ELCHK, Lutheran Healthy Aging Club	10	-

Organisation	RSP	Number of service places	
		Day care service	Home care service
The Tsung Tsin Mission of Hong Kong Social Service	Carewell-Home Care Services	24	24
Christian Family Service Centre	Mind Delight Memory and Cognitive Training Centre	33	40
	Lively Elderly Day Training Centre	41	40
	D & O Service - CAPD & Osteoporosis Care	-	30
	Vera R. Desai - Mind Delight Memory & Cognitive Training Centre	8	10
Haven of Hope Christian Service	Haven of Hope Lok Wah Day Care Centre for the Elderly	6	24
	Haven of Hope Day Care Cum Rehabilitation Centre for Elderly (HK East)	40	70
	Haven of Hope Tsui Lam Day Training Centre for the Elderly	42	100
	Haven of Hope Day Memory Care Centre for Elderly (HK West)	20	40
	Haven of Hope Community Care Service Centre for the Elderly	20	40
Professional Physiotherapy and Chinese Medicine Centre Limited	Professional Physiotherapy and Chinese Medicine Centre Limited	-	150
Health & Young (Hong Kong) Limited	The Longevity (HK) Home for the Aged	20	-
	Medipoint (Hong Kong)	50	160
Health & Young Limited	The Longevity Home for the Aged	20	-
	Medipoint	30	120
Healthy Link Corporation Limited	Jubilant	17	17
Care U Professional Nursing Service Limited	Care U Professional Nursing Service Limited	-	50
From Heart Escort Co., Limited	From Heart Professional Services	-	40
The Salvation Army	The Salvation Army Tai Po Community Care Service Voucher Scheme for the Elderly	20	40
	The Salvation Army Mongkok Community Care Service Voucher Scheme for the Elderly	5	-

Organisation	RSP	Number of service places	
		Day care service	Home care service
Prestige Union Care Limited	Prestige Union Care Limited	-	50
Lucky Stable Limited	Neighbourhood Day Care	4	60
Pok Oi Hospital	Pok Oi Hospital Day Care Centre for the Elderly (Tuen Mun)	12	-
	Pok Oi Hospital Day Care Centre for the Elderly (Sham Shui Po)	14	-
	Pok Oi Hospital Day Centre for the Elderly (Yuen Long)	10	5
Senior Care Nursing Home Limited	Senior Care (Tai Wah) Elderly Care Home cum Elderly Day Care Centre	10	20
Senior Care Limited	Senior Care (Man Kee) Elderly Care Home cum Elderly Day Care Centre	10	20
Methodist Epworth Village Community Centre, Social Welfare	Epworth Elderly Day Care Centre	13	30
Methodist Centre	Methodist Community Care Centre (Eastern)	15	40
	Methodist Kin Lok Centre	10	16
	Methodist Rejoice Centre	26	50
	Methodist Ap Lei Chau Centre	-	10
	Methodist Cheer Centre	30	20
	Methodist Agile Mind Centre	20	20
	Methodist Grace Centre	-	50
Yang Memorial Methodist Social Service	East Kowloon Community Care Service	15	30
	West Kowloon Community Care Service	13	30
	Senior Citizen Cognitive Training Centre	40	60
	Oi Man Neighbourhood Elderly Centre	-	20
	Choi Wan Community Care Service	23	5
Wise Creation Holding Limited	Oasis Day Care Centre	40	200
Spark Medical Limited	Spark Medical Limited	-	100
Ho Hok Fong Co. Limited	Paired Community Care Service for the Elderly	-	60
Wah Fung Nursing Centre Limited	Wah Fung Nursing Centre Limited	10	10
CHG Health Service Limited	CHG Health Service Limited	-	50

Organisation	RSP	Number of service places	
		Day care service	Home care service
Alice Ho Miu Ling Nethersole Social Service Limited	Nethersole Outreaching Rehabilitation Mission	-	100
Shun Yan Elderly Centre Limited	Shun Yan Elderly Centre Limited	-	80
Sik Sik Yuen	Ho Hing Health Care Services Centre (Sponsored by Sik Sik Yuen) 'Love@Home' Elderly Community Care Services	26	26
	Ho Ning Health Care Services Centre (Sponsored by Sik Sik Yuen) 'Love@Home' Elderly Community Care Services	26	26
	Ho Yam Care and Attention Home for the Elderly (Sponsored by Sik Sik Yuen) 'Love@Home' Elderly Community Care Services	20	-
Going Home Nursing Care Limited	Going Home Nursing Care Limited	-	100
Home & Hope Services Limited	Home & Hope Services Limited	-	10
Oi Kwan Care for the Aged Home Limited	Oi Kwan Care for the Aged cum Day Care Centre for the Elderly (Branch 1)	5	-
	Oi Kwan Care for the Aged cum Day Care Centre for the Elderly	5	-
Tsz Hong Professional Service Limited	Tsz Hong Professional Service Limited	-	50
Chi Wah Elderly Home Limited	Chi Wah Elderly Home Limited	8	50
New Page Speech Therapy & Rehab Consultancy Ltd	New Page Speech Therapy & Rehab Consultancy Ltd	-	100
N.T. Women & Juveniles Welfare Association Ltd	New Territories Women & Juveniles Welfare Association Community Care Centre for the Elderly	10	40
New Town Medical Care Limited	New Town Medical Care Limited	-	20
Sparkle Healthcare Company Limited	Sparkle Healthcare Company Limited	-	100
St. Paul's Hospital	St. Paul's Hospital Elderly Day Care Centre	40	10

Organisation	RSP	Number of service places	
		Day care service	Home care service
St. James' Settlement	E · Home Plus	20	20
	Joyful Community Care	20	-
	Kin Chi Dementia Care Support Service Centre (Wan Chai)	20	-
Eden Elder Care Specialists Limited	EDEN HOME Professional Care Services	-	100
GC System	Happy Home Support	-	30
Ka Mei Elderly Care Centre Limited	Care Well Day Care Centre	48	100
Kato (Hong Kong) Holdings Limited	Fai-To Sino-West Combined Home for the Aged	20	200
	Ka Shui Garden Day Care Centre (Hung Hom)	20	200
	Kato Home for the Elderly	20	200
	Pine Villa	40	200
	Ka Shui Garden Day Care Centre (Tsuen Wan)	20	200
Fook Yen Home for the Aged Limited	Fook Yen Home for the Aged Limited	-	40
Wai Ying Investment Limited	Evergreen (Tsz Ching) Nursing Home Cum Day Care Centre	20	300
	Evergreen (Pratas Street) Nursing Home	10	150
	Evergreen (Kwai Chung Estate) Nursing Home	20	100
	Evergreen (On Tai) Nursing Home cum Day Care Centre	20	100
Step Forward Para-Medical Services	Step Forward Para-Medical Services	-	100
Devco Technology Limited	Unicare 360	-	300
LHK Social Service Limited	LHK Day Care Centre - Cordial Place	23	50
Shining Social Services Limited	Shining Home Care Service	-	80
	Amity Social Care Services	-	40
	Amity Social Care Services (Shatin)	-	40
	Amity Social Care Services (North)	-	40
Walking Easy	Integrated Rehabilitation & Care Centre for Elderly	40	80
The Neighbourhood Advice-Action Council	Shamshuipo District Community Care Service Centre for the Elderly	12	8
	Shatin District Community Care Service Centre for the Elderly	20	-
Hope Worldwide	HOPE Worldwide Elderly Care Service Company Limited	-	50

Organisation	RSP	Number of service places	
		Day care service	Home care service
Chak Oi Company Limited	GY Care (Sham Shui Po)	-	100
Jackson Elderly Care Limited	GY Care (Aberdeen)	-	100
E.T. Investment Limited	Olive Nursing Home cum Day Care Unit for the Elderly	7	100
	Oasis Nursing Home	12	100
	Oasis Home Care Team	-	200
	Hygge Living Rehabilitation Centre	27	100
Treasure Tree Health & Nursing Limited	Treasure Tree Health & Nursing Limited	-	50
Hong Chi Culture & Media Limited	Yi Wo Yuen Day Care Centre for the Elderly(Kowloon)	20	100
Doctor Now Limited	DoctorNow Home	-	100
Caregivers Alliance (Home) Limited	Caregivers Alliance (Home) Limited	-	300
Spark Plus Company Limited	Spark Plus Company Limited	-	100
Total		4 102	13 885

Table 2 : Number of service places, number of elderly persons using CCSVs, numbers of persons using the mixed mode and single mode of service under the CCSV Scheme by district of RSPs in 2023-24 (as at end-December 2023)

District	Number of service places	Number of elderly persons using CCSVs	Number of persons using the mixed mode of service	Number of persons using the single mode of service
Eastern	1 372	644	144	500
Wan Chai	961	369	6	363
Central & Western	920	800	35	765
Southern	524	264	33	231
Islands	70	19	6	13
Kwun Tong	1 369	902	189	713
Wong Tai Sin	1 114	731	120	611
Sai Kung	657	330	75	255
Sham Shui Po	1 383	525	67	458
Kowloon City	1 840	616	69	547
Yau Tsim Mong	1 949	513	33	480
Sha Tin	1 104	614	103	511
Tai Po	609	435	67	368
North	302	131	21	110
Kwai Tsing	1 085	547	138	409
Tsuen Wan	1 157	649	124	525
Tuen Mun	1 105	562	69	493
Yuen Long	466	146	23	123
Total	17 987	8 797^{Note}	1 322	7 475

Note Including the number of persons using services provided by 2 RSPs at the same time.

**Table 3 : Numbers of RSPs and service places under the CCSV Scheme
by district in 2023-24 (as at end-December 2023)**

District	Number of RSPs	Number of service places	
		Day care service	Home care service
Eastern	22	291	1 081
Wan Chai	11	161	800
Central & Western	11	80	840
Southern	12	114	410
Islands	2	20	50
Kwun Tong	21	455	914
Wong Tai Sin	16	343	771
Sai Kung	8	192	465
Sham Shui Po	22	265	1 118
Kowloon City	20	290	1 550
Yau Tsim Mong	24	219	1 730
Sha Tin	15	422	682
Tai Po	9	160	449
North	6	92	210
Kwai Tsing	19	324	761
Tsuen Wan	15	239	918
Tuen Mun	17	237	868
Yuen Long	8	198	268
Total	258	4 102	13 885

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(W)201

(Question Serial No. 1085)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Charmaine LEE)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the residential and day respite services for persons with disabilities (PWDs), please provide the following information:

- i. the numbers of service places, applicants, users and waitlisted persons, as well as average waiting time for each service unit in the past 5 years;
- ii. the shortest, longest and average durations of stay in days (applicable to residential respite service) in the past 5 years;
- iii. the estimated and actual numbers of additional places in the past 5 years;
- iv. the number of service users in each quarter (with the same service user in the same quarter counted as 1 user) in the past 5 years, with a breakdown by district of residence, gender and age group;
- v. the number of persons for whom services were not arranged (with the same person who was refused service in more than 1 district counted as 1 person) and the cost per service user in the past 5 years; and
- vi. the number of places for planned services, with a detailed breakdown by district.

Asked by: Hon TIK Chi-yuen (LegCo internal reference no.: 13)

Reply:

- i & ii. As the relevant data system was established by the Social Welfare Department (SWD) in 2021-22, the statistics for 2019-20 and 2020-21 are not available. The numbers of service places and headcount of service users for each type of service units providing day and residential respite services for PWDs in the past 3 years are tabulated at Annex 1. SWD does not have information such as the shortest, longest and average durations of stay in days of day and residential respite services provided by various service units. Since service users are not required to apply for day or residential respite services through SWD's Central Referral System for Rehabilitation Services, SWD does not have the number of waitlisted persons and the waiting time for day and residential respite services for PWDs. Service units will accord priority to service users with pressing needs based on the merits of each individual case.

- iii, iv & v. In the past 5 years, SWD provided 75 and 104 additional service places for day and residential respite services for PWDs, respectively. The number of service places and headcount of service users in each of the past 5 years are set out at Annex 2. The headcount of service users per quarter for residential and day respite services is set out at Annex 3. SWD does not possess statistical information on the districts of residence, gender, age group and the per capita cost of users of respite services. Besides, SWD has not received any reports of services not being arranged.
- vi. SWD will provide an additional of about 110 places of respite services for PWDs in 2023-24 and 2024-25. The distribution of the service places is at Annex 4.

Table 1: Number of service places for each type of day respite services for PWDs from 2021-22 to 2023-24

Type of service unit	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24 (as at 31 December 2023)
Day activity centre (DAC)	110	110	110
District support centre for PWDs (DSC)	40	48	48
Care and attention home for severely disabled persons (C&A/SD)	14	14	14
Private Residential care home for PWDs (RCHDs) under the Bought Place Scheme (BPS)	-	-	63
Total	164	172	235

Table 2: Number of service places for each type of residential respite services for PWDs from 2021-22 to 2023-24

Type of service unit	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24 (as at 31 December 2023)
C&A/SD	23	23	23
Hostel for moderately mentally handicapped persons (HMMH)	104	107	109
Hostel for severely mentally handicapped persons (HSMH)	148	150	150
Hostel for severely physically handicapped persons (HSPH)	11	11	13
Hostel for severely physically handicapped persons with mental handicap (HSPH/MH)	2	2	2
Supported hostel (SHOS)	41	46	46
Integrated rehabilitation centre	16	16	16
Private RCHDs under BPS	45	48	63
Total	390	403	422

Table 3: Headcount of service users for each type of day respite services for PWDs from 2021-22 to 2023-24

Service type	Headcount of service users ^{Note}		
	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24 (as at 31 December 2023)
DAC	141	95	193
DSC	1 183	1 126	1 307
C&A/SD	-	-	-
Private RCHDs under BPS	-	-	-
Total	1 324	1 221	1 500

^{Note} A service user may have multiple admissions for day respite services in a year.

Table 4: Headcount of service users for each type of residential respite services for PWDs from 2021-22 to 2023-24

Service type	Headcount of service users ^{Note}		
	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24 (as at 31 December 2023)
C&A/SD	8	11	19
HMMH	33	80	196
HSMH	166	151	433
HSPH	2	5	9
HSPH/MH	-	-	-
SHOS	9	27	28
Integrated rehabilitation centre	70	93	302
Private RCHDs under BPS	140	211	206
Total	428	578	1 193

^{Note} A service user may have multiple admissions for residential respite services in a year.

Table 1: Number of service places of day and residential respite services for PWDs from 2019-20 to 2023-24

Year	Number of places ^{Note}	
	Day respite service	Residential respite service
2019-20	160	318
2020-21	160	380
2021-22	164	390
2022-23	172	403
2023-24 (as at 31 December 2023)	235	422

^{Note} Including designated day/residential respite service places provided by Private RCHDs under BPS.

Table 2: Headcount of service users of day and residential respite services for PWDs from 2019-20 to 2023-24

Year	Headcount of service users ^{Note}	
	Day respite service	Residential respite service
2019-20	1 805	2 285
2020-21	896	224
2021-22	1 324	428
2022-23	1 221	578
2023-24 (as at 31 December 2023)	1 500	1 193

^{Note} A service user may have multiple admissions for day or residential respite service in a year, including the utilisation of designated day/residential respite services provided by Private RCHDs under BPS.

Table 1: Headcount of service users of residential respite services per quarter in 2019-20

April to June 2019	July to September 2019	October to December 2019	January to March 2020	Total
588	656	768	273	2 285

Table 2: Headcount of service users of residential respite services per quarter in 2020-21 ^{Note 1}

April to June 2020	July to September 2020	October to December 2020	January to March 2021	Total
56	59	44	65	224

Table 3: Headcount of service users of residential respite services per quarter in 2021-22 ^{Note 1}

April to June 2021	July to September 2021	October to December 2021	January to March 2022	Total
94	120	140	74	428

Table 4: Headcount of service users of residential respite services per quarter in 2022-23 ^{Note 1}

April to June 2022	July to September 2022	October to December 2022	January to March 2023	Total
103	131	136	208	578

Table 5: Headcount of service users of residential respite services per quarter in 2023-24 (as at 31 December 2023) ^{Note 2}

April to June 2023	July to September 2023	October to December 2023	Total
335	377	481	1 193

Note 1 Including the utilisation of designated residential respite services provided by Private RCHDs under BPS.

Note 2 Including the utilisation of designated day/residential respite services provided by Private RCHDs under BPS.

Table 6: Headcount of service users of day respite services per quarter in 2019-20

April to June 2019	July to September 2019	October to December 2019	January to March 2020	Total
516	588	442	259	1 805

Table 7: Headcount of service users of day respite services per quarter in 2020-21

April to June 2020	July to September 2020	October to December 2020	January to March 2021	Total
160	166	273	297	896

Table 8: Headcount of service users of day respite services per quarter in 2021-22

April to June 2021	July to September 2021	October to December 2021	January to March 2022	Total
336	413	386	189	1 324

Table 9: Headcount of service users of day respite services per quarter in 2022-23

April to June 2022	July to September 2022	October to December 2022	January to March 2023	Total
222	325	397	277	1 221

Table 10: Headcount of service users of day respite services per quarter in 2023-24 (as at 31 December 2023) ^{Note}

April to June 2023	July to September 2023	October to December 2023	Total
375	592	533	1 500

^{Note} Including the utilisation of designated day/residential respite services provided by Private RCHDs under BPS.

Table 1: Number of additional places and their distribution by district for planned residential respite services for PWDs from 2023-24 to 2024-25

District	2023-24 ^{Note 1}	2024-25
Eastern	2	-
Sai Kung	-	1
Kowloon City	2	-
Yau Tsim Mong	3	-
Sham Shui Po	4	-
Sha Tin	-	1
North	-	8
Kwai Tsing	6	-
Tuen Mun	14 ^{Note 2}	-
Others	-6 ^{Note 3}	6
Total	25	16

Note 1 Including 17 designated day/residential respite service places provided by Private RCHDs under BPS.

Note 2 Including 4 service places that have commenced service by 31 December 2023 and 10 service places that will commence service by April 2024.

Note 3 Including the reduction in day/residential respite service places provided by 2 Private RCHDs under BPS due to termination of contracts in September 2023 and January 2024 respectively.

Table 2: Number of additional places and their distribution by district for planned day respite services for PWDs from 2023-24 to 2024-25

District	2023-24 ^{Note 1}	2024-25
Eastern	4	-
Kowloon City	6	-
Sham Shui Po	10	-
Yau Tsim Mong	11	-
North	8	-
Yuen Long	2	-
Tsuen Wan	3	-
Kwai Tsing	12	-
Tuen Mun	7	-
Others	-4 ^{Note 2}	6
Total	59	6

Note 1 Including 63 designated day/residential respite service places provided by Private RCHDs under BPS.

Note 2 Including a reduction of 4 designated day/residential respite service places provided by Private RCHDs under BPS due to termination of contracts.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(W)202

(Question Serial No. 1086)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Charmaine LEE)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding day training and vocational rehabilitation services, including sheltered workshop (SW), supported employment service, On the Job Training Programme, integrated vocational rehabilitation services centre (IVRSC), integrated vocational training centre (day service) [IVTC(Day)] and Work Extension Programme (WEP), please inform this Committee of:

- i. the number of service places, the planned and actual numbers of additional service places, and the longest, shortest, average and median waiting time (broken down by priority and normal waiting list, if applicable) in each of the past 5 years;
- ii. the per capita costs of services in the past 5 years;
- iii. the numbers of applicants, persons served and persons applying for a freeze in service allocation in the past 5 years, broken down by district of residence, age group and gender;
- iv. the number of persons having refused service allocation, the length of their waiting time in years, and their reasons for refusal in the past 5 years;
- v. the age of service users in each service unit in the territory; and
- vi. the number of places for planned services, broken down by district.
- vii. The current rate of incentive payment for service users of SWs and IVRSCs is \$26.5 per day, which was set in 2014. The previous adjustment was made in 2008 (\$21). What is the mechanism for the setting and adjustment of the rate of incentive payment?

Asked by: Hon TIK Chi-yuen (LegCo internal reference no.: 14)

Reply:

- i. The number of service places for various vocational rehabilitation services in each of the past 5 years is set out at Annex 1. The planned and actual number of additional service places for SWs, IVRSCs and WEP in each of the past 5 years is set out at Annex 2. The average waiting time for the above services in each of the past 5 years is set out at Annex 3. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) does not have statistics on the longest, shortest or median waiting time.

- ii. The average monthly cost per SW place in each of the past 5 years is set out at Annex 4. SWD does not have information on the unit costs of services under SE, On the Job Training Programme for People with Disabilities (OJT), Sunnyway - On the Job Training Programme for Young People with Disabilities (Sunnyway), IVRSCs, IVTC(Day) or WEP.
- iii & iv. The number of applicants for SWs and SE services in the past 5 years, broken down by administrative district of SWD and age group, is set out at Annex 5. The number of service users of SWs, SE and IVRSCs is set out at Annex 6. Since OJT, Sunnyway and IVTC(Day) may admit service users directly or through referrals, SWD does not have information on the number of applicants, number of service recipients, number of persons applying for a freeze in service allocation, number of persons having refused service allocation, the length of their waiting time, or the age distribution of service users of the relevant service units. As services are allocated to applicants on the Central Referral System for Rehabilitation Services of SWD in sequential order without considering their gender, SWD does not have statistical information on the applicants' gender. As there is no Central Waiting List (CWL) for WEP and applicants are selected from SWs, SWD does not have the relevant statistical information.
- v. The age distribution of service users of SWs, SE services and IVRSCs is set out at Annex 7. Since OJT, Sunnyway and IVTC(Day) may admit service users directly or through referrals, SWD does not have information on the age distribution of service users of the relevant service units. As there is no CWL for WEP and applicants are selected from SWs, SWD does not have information on the age distribution of the service users of WEP.
- vi. The planned number and geographical distribution of additional IVRSC places by SWD are set out at Annex 8. A total of 920 service places are expected to be added in the next 5 years.
- vii. The purpose of the incentive payment in SWs is mainly to encourage persons with disabilities to participate in vocational rehabilitation training programmes. According to the mechanism endorsed by the Finance Committee of the Legislative Council, the rate of incentive payment will be adjusted if there is an increase of more than 20% in the Consumer Price Index (A) [CPI(A)]. SWD has increased the rate of incentive payment to \$33/day starting from October 2023 in accordance with the mechanism.

**Number of service places for various vocational rehabilitation services
from 2019-20 to 2023-24**

Service type	No. of service places				
	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24 (as at 31 December 2023)
SW	5 399	5 399	5 399	5 399	5 399
SE	1 633	1 633	1 633	1 633	1 633
OJT	432	432	432	432	432
Sunnyway	311	311	311	311	311
IVRSC	5 288	5 523	5 523	5 648	5 808
IVTC(Day)	453	453	453	453	453
WEP	1 130	1 130	1 130	1 130	1 130

**Planned and actual number of additional places for SWs, IVRSCs and WEP
from 2019-20 to 2023-24**

Year	SW		IVRSC		WEP	
	Planned no. of additional places	Actual no. of additional places	Planned no. of additional places	Actual no. of additional places	Planned no. of additional places	Actual no. of additional places
2019-20	0	10	466	466	0	10
2020-21	0	0	235	235	0	0
2021-22	0	0	0	0	0	0
2022-23	0	0	125	125	0	0
2023-24 (as at 31 December 2023)	0	0	160	160	0	0

Average waiting time for vocational rehabilitation services

Service type	Average waiting time in 2019-20 (in months) Note 4	Average waiting time in 2020-21 (in months) Note 4	Average waiting time in 2021-22 (in months) Note 4	Average waiting time in 2022-23 (in months) Note 4	Average waiting time in 2023-24 (in months) Note 4
SW	18.8	20.6	12.6	14.0	Not yet available ^{Note 5}
SE	3.8	2.3	2.2	2.5	Not yet available ^{Note 5}
OJT ^{Note 1}	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
Sunnyway ^{Note 1}	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
IVRSC ^{Note 2}	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
IVTC(Day) ^{Note 1}	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
WEP ^{Note 3}	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.

N.A. - Not applicable.

^{Note 1} As this service may admit service users directly or through referrals, SWD does not have the relevant statistics.

^{Note 2} There is no CWL for IVRSCs and applicants are selected from CWLs for SWs and SE.

^{Note 3} There is no CWL for WEP and applicants are selected from SWs.

^{Note 4} The waiting time is affected by a number of factors, including the location preference indicated by the applicants, the choice of specific service units indicated, the turnover rate of the service units selected by the applicants, etc.

^{Note 5} The figures for 2023-24 are not yet available as the average waiting time is compiled on a financial-year basis covering the 1st of April of a year to the 31st of March of the next year.

Average monthly cost per SW place from 2019-20 to 2023-24

Year	SW
	Average monthly cost per place (\$)
2019-20 (Actual)	5,856
2020-21 (Actual)	5,889
2021-22 (Actual)	5,834
2022-23 (Actual)	5,913
2023-24 (Revised estimate)	6,201

**Table 1: Number of applicants for SWs in 2019-20
(by administrative district of SWD and age group)**

District	No. of applicants							
	Aged 15 to 19	Aged 20 to 29	Aged 30 to 39	Aged 40 to 49	Aged 50 to 59	Aged 60 to 69	Aged 70 to 79	Aged 80 or above
Central Western, Southern and Islands	39	57	31	17	44	12	1	0
Eastern and Wan Chai	48	40	29	27	30	16	1	0
Kwun Tong	52	80	25	47	52	13	2	0
Wong Tai Sin and Sai Kung	99	93	39	41	58	15	0	0
Kowloon City and Yau Tsim Mong	58	33	21	27	37	6	0	0
Sham Shui Po	44	32	14	19	29	6	0	0
Sha Tin	38	49	28	36	35	11	0	0
Tai Po and North	53	73	38	27	33	2	0	0
Yuen Long	76	48	29	18	37	4	0	0
Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing	50	66	34	42	45	13	1	0
Tuen Mun	46	47	34	30	26	13	0	0
Total	603	618	322	331	426	111	5	0

**Table 2: Number of applicants for SWs in 2020-21
(by administrative district of SWD and age group)**

District	No. of applicants							
	Aged 15 to 19	Aged 20 to 29	Aged 30 to 39	Aged 40 to 49	Aged 50 to 59	Aged 60 to 69	Aged 70 to 79	Aged 80 or above
Central Western, Southern and Islands	32	50	19	21	38	12	1	0
Eastern and Wan Chai	42	40	23	24	37	16	1	0
Kwun Tong	56	66	21	30	29	8	1	0
Wong Tai Sin and Sai Kung	87	63	33	29	45	12	1	0
Kowloon City and Yau Tsim Mong	53	26	19	23	26	6	0	0
Sham Shui Po	40	24	10	17	17	2	0	0
Sha Tin	42	42	26	30	22	8	0	0
Tai Po and North	46	77	30	28	27	4	0	0
Yuen Long	70	49	23	19	35	2	0	0
Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing	45	59	29	27	41	12	2	0
Tuen Mun	61	58	32	35	23	12	0	0
Total	574	554	265	283	340	94	6	0

**Table 3: Number of applicants for SWs in 2021-22
(by administrative district of SWD and age group)**

District	No. of applicants							
	Aged 15 to 19	Aged 20 to 29	Aged 30 to 39	Aged 40 to 49	Aged 50 to 59	Aged 60 to 69	Aged 70 to 79	Aged 80 or above
Central Western, Southern and Islands	34	42	21	14	30	11	0	0
Eastern and Wan Chai	32	33	21	18	32	13	1	0
Kwun Tong	59	71	14	24	27	10	2	0
Wong Tai Sin and Sai Kung	85	69	36	31	42	10	1	0
Kowloon City and Yau Tsim Mong	53	35	23	20	29	5	0	0
Sham Shui Po	49	25	16	12	23	2	0	0
Sha Tin	52	40	34	37	29	10	0	0
Tai Po and North	54	76	32	28	31	5	0	0
Yuen Long	76	60	28	24	32	5	0	0
Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing	52	57	33	24	40	14	2	0
Tuen Mun	65	57	32	41	20	11	0	0
Total	611	565	290	273	335	96	6	0

**Table 4: Number of applicants for SWs in 2022-23
(by administrative district of SWD and age group)**

District	No. of applicants							
	Aged 15 to 19	Aged 20 to 29	Aged 30 to 39	Aged 40 to 49	Aged 50 to 59	Aged 60 to 69	Aged 70 to 79	Aged 80 or above
Central Western, Southern and Islands	24	45	25	17	23	13	0	0
Eastern and Wan Chai	29	33	22	11	34	11	2	0
Kwun Tong	67	73	16	25	27	9	2	0
Wong Tai Sin and Sai Kung	85	92	39	33	30	12	1	0
Kowloon City and Yau Tsim Mong	43	46	25	19	22	6	0	0
Sham Shui Po	58	24	17	12	18	5	1	0
Sha Tin	63	49	31	34	30	8	1	0
Tai Po and North	60	87	31	27	31	8	0	0
Yuen Long	83	67	32	22	33	6	0	0
Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing	51	54	38	20	42	13	2	0
Tuen Mun	58	50	32	46	24	8	2	0
Total	621	620	308	266	314	99	11	0

**Table 5: Number of applicants for SWs in 2023-24
(by administrative district of SWD and age group)
(as at 31 December 2023)**

District	No. of applicants							
	Aged 15 to 19	Aged 20 to 29	Aged 30 to 39	Aged 40 to 49	Aged 50 to 59	Aged 60 to 69	Aged 70 to 79	Aged 80 or above
Central Western, Southern and Islands	26	41	22	16	16	13	1	0
Eastern and Wan Chai	23	35	19	14	29	9	1	0
Kwun Tong	63	75	14	22	26	9	2	0
Wong Tai Sin and Sai Kung	93	77	40	20	23	14	0	0
Kowloon City and Yau Tsim Mong	53	39	17	14	23	4	0	0
Sham Shui Po	54	34	20	18	12	4	0	0
Sha Tin	68	44	24	36	23	7	0	0
Tai Po and North	57	84	39	34	22	11	0	0
Yuen Long	87	68	26	27	26	5	0	0
Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing	50	47	34	21	35	12	0	0
Tuen Mun	54	50	21	37	19	7	0	0
Total	628	594	276	259	254	95	4	0

**Table 6: Number of applicants for SE in 2019-20
(by administrative district of SWD and age group)**

District	No. of applicants							
	Aged 15 to 19	Aged 20 to 29	Aged 30 to 39	Aged 40 to 49	Aged 50 to 59	Aged 60 to 69	Aged 70 to 79	Aged 80 or above
Central Western, Southern and Islands	0	1	2	2	1	0	0	0
Eastern and Wan Chai	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kwun Tong	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0
Wong Tai Sin and Sai Kung	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	0
Kowloon City and Yau Tsim Mong	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0
Sham Shui Po	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Sha Tin	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
Tai Po and North	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
Yuen Long	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0
Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
Tuen Mun	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Total	1	8	8	7	3	0	0	0

**Table 7: Number of applicants for SE in 2020-21
(by administrative district of SWD and age group)**

District	No. of applicants							
	Aged 15 to 19	Aged 20 to 29	Aged 30 to 39	Aged 40 to 49	Aged 50 to 59	Aged 60 to 69	Aged 70 to 79	Aged 80 or above
Central Western, Southern and Islands	0	3	3	0	0	0	0	0
Eastern and Wan Chai	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Kwun Tong	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	0
Wong Tai Sin and Sai Kung	0	1	0	2	1	0	0	0
Kowloon City and Yau Tsim Mong	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Sham Shui Po	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	0
Sha Tin	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0
Tai Po and North	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0
Yuen Long	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0
Tuen Mun	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0
Total	0	8	11	3	6	1	0	0

**Table 8: Number of applicants for SE in 2021-22
(by administrative district of SWD and age group)**

District	No. of applicants							
	Aged 15 to 19	Aged 20 to 29	Aged 30 to 39	Aged 40 to 49	Aged 50 to 59	Aged 60 to 69	Aged 70 to 79	Aged 80 or above
Central Western, Southern and Islands	0	2	2	1	1	0	0	0
Eastern and Wan Chai	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kwun Tong	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Wong Tai Sin and Sai Kung	0	1	1	1	2	0	0	0
Kowloon City and Yau Tsim Mong	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	0
Sham Shui Po	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	0
Sha Tin	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
Tai Po and North	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	0
Yuen Long	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	0
Tuen Mun	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	0	4	7	5	8	1	0	0

**Table 9: Number of applicants for SE in 2022-23
(by administrative district of SWD and age group)**

District	No. of applicants							
	Aged 15 to 19	Aged 20 to 29	Aged 30 to 39	Aged 40 to 49	Aged 50 to 59	Aged 60 to 69	Aged 70 to 79	Aged 80 or above
Central Western, Southern and Islands	0	2	0	2	1	0	0	0
Eastern and Wan Chai	0	1	2	2	3	0	0	0
Kwun Tong	0	1	0	0	3	0	0	0
Wong Tai Sin and Sai Kung	1	3	1	1	1	0	0	0
Kowloon City and Yau Tsim Mong	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Sham Shui Po	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sha Tin	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0
Tai Po and North	0	1	2	0	1	0	0	0
Yuen Long	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	0
Tuen Mun	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	2	10	9	7	9	1	0	0

**Table 10: Number of applicants for SE in 2023-24
(by administrative district of SWD and age group)
(as at 31 December 2023)**

District	No. of applicants							
	Aged 15 to 19	Aged 20 to 29	Aged 30 to 39	Aged 40 to 49	Aged 50 to 59	Aged 60 to 69	Aged 70 to 79	Aged 80 or above
Central Western, Southern and Islands	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0
Eastern and Wan Chai	0	2	2	2	1	0	0	0
Kwun Tong	0	0	1	4	3	0	0	0
Wong Tai Sin and Sai Kung	1	0	1	5	1	1	0	0
Kowloon City and Yau Tsim Mong	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sham Shui Po	0	0	0	3	1	0	0	0
Sha Tin	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
Tai Po and North	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Yuen Long	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0
Tuen Mun	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	1	3	6	17	7	1	0	0

Number of service users of vocational rehabilitation services

Service type/ Year	No. of service users				
	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24 (as at 31 December 2023)
SW	5 303	5 265	5 273	5 273	5 289
SE	2 036	1 987	2 033	1 954	2 416
IVRSC	5 176	5 609	5 327	5 778	5 947

**Age distribution of service users of vocational rehabilitation services in 2023-24
(as at 31 December 2023)**

Service type	No. of service users							
	Aged 15 to 19	Aged 20 to 29	Aged 30 to 39	Aged 40 to 49	Aged 50 to 59	Aged 60 to 69	Aged 70 to 79	Aged 80 or above
SW	30	629	1 037	1 310	1 246	867	165	5
SE	6	481	666	600	456	191	16	0
IVRSC	33	989	1 523	1 283	1 202	786	128	3

Planned number and geographical distribution of additional IVRSC places

Service type	No. of service places	District Council district
IVRSC	200	Tuen Mun
	280	Southern
	200	Kowloon City
	120	Sham Shui Po
	120	North

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(W)203

(Question Serial No. 1087)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Charmaine LEE)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the support for carers of persons with disabilities (PWDs) living in the community, please provide the following information:

- i the number of carers who have received home-based respite service, training for carers, emotional support for carers and case management service in the past 2 years;
- ii the respective numbers of carers of PWDs served by district support centres for PWDs (DSCs), parents/relatives resource centres (PRCs), integrated community centres for mental wellness (ICCMWs), home care service for persons with severe disabilities (HCS), and integrated support service for persons with severe physical disabilities (ISS) in the past 2 years, broken down by type of service; and
- iii the numbers of applicants, service places, service users and related activities organised by DSCs, PRCs, ICCMWs, HCS, and ISS in each of the past 2 years, broken down by type of service received by carers.

Asked by: Hon TIK Chi-yuen (LegCo internal reference no.: 15)

Reply:

- i & ii. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) provides home respite services through DSCs, HCS and ISS to reduce the pressure on the families/carers of PWDs. From 2022-23 to 2023-24, the headcount of users of home respite service is set out in Table 1 of Annex 1. The number of cases provided with case management services by DSCs, HCS, ISS, PRCs and ICCMWs is set out in Table 2 of Annex 1. All of the above services provide carer training and carer emotional support services. SWD does not have a breakdown of the number of users by service type.
- iii. Service users do not have to waitlist for DSCs, HCS, ISS, PRCs or ICCMWs through the Central Referral System for Rehabilitation Services. The service places for HCS and ISS in 2023-24 were 3 550 and 900, respectively. There are no quotas set for the other services. The respective numbers of users (including PWDs and their families/carers) of the above services and activities organised from 2022-23 to 2023-24 are set out in Tables 1 and 2 of Annex 2.

Table 1 : Headcount of users of home respite service provided by DSCs and under HCS and ISS

Service type	2022-23	2023-24 (as at 31 December 2023)
DSC	581	546
HCS	12 841	12 406
ISS	5 487	4 453

Table 2: Number of cases ^{Note 1} provided with case management services by various types of services

Service type	2022-23	2023-24 (as at 31 December 2023)
DSC	2 082	2 324
HCS	4 769	4 549
ISS	1 189	1 172
PRC ^{Note 2}	1 048	1 022
ICCMW ^{Note 2}	2 356	1 715

Note 1 Including PWDs and their families/carers.

Note 2 Number of cases provided with casework services.

Table 1: Number of users of various types of services

Service type	2022-23	2023-24 (as at 31 December 2023)
DSC	7 079	8 470
HCS ^{Note}	5 771	4 837
ISS ^{Note}	1 477	1 418
PRC ^{Note}	12 121	13 157
ICCMW ^{Note}	5 188	4 230

Note Including PWDs and their families/carers.

Table 2 : Number of activities organised by various types of services

Service type	2022-23	2023-24 (as at 31 December 2023)
DSC	1 569	1 282
HCS	167	78
ISS	48	41
PRC	9 712	6 856
ICCMW	854	689

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(W)204

(Question Serial No. 1088)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Charmaine LEE)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the services of district support centres for persons with disabilities (DSCs), please provide:

- i. the total number of members of each unit in the past 5 years, broken down by type of disabilities, gender and age (age group in ten-year bands from the age over 15);
- ii. the number of persons who were refused service in each unit, broken down by reason for refusal, in the past 5 years;
- iii. the average waiting time for each service unit in the past 5 years; and
- iv. the expenditure on the entire scheme, per capita cost of each service unit and per capita cost of each type of service in the past 5 years.

Asked by: Hon TIK Chi-yuen (LegCo internal reference no.: 16)

Reply:

- i. The number of DSC members in each of the past 5 years, broken down by unit, is set out in Table 1 of Annex. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) does not have information on the number of members broken down by type of disabilities, gender and age.
- ii & iii. SWD does not have the information sought.
- iv. The expenditure of DSCs in each of the past 5 years is set out in Table 2 of Annex. SWD does not have information on the per capita cost of each service unit and each type of service.

Table 1: Number of DSC members from 2019-20 to 2023-24 by district

District	No. of members				
	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24 (as at end- December 2023)
Central/Western/ Southern & Islands	528	514	507	772	1 146
Eastern & Wan Chai	252	238	219	275	342
Kwun Tong	581	651	686	950	1 192
Wong Tai Sin & Sai Kung	1 047	1 053	1 036	976	1 053
Kowloon City & Yau Tsim Mong	246	240	351	460	482
Sham Shui Po	317	257	288	347	464
Sha Tin	347	349	365	626	813
Tai Po & North	542	559	570	657	654
Tsuen Wan & Kwai Tsing	1 025	741	686	938	962
Tuen Mun	302	308	308	366	413
Yuen Long	653	898	747	712	949
Total	5 840	5 808	5 763	7 079	8 470

Table 2: Expenditure on DSCs from 2019-20 to 2023-24

Year	Expenditure (\$ million)
2019-20 (Actual)	211.5
2020-21 (Actual)	269.1
2021-22 (Actual)	263.2
2022-23 (Actual)	305.0
2023-24 (Revised estimate)	329.3

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(W)205

(Question Serial No. 1090)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare
(3) Services for The Elderly
(4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services
(6) Community Development
(7) Young People

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Charmaine LEE)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

It was announced in the 2019-20 Budget that \$20 billion would be allocated for the purchase of 60 properties over some 3 years for accommodating more than 130 welfare facilities, including day child care centres (CCCs), neighbourhood elderly centres (NECs), on-site pre-school rehabilitation services (OPRS), etc., which are expected to benefit about 86 000 people. In this connection, please inform this Committee of the following:

1. What is the Government's latest progress in purchasing properties? Please provide the total number and value of purchased properties, the staffing establishment and administrative costs involved, and the agency costs incurred.
2. Please set out in a table the location, size, price, average price per square foot, service type/nature of the welfare facilities proposed to be accommodated, expected date of service commencement, and number of beneficiaries for each purchased property.
3. What criteria does the Government adopt in the process of purchasing and deciding the use of properties?
4. What are the objectives and timetable for this financial year?
5. When is the expected completion date for the purchase?
6. Please provide the number of projects expected to be completed under the special scheme in the next 5 years and the number of residential service places to be offered each year.

Asked by: Hon TIK Chi-yuen (LegCo internal reference no.: 18)

Reply:

With the assistance of the Government Property Agency (GPA), the Social Welfare Department (SWD) is striving to identify suitable premises for purchase through different channels. As at 29 February 2024, SWD has incurred about \$240 million in actual expenditure on the “purchase of welfare premises” under the Capital Works Reserve Fund, covering the payment for 5 premises. 2 of these premises are located in Sham Shui Po District, while the remaining 3 are located in Central and Western District, Eastern District and Kwun Tong District respectively. These premises are for operating a Parents/Relatives Resource Centre, a Support Centre for Persons with Autism and a neighbourhood elderly centre, as well as for providing on-site pre-school rehabilitation services.

The progress of purchasing premises, as well as the number, location, expenditure and purpose of such premises, depend on the availability of suitable properties in the market and various external factors, including whether the properties for sale have fire safety and barrier-free access facilities, whether the size and location meet operational requirements, whether the surrounding land uses are compatible with welfare uses, and whether the selling prices fall within the acceptable price range determined by GPA with reference to market value. Currently, SWD and GPA are continuing their efforts to identify and purchase suitable premises, and have earmarked about \$499 million for related work in 2024-25. If market conditions permit, the goal of SWD and GPA is to purchase as many premises as possible in order to provide more welfare facilities.

SWD has 2 time-limited non-directorate posts dedicated to assist in the purchase of premises in 2023-24. GPA has 5 time-limited non-directorate posts to handle the purchases in 2023-24. Apart from the above dedicated manpower, SWD and GPA have deployed their existing resources to handle the purchase of premises. No additional administrative costs or agency costs are involved in the purchase of premises.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(W)206

(Question Serial No. 1091)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Charmaine LEE)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

1. Please set out the numbers of service places and users in respect of residential respite service (RRS) and day respite service (DRS) for persons with disabilities (PWDs) in each of the past 5 years, as well as the number of planned service places in the future by geographical distribution and in detail.
2. Please set out the number of persons who have used the services of various day care service units and the number of service places available for application in each of the past 5 years.
3. Please set out i) the number of users, annual expenditure and staffing establishment (SE) of each district support centre for PWDs (DSC) in each of the past 5 years; ii) the SE, annual estimated expenditure, number of graduates benefitted and service details of the designated teams under DSCs, as indicated in last year's Policy Address that designated teams would be set up under DSCs to support special school graduates.
4. Please set out i) the actual expenditure, number of service places and number of PWDs waitlisted for each type of rehabilitation services (including day and residential services) in each of the past 5 years; ii) the average monthly cost per place of residential rehabilitation services, day services (including sheltered workshops (SWs) and day activity centres (DACs)) and pre-school rehabilitation services in each of the past 5 years.
5. Please set out i) the number of users and service places in each service unit under integrated support service for persons with severe physical disabilities (ISS) and home care service for persons with severe disabilities (HCS) in each quarter in each of the past 5 years; and ii) the number of planned additional service places in the future.

Asked by: Hon TIK Chi-yuen (LegCo internal reference no.: 19)

Reply:

1. The numbers of service places and users in respect of RRS and DRS for PWDs in different districts from 2019-20 to 2023-24 (as at 31 December 2023) are set out at Annexes 1 to 4. In 2023-24 and 2024-25, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) will provide around 110 additional respite service places for PWDs. The distribution of these service places is shown in Tables 1 and 2 of Annex 5.

2. Day care service for persons with severe disabilities is attached to 11 Care-and-Attention Homes for Severely Disabled Persons, 15 DSCs and 4 Community Rehabilitation Day Centres, providing a total of 245 places for day care service. Persons in need may apply for the service directly from the service units. Therefore, SWD does not have information on the number of service users of each day care service unit.
3.
 - i) The number of members, annual expenditure and SE of DSCs from 2019-20 to 2023-24 (as at 31 December 2023) are set out in Tables 1 to 3 of Annex 6, respectively.
 - ii) SWD will set up a designated team in each of the 21 DSCs across the territory in April 2024 to provide early intervention services for special school leavers at least 6 months before graduation and follow-up the needy cases up to 18 months after graduation with a view to assisting them in smooth transition. from school to the community living. Each designated team is composed of social workers, occupational therapists and supporting staff to collaborate with school social workers to provide support services to school leavers and their carers, including formulating care plans, strengthening independent living skills for school leavers, matching them with the appropriate community support services, and providing carers with mutual support groups or caring skills training programmes to relieve the carers' stress. It is estimated that about 600 school leavers will benefit each year, involving an annual expenditure around \$110 million.
4.
 - i) The expenditure, number of service places and number of persons waitlisted for various types of day and residential rehabilitation services from 2019-20 to 2023-24 (as at 31 December 2023) are set out in Tables 1 to 3 of Annex 7.
 - ii) The overall average monthly cost per place for residential rehabilitation services for PWDs, and the average monthly cost per place for day services (SWs and DACs) and pre-school rehabilitation services from 2019-20 to 2023-24 are set out in Tables 1 to 3 of Annex 8.
5.
 - i) The number of service users and places in each service unit under HCS and ISS and in each quarter from 2019-20 to 2023-24 (as at 31 December 2023) are set out in Tables 1 to 7 of Annex 9.
 - ii) At present, there is no plan to increase the number of places for these 2 home care services.

Number of RRS places for PWDs by district ^{Note 1} from 2019-20 to 2023-24

District	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24 (as at 31 December 2023)
Central & Western	8	8	8	8	8
Southern	38	38	38	38	38
Islands	-	6	6	6	6
Eastern	10	12	12	12	14
Wan Chai	-	-	-	-	-
Kwun Tong	34	44	44	44	44
Wong Tai Sin	5	6	6	6	6
Sai Kung	26	26	26	26	26
Kowloon City	11	13	15	15	17
Yau Tsim Mong	2	8	10	10	13
Sham Shui Po	13	26	27	35	39
Sha Tin	34	36	36	38	38
Tai Po	20	20	20	20	20
North	16	22	24	24	24
Yuen Long	22	24	24	24	24
Tsuen Wan	10	10	13	13	13
Kwai Tsing	36	41	41	44	48
Tuen Mun	33	40	40	40	44
Total	318	380	390	403	422

Note 1 Including designated DRS/RRS places under the Bought Place Scheme (BPS) for Private Residential Care Homes for PWDs (RCHDs).

Number of DRS places for PWDs by district ^{Note 1} from 2019-20 to 2023-24

District	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24 (as at 31 December 2023)
Central & Western	2	2	2	2	2
Eastern	6	6	6	6	10
Wan Chai	-	-	2	2	2
Southern	4	4	4	8	8
Islands	-	-	2	2	2
Kwun Tong	15	15	15	15	15
Wong Tai Sin	4	4	4	4	4
Sai Kung	10	10	10	10	10
Kowloon City	4	4	4	4	10
Sham Shui Po	12	12	12	12	22
Yau Tsim Mong	2	2	2	4	15
Sha Tin	24	24	24	26	26
Tai Po	4	4	4	4	4
North	24	24	24	24	32
Yuen Long	6	6	6	6	8
Tsuen Wan	8	8	8	8	11
Kwai Tsing	24	24	24	24	36 ^{Note 2}
Tuen Mun	11	11	11	11	18
Total	160	160	164	172	235

Note 1 Including designated DRS/RRS places provided by private RCHDs under BPS.

Note 2 Excluding the reduction of 2 DRS/RRS places provided by a private RCHD participating in the BPS due to termination of contract in September 2023.

Number of users of RRS places for PWDs by district ^{Note 1} from 2019-20 to 2023-24

District	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24 (as at 31 December 2023)
Central & Western	9	6	1	3	3
Southern	218	25	22	24	52
Islands	-	0	0	0	0
Eastern	58	1	18	10	31
Wan Chai	-	-	-	-	-
Kwun Tong	222	18	28	59	131
Wong Tai Sin	30	0	0	0	18
Sai Kung	226	30	63	85	140
Kowloon City	92	37	27	39	72
Yau Tsim Mong	19	0	37	29	29
Sham Shui Po	82	5	27	54	110
Sha Tin	377	21	20	56	186
Tai Po	31	6	15	18	47
North	157	2	28	46	59
Yuen Long	251	4	4	13	86
Tsuen Wan	108	0	5	16	11
Kwai Tsing	125	17	31	58	120
Tuen Mun	280	52	102	68	98
Total	2 285	224	428	578	1 193

**Number of users of DRS for PWDs by district
from 2019-20 to 2023-24**

District	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24 (as at 31 December 2023)
Central & Western	57	111	159	74	150
Eastern	15	0	2	7	39
Wan Chai	0	0	3	84	32
Southern	91	49	99	73	145
Islands	0	0	0	9	18
Kwun Tong	199	98	134	119	77
Wong Tai Sin	26	24	25	24	18
Sai Kung	66	57	64	44	33
Kowloon City	123	0	0	118	217
Sham Shui Po	58	2	16	42	53
Yau Tsim Mong	325	141	141	150	148
Sha Tin	155	66	109	113	278
Tai Po	13	0	5	0	8
North	184	1	25	24	29
Yuen Long	72	130	115	113	43
Tsuen Wan	57	101	142	51	37
Kwai Tsing	124	22	0	3	10
Tuen Mun	240	94	285	173	165
Total	1 805	896	1 324	1 221	1 500

**Table 1: Number of additional places and their distribution by district
for planned RRS for PWDs from 2023-24 to 2024-25**

District	2023-24 ^{Note 1}	2024-25
Eastern	2	-
Sai Kung	-	1
Kowloon City	2	-
Yau Tsim Mong	3	-
Sham Shui Po	4	-
Sha Tin	-	1
North	-	8
Kwai Tsing	6	-
Tuen Mun	14 ^{Note 2}	-
Others	-6 ^{Note 3}	6
Total	25	16

Note 1 Including 17 designated DRS/RRS places provided by private RCHDs under BPS.

Note 2 Including 4 service places that have commenced service by 31 December 2023 and 10 service places that will commence service by April 2024.

Note 3 Including the reduction in DRS/RRS places provided by 2 private RCHDs under BPS due to termination of contracts in September 2023 and January 2024, respectively.

**Table 2: Number of additional places and their distribution by district
for planned DRS for PWDs
from 2023-24 to 2024-25**

District	2023-24 ^{Note 1}	2024-25
Eastern	4	-
Kowloon City	6	-
Sham Shui Po	10	-
Yau Tsim Mong	11	-
North	8	-
Yuen Long	2	-
Tsuen Wan	3	-
Kwai Tsing	12	-
Tuen Mun	7	-
Others	-4 ^{Note 2}	6
Total	59	6

Note 1 Including 63 designated DRS/RRS places provided by private RCHDs under BPS.

Note 2 Including the reduction of 4 DRS/RRS places provided by private RCHDs under BPS due to termination of contracts.

Table 1: Number of DSC members from 2019-20 to 2023-24

2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24 (as at 31 December 2023)
5 840	5 808	5 763	7 079	8 470

Table 2: Annual expenditure on DSCs from 2019-20 to 2023-24

2019-20 (Actual) (\$ million)	2020-21 (Actual) (\$ million)	2021-22 (Actual) (\$ million)	2022-23 (Actual) (\$ million)	2023-24 (Revised estimate) (\$ million)
211.5	269.1	263.2	305.0	329.3

Table 3: SE of DSCs ^{Note}

DSC	
Rank/Post	No. of staff
Social Work Officer	1
Assistant Social Work Officer	1
Senior Social Work Assistant	1
Social Work Assistant	4
Clinical Psychologist	0.5
Physiotherapist I	0.5
Occupational Therapist I	1
Speech Therapist	1
Enrolled Nurse	0.5
Personal Care Worker	7
Welfare Worker	8
Clerical Assistant	1.5
Workman II	1
Driver	1

^{Note} SWD calculates the subvention for subvented services on the basis of SE. Under the Lump Sum Grant Subvention System, service operators have the flexibility to deploy resources and arrange suitable staffing to meet the requirements set out in the Funding and Service Agreements.

Table 1: Expenditure on various day and residential rehabilitation services from 2019-20 to 2023-24

Service type	Annual expenditure (\$ million)				
	2019-20 (Actual)	2020-21 (Actual)	2021-22 (Actual)	2022-23 (Actual)	2023-24 (Revised estimate)
Day rehabilitation service					
Day activity centre (DAC)	745.7	772.1	776.6	792.5	857.5
Sheltered workshop (SW)	375.6	378.1	374.4	380.0	398.1
Integrated vocational rehabilitation services centre (IVRSC)	312.7	347.4	370.1	361.8	406.7
Integrated vocational training centre (IVTC)	33.3	33.2	32.9	33.1	34.4
Supported employment (SE)	100.4	100.0	98.9	100.1	106.3
On the job training programme for people with disabilities (OJT)	21.9	21.8	21.8	22.1	22.7
Sunnyway - on the job training programme for young people with disabilities (Sunnyway)	16.5	16.6	16.5	16.7	17.2
Residential rehabilitation service					
Halfway house (HWH)	220.3	228.8	229.6	232.7	240.3
Long stay care home (LSCH)	311.0	309.8	307.7	319.5	375.9
Integrated vocational training centre (residential service) [IVTC(Res)]	11.9	11.8	11.7	11.9	12.4
Hostel for severely mentally handicapped persons (HSMH)	937.0	981.2	999.1	1,018.8	1,135.9
Hostel for moderately mentally handicapped persons (HMMH)	350.2	369.8	387.6	388.7	443.6
Care-and-attention home for severely disabled persons (C&A/SD)	292.3	317.7	331.2	341.1	391.4
Hostel for severely physically handicapped persons (HSPH)	146.8	170.0	204.7	193.8	212.9
Care-and-attention home for the aged blind (C&A/AB)	181.0	178.9	179.2	182.7	188.7
Small group home for mildly mentally handicapped children [SGH(MMHC)] ^{Note}	31.7	31.9	34.4	34.3	35.7
Supported hostel (SHOS)	102.8	112.0	112.2	120.2	131.6
BPS for Private RCHD	94.7	132.1	176.5	200.0	226.6

Note SGHs(MMHC) include integrated small group homes (ISGHs).

Table 2: Number of service places for various day and residential rehabilitation services from 2019-20 to 2023-24

Service type	No. of service places				
	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24 (as at 31 December 2023)
Day rehabilitation service					
DAC	5 646	5 808	5 808	5 865	5 876
SW	5 399	5 399	5 399	5 399	5 399
IVRSC	5 288	5 523	5 523	5 648	5 808
IVTC	453	453	453	453	453
SE	1 633	1 633	1 633	1 633	1 633
OJT	432	432	432	432	432
Sunnyway	311	311	311	311	311
Residential rehabilitation service					
HWH	1 594	1 594	1 594	1 594	1 594
LSCH	1 587	1 587	1 587	1 587	1 987
IVTC(Res)	170	170	170	170	170
HSMH	3 929	4 060	4 060	4 112	4 123
HMMH	2 658	2 800	2 800	2 851	2 926
C&A/SD	1 042	1 132	1 132	1 132	1 132
HSPH	665	715	715	715	790
C&A/AB	828	828	828	828	828
SGH(MMHC) ^{Note}	128	128	128	128	128
SHOS	744	784	804	866	866
BPS for Private RCHD	1 018	1 018	1 264	1 379	1 320

Note SGHs(MMHC) include ISGHs.

Table 3: Number of persons waitlisted for various day and residential rehabilitation services from 2019-20 to 2023-24

Service type	No. of persons waitlisted				
	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24 (as at 31 December 2023)
Day rehabilitation service					
DAC	1 259	1 238	1 181	1 195	1 129
SW	2 416	2 116	2 176	2 239	2 110
IVRSC ^{Note 1}	N.A.				
IVTC ^{Note 2}	N.A.				
SE	23	29	25	23	35
OJT ^{Note 2}	N.A.				
Sunnyway ^{Note 2}	N.A.				
Residential rehabilitation service					
HWH	617	506	616	517	598
LSCH	2 627	2 664	2 651	2 450	2 206
IVTC(Res) ^{Note 2}	N.A.				
HSMH	2 427	2 416	2 400	2 417	2 294
HMMH	2 516	2 535	2 661	2 798	2 757
C&A/SD	581	506	509	438	363
HSPH	545	375	339	329	270
C&A/AB	148	118	57	31	36
SGH(MMHC) ^{Note 3}	50	79	104	108	111
SHOS	2 203	2 247	2 353	2 370	2 326
BPS for Private RCHD ^{Note 4}	N.A.				

N.A. – Not applicable

Note 1 There is no central waiting list for IVRSCs and applicants are selected from the central waiting lists for SW and SE.

Note 2 Since IVTC, OJT and Sunnyway may admit service users directly or through referral, SWD does not have information on the number of persons waitlisted for the relevant services.

Note 3 SGHs(MMHC) include ISGHs.

Note 4 There is no central waiting list system or statistical information on the number of applicants under BPS. For applicants on the waiting list for LSCHs, HMMHs, HWHs, SHOSs under the Central Referral System for Rehabilitation Services, BPS places are allocated by SWD according to the preference of the applicants who have indicated acceptance of BPS.

**Table 1: Average monthly cost per place for residential rehabilitation service
from 2019-20 to 2023-24**

Year	Average monthly cost per place for residential rehabilitation service (\$)
2019-20 (Actual)	18,221
2020-21 (Actual)	18,033
2021-22 (Actual)	18,011
2022-23 (Actual)	18,531
2023-24 (Revised estimate)	19,338

**Table 2: Average monthly cost per place for SWs and DACs
from 2019-20 to 2023-24**

Year	SW	DAC
	Average monthly cost per place (\$)	
2019-20 (Actual)	5,856	11,361
2020-21 (Actual)	5,889	11,539
2021-22 (Actual)	5,834	11,281
2022-23 (Actual)	5,913	11,481
2023-24 (Revised estimate)	6,201	11,740

**Table 3: Average monthly cost per place for pre-school rehabilitation services
from 2019-20 to 2023-24**

Year	Average monthly cost per place (\$)
2019-20 (Actual)	9,544
2020-21 (Actual)	9,930
2021-22 (Actual)	9,764
2022-23 (Actual)	9,950
2023-24 (Revised estimate)	10,695

**Table 1: Number of ISS users per quarter
from 2019-20 to 2023-24 (as at 31 December 2023)**

Service Unit	Year											
	2019-20				2020-21				2021-22			
	April to June 2019	July to September 2019	October to December 2019	January to March 2020	April to June 2020	July to September 2020	October to December 2020	January to March 2021	April to June 2021	July to September 2021	October to December 2021	January to March 2022
Hong Kong Island and Kowloon	475	474	466	446	445	444	459	463	486	513	530	516
New Territories	512	518	535	513	512	486	497	493	477	464	466	463
Total	987	992	1 001	959	957	930	956	956	963	977	996	979

Service Unit	Year							
	2022-23				2023-24 (As at 31 December 2023)			
	April to June 2022	July to September 2022	October to December 2022	January to March 2023	April to June 2023	July to September 2023	October to December 2023	
Hong Kong Island and Kowloon	517	545	544	540	547	539	535	
New Territories	453	447	459	460	482	496	489	
Total	970	992	1 003	1 000	1 029	1 035	1 024	

Table 2: Number of HCS users per quarter in 2019-20

Service unit by district	April to June 2019	July to September 2019	October to December 2019	January to March 2020
Central Western, Southern and Islands, Eastern and Wan Chai	606	597	603	539
Kwun Tong, Wong Tai Sin	556	556	563	539
Sham Shui Po, Kowloon City, Yau Tsim Mong and Tseung Kwan O	736	682	673	624
Tsuen Wan, Yuen Long and Tin Shui Wai	627	604	595	532
Kwai Chung, Tsing Yi, Tuen Mun	550	532	485	442
Sha Tin, Tai Po and North, Sai Kung	773	775	769	720
Total	3 848	3 746	3 688	3 396

Table 3: Number of HCS users per quarter in 2020-21

Service unit by district	April to June 2020	July to September 2020	October to December 2020	January to March 2021
Central Western, Southern and Islands, Eastern and Wan Chai	516	475	510	514
Kwun Tong, Wong Tai Sin	580	588	621	604
Sham Shui Po, Kowloon City, Yau Tsim Mong and Tseung Kwan O	710	718	754	753
Tsuen Wan, Yuen Long and Tin Shui Wai	510	490	505	531
Kwai Chung, Tsing Yi, Tuen Mun	444	451	491	505
Sha Tin, Tai Po and North, Sai Kung	731	731	749	750
Total	3 491	3 453	3 630	3 657

Table 4: Number of HCS users per quarter in 2021-22

Service unit by district	April to June 2021	July to September 2021	October to December 2021	January to March 2021
Central Western, Southern and Islands, Eastern and Wan Chai	567	602	618	592
Kwun Tong, Wong Tai Sin	605	602	598	567
Sham Shui Po, Kowloon City, Yau Tsim Mong and Tseung Kwan O	779	749	759	719
Tsuen Wan, Yuen Long and Tin Shui Wai	552	562	565	566
Kwai Chung, Tsing Yi, Tuen Mun	516	495	512	488
Sha Tin, Tai Po and North, Sai Kung	769	771	794	745
Total	3 788	3 781	3 846	3 677

Table 5: Number of HCS users per quarter in 2022-23

Service unit by district	April to June 2022	July to September 2022	October to December 2022	January to March 2023
Central Western, Southern and Islands, Eastern and Wan Chai	633	654	651	641
Kwun Tong, Wong Tai Sin	575	580	582	592
Sham Shui Po, Kowloon City, Yau Tsim Mong and Tseung Kwan O	730	760	780	783
Tsuen Wan, Yuen Long and Tin Shui Wai	560	566	585	594
Kwai Chung, Tsing Yi, Tuen Mun	510	516	520	558
Sha Tin, Tai Po and North, Sai Kung	788	799	799	817
Total	3 796	3 875	3 917	3 985

**Table 6: Number of HCS users per quarter in 2023-24
(as at 31 December 2023)**

Service unit by district	April to June 2023	July to September 2023	October to December 2023
Central Western, Southern and Islands, Eastern and Wan Chai	634	633	614
Kwun Tong, Wong Tai Sin	590	591	588
Sham Shui Po, Kowloon City, Yau Tsim Mong and Tseung Kwan O	782	782	786
Tsuen Wan, Yuen Long and Tin Shui Wai	601	600	604
Kwai Chung, Tsing Yi, Tuen Mun	582	608	632
Sha Tin, Tai Po and North, Sai Kung	800	816	820
Total	3 989	4 030	4 044

Table 7: Numbers of service places of ISS and HCS from 2019-20 to 2023-24

Year	No. of service places	
	ISS	HCS
2019-20	900	3 550
2020-21	900	3 550
2021-22	900	3 550
2022-23	900	3 550
2023-24 (as at 31 December 2023)	900	3 550

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(W)207****(Question Serial No. 1093)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ()Programme: (2) Social SecurityControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Charmaine LEE)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

Please provide the number of children from families not receiving the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) with incomes below 50%, between 50% and 60% and between 60% and 70% of the median household income in the past 10 years.

Number of Children

	Below 50% of the median household income	Between 50% and 60% of the median household income	Between 60% and 70% of the median household income
2023-2024			
2022-2023			
2021-2022			
2020-2021			
2019-2020			
2018-2019			
2017-2018			
2016-2017			
2015-2016			
2014-2015			

Asked by: Hon TIK Chi-yuen (LegCo internal reference no.: 21)Reply:

The CSSA Scheme provides a safety net of last resort for those who cannot support themselves financially to help them meet their basic needs. CSSA households must pass the income and asset tests under the CSSA Scheme, or their applications will not be accepted. The Social Welfare Department does not have information on the income level of or number of children in families not receiving CSSA.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(W)208

(Question Serial No. 1095)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Charmaine LEE)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Please provide the number of households with children aged below 18 that have successfully applied for the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) and the number of such children in the past 10 years.

Number of households that have successfully applied for CSSA and number of children

	Number of families	Number of children
2023-2024		
2022-2023		
2021-2022		
2020-2021		
2019-2020		
2018-2019		
2017-2018		
2016-2017		
2015-2016		
2014-2015		

Asked by: Hon TIK Chi-yuen (LegCo internal reference no.: 23)

Reply:

The standard rates for children under the CSSA Scheme are applicable to those aged below 15 or aged 15 to 21 receiving full-time education (students receiving post-secondary education are normally not eligible under the CSSA Scheme). From 2019-20 to 2023-24, the number of CSSA cases involving households with members aged below 15 and the number of CSSA recipients aged below 15 are set out in Tables 1 and 2 of Annex, respectively. The Social Welfare Department does not have the other information sought.

Table 1 Number of CSSA cases involving households with members aged below 15 from 2019-20 to 2023-24

Year	Number of CSSA cases involving households with members aged below 15
2019-20	30 419
2020-21	31 727
2021-22	29 335
2022-23	26 701
2023-24 (as at end-December 2023)	24 761

Table 2 Number of CSSA recipients aged below 15 from 2019-20 to 2023-24

Year	Number of CSSA recipients aged below 15
2019-20	45 807
2020-21	47 507
2021-22	43 751
2022-23	39 910
2023-24 (as at end-December 2023)	37 080

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(W)209

(Question Serial No. 1096)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Charmaine LEE)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the Pilot Scheme on Home Care and Support for Elderly Persons with Mild Impairment (Pilot Scheme on HSMI), please provide the following statistics for the past 3 years:

1. the number of elderly persons who have undergone assessment;
2. the number of elderly persons assessed as eligible by the Community Care Fund (CCF);
3. the number of elderly persons who have been refused the service (please provide the information using the table below);

	No. of elderly persons
Assessed to have no impairment	
Assessed to have non-mild impairment	
Assessed to have mild impairment but failed to meet the means test of CCF	
Others	

4. the number of elderly persons who have been assessed as eligible but refused to use the service;
5. the number of elderly persons who have withdrawn from the service and the reasons for withdrawal;
6. the number of accredited assessors for elderly services;
7. the total expenditure on the Pilot Scheme on HSMI; and
8. the respective numbers of elderly persons currently using Integrated Home Care Services (Ordinary Cases) [IHCS(OC)], participating in the Pilot Scheme on HSMI, and waitlisted for IHCS(OC) in various districts (please provide the information using the table below):

	No. of elderly persons currently using IHCS(OC)	No. of elderly persons currently participating in the Pilot Scheme on HSMI	No. of elderly persons waitlisted for IHCS(OC)
Central & Western			
Wan Chai			
Eastern			
Southern			
Sham Shui Po			
Yau Tsim Mong			
Kowloon City			
Wong Tai Sin			
Kwun Tong			
Kwai Tsing			
Tsuen Wan			
Tuen Mun			
Yuen Long			
North			
Tai Po			
Sha Tin			
Sai Kung			
Islands			

Asked by: Hon TIK Chi-yuen (LegCo internal reference no.: 24)

Reply:

HSMI was launched on a pilot basis in December 2017 with funding from CCF. It aims to provide elderly persons assessed with mild impairment who are waitlisted for IHCS(OC) with necessary home care and support services, including meals, household cleaning, escort, purchase and delivery of daily necessities, etc. In addition, the Pilot Scheme on HSMI also provides various support and assistance to carers. The Pilot Scheme on HSMI was converted into a regular measure in January 2023, providing 4 000 service places every year.

- 1 to 4. By the completion of the Pilot Scheme at the end of December 2022, a cumulative total of 7 747 elderly persons had undergone simplified assessments. Among them, 6 135 were assessed with mild impairment, deemed eligible for HSMI by CCF, and referred to service units for follow-up. 229 were assessed with no impairment, while 177 were assessed that their physical function might require a higher level of care and were referred for further assessment. Another 86 did not meet the stipulated eligibility criteria. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) does not have the number of eligible elderly persons who declined to use the services.
5. The cumulative number of persons who left the Pilot Scheme on HSMI by reason for termination of services from 2020-21 up till the completion of the Pilot Scheme are set out at Annex 1.
6. As at the end of December 2023, SWD trained a total of 357 accredited assessors.
7. The total expenditure of the Pilot Scheme amounted to about \$250 million. A cumulative total of 5 874 people received the services.
8. From 2021-22 to 2023-24 (as at the end of December 2023), the numbers of elderly persons using and waitlisted for IHCS(OC) in various districts are set out at Annexes 2 and 3, respectively. The number of persons who participated in the Pilot Scheme on HSMI and received subsidies from CCF during the period from

2020-21 up till the completion of the Pilot Scheme is set out at Annex 4. SWD does not have the number of the Pilot Scheme participants by District Council district.

Cumulative number of persons who left the Pilot Scheme on HSMI Scheme by reason for termination of services from 2020-21 to 2022-23^{Note 1}

Year	Reasons for termination of services				Total ^{Note 3}
	Deceased	Admitted to residential care services	Admitted to subvented community care services	Withdrawn from the services ^{Note 2}	
2020-21	245	191	217	599	1 252
2021-22	352	283	379	823	1 837
2022-23 (till the conclusion of the pilot scheme) ^{Note 1}	496	387	550	1 125	2 558

Note 1 Following the completion of the Pilot Scheme at the end of December 2022, the Government converted it into a regular measure in January 2023, providing 4 000 service places every year.

Note 2 The main reasons for the elderly to withdraw from the services include hospitalisation or changes in their family support situation, e.g. being taken care of by family members or domestic helpers, etc.

Note 3 The cumulative numbers are calculated from the launch of the Pilot Scheme in December 2017.

Number of elderly persons using IHCS(OC) from 2021-22 to 2023-24^{Note}

District	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24 (as at end-December 2023)
Central & Western	498	476	467
Eastern	1 369	1 266	1 204
Wan Chai	361	344	331
Southern	852	859	772
Islands	287	240	236
Kwun Tong	1 613	1 563	1 620
Wong Tai Sin	1 193	1 178	1 226
Sai Kung	321	299	335
Kowloon City	1 130	1 098	988
Yau Tsim Mong	781	793	729
Sham Shui Po	1 424	1 338	1 335
Sha Tin	1 188	1 079	966
Tai Po	475	407	398
North	922	833	590
Yuen Long	921	848	750
Tuen Mun	840	773	573
Tsuen Wan	388	373	401
Kwai Tsing	1 065	1 008	982
Total	15 628	14 775	13 903

^{Note} The figures represent the number of elderly persons using the services at the end of the year concerned.

Number of elderly persons waitlisted for IHCS(OC) from 2021-22 to 2023-24 ^{Note}

District	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24 (as at end-December 2023)
Central & Western	113	97	122
Eastern	265	224	228
Wan Chai	123	61	44
Southern	113	137	211
Islands	51	70	19
Kwun Tong	883	655	623
Wong Tai Sin	639	562	470
Sai Kung	161	181	180
Kowloon City	107	131	202
Yau Tsim Mong	39	16	11
Sham Shui Po	335	271	298
Sha Tin	580	538	745
Tai Po	234	169	292
North	88	35	55
Yuen Long	204	217	153
Tuen Mun	410	369	300
Tsuen Wan	7	3	-
Kwai Tsing	34	57	10
Total	4 386	3 793	3 963

^{Note} The non-governmental organisations currently operating IHCS(OC) maintain and manage their own waiting lists. The figures represent the number of elderly persons waitlisted for the services at the end of the year concerned.

**Number of persons who participated in the Pilot Scheme on HSMI
and received subsidies from CCF
from 2020-21 to 2022-23** ^{Note 1}

Year	Number of persons who participated in the Pilot Scheme and received subsidies from CCF
2020-21	2 432
2021-22	2 794
2022-23 (by the completion of the Pilot Scheme) ^{Note 1}	3 316

^{Note 1} Following the completion of the Pilot Scheme at the end of December 2022, the Government converted it into a regular measure in January 2023, providing 4 000 service places every year. The figures represent the number of persons using the Pilot Scheme services while receiving subsidies from CCF at the end of the year concerned.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(W)210

(Question Serial No. 1097)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Charmaine LEE)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the Pilot Scheme on Community Care Service Voucher (CCSV) for the Elderly (Pilot Scheme on CCSV), the Pilot Scheme on Home Care and Support for Elderly Persons with Mild Impairment (Pilot Scheme on HSMI) and the Pilot Scheme on Residential Care Service Voucher (RCSV) for the Elderly (Pilot Scheme on RCSV), please inform this Committee of the following:

1. the number of recognised service providers (RSPs), the number of service places, the number of current voucher users, the number of elderly persons withdrawn, as well as the expenditure involved since the launch of the 3 pilot schemes;
2. the average time it takes for the elderly to receive services from the date they apply for the 3 pilot schemes;
3. the average time it takes for the elderly to receive services from the date their applications for the 3 pilot schemes are approved;
4. a breakdown of the cumulative number of elderly persons withdrawn from the 3 pilot schemes by reason for withdrawal; and
5. a breakdown of the cumulative number of voucher holders under the 3 pilot schemes by co-payment level.

Asked by: Hon TIK Chi-yuen (LegCo internal reference no.: 25)

Reply:

1 & 4. As at the end of December 2023, there were 8 395 CCSV users and 258 RSPs. The revised estimate for the CCSV Scheme for the Elderly (CCSV Scheme) was about \$573.5 million in 2023-24. The Government has made the CCSV permanent since September 2023. The number of CCSVs will be increased by 1 000 in 2024-25, bringing the total to 11 000, and will be further increased to 12 000 in 2025-26.

As at the end of December 2023, there were 3 433 RCSV users and 202 RSPs. The revised estimate for the RCSV Scheme for the Elderly (RCSV Scheme) was about \$744.4 million in 2023-24. In the second quarter of 2024, the Government

will expand the coverage of RCSVs from care-and-attention places to nursing home places. An extra 1 000 RCSVs will also be provided, bringing the total to 5 000.

HSMI was launched on a pilot basis in December 2017. Under the pilot scheme, 61 integrated home care services teams across the territory provided home care and support services to elderly persons assessed to have mild impairment and waitlisted for Integrated Home Care Services (Ordinary Cases). The cumulative total expenditure of the pilot scheme amounted to about \$250 million. The Government converted HSMI into a regular measure in January 2023, providing a total of 4 000 service places. In 2023-24 (as at end of December 2023), there were 6 633 service users under HSMI.

The number of elderly persons who left the above 3 schemes and their reasons for leaving are set out at Annex 1.

- 2 & 3. As at the end of December 2023, it took an average of 11 days for the elderly to receive CCSVs from the date SWD received their applications. CCSV holders have the flexibility to choose RSPs and service packages according to their needs (including when they want to use the services for the first time). Therefore, SWD does not have information on the time it takes for CCSV holders to use the services for the first time from the date of issuance.

As at the end of December 2023, the average time for the elderly to be issued RCSVs from the date SWD received their applications was about 2.1 months, while the average time from the date of issuance to using the services was about 19 days.

SWD does not have information on the time it takes for service users under HSMI to receive services from the date of application during the pilot phase up until now.

5. The number of elderly service users under the above 3 schemes, broken down by co-payment level, is set out at Annex 2.

Table 1: Cumulative number of elderly persons having left the CCSV Scheme by reason for leaving

Reason for leaving	No. of persons who left			
	Pilot Scheme on CCSV			Upon converting into a permanent measure ^{Note} (as at end-December 2023)
	First phase	Second phase	Third phase	
Will be/have been allocated with/receiving subsidised community care services or subsidised/private residential care services	845	2 739	4 347	661
Deceased	298	1 808	3 412	470
Being taken care of by family members or domestic helpers, etc.	264	680	698	12
Others (e.g. hospitalisation, out of town, etc.)	106	473	135	5
No suitable RSPs/service packages	401	295	0	0
Total	1 914	5 995	8 592	1 148

^{Note} The Government has made the CCSV permanent since September 2023.

Table 2: Cumulative number of elderly persons having left the RCSV Scheme by reason for leaving (as at end-December 2023)

Reason for leaving	No. of persons who left
Deceased	2 031
Having no immediate need for residential care services (e.g. taken care of by family members or domestic helpers)	375
The preferred RSP was full/no suitable RSPs	171
Chose to wait for subsidised residential care places	120
Refused to accept the co-payment arrangement	56
Others (e.g. long-term hospitalisation, out of town, etc.)	70
Total	2 823

Table 3: Cumulative number of elderly persons having left the Pilot Scheme on HSMI by reason for termination of services (by the completion of the Pilot Scheme)

Note 1

Reason for termination of services	Deceased	Admitted to residential care services	Admitted to subsidised community care services	Withdrawn from the services ^{Note 2}	Total
No. of persons	496	387	550	1 125	2 558

Note 1 Upon the completion of the Pilot Scheme at the end of December 2022, the Government converted it into a regular measure in January 2023, providing a total of 4 000 service places.

Note 2 The main reasons for the elderly to withdraw from the services include hospitalisation or changes in their family support situation, e.g. being taken care of by family members or domestic helpers, etc.

Table 1: Cumulative number of CCSV holders under the first phase of the Pilot Scheme on CCSV by co-payment level

Co-payment level ^{Note}	No. of persons
I	2 031
II	312
III	299
IV	53
V	273
Total	2 968

^{Note} The amounts of co-payment payable by CCSV holders under the first phase of the scheme were set according to their affordability at 5 levels, namely (I) to (V) (i.e. \$500 (I), \$750 (II), \$1,000 (III), \$1,500 (IV) and \$2,500 (V)).

Table 2: Cumulative number of CCSV holders under the second phase of the Pilot Scheme on CCSV by co-payment level

Co-payment level ^{Note}	No. of persons
I	2 081
II	5 745
III	1 156
IV	1 173
V	208
VI	1 791
Total	12 154

^{Note} The amounts of co-payment payable by CCSV holders under the second phase of the scheme were set according to their affordability at 6 levels, namely (I) to (VI) (i.e. 5% (I), 8% (II), 12% (III), 16% (IV), 25% (V) and 40% (VI) of the CCSV value). CCSV holders settle their service fees each month in accordance with the voucher value of the CCSVs they used and their corresponding co-payment percentages. The 5 types of CCSV values were set at \$4,130, \$5,970, \$7,460, \$8,380, \$9,870 per month in 2020-21.

Table 3: Cumulative number of CCSV holders under the third phase of the Pilot Scheme on CCSV by co-payment level

Co-payment level ^{Note}	No. of persons
I	2 854
II	10 047
III	1 715
IV	1 998
V	371
VI	2 835
Total	19 820

^{Note} The amounts of co-payment payable by CCSV holders under the third phase of the scheme are set according to their affordability at 6 levels, namely (I) to (VI) (i.e. 5% (I), 8% (II), 12% (III), 16% (IV), 25% (V) and 40% (VI) of the CCSV value). CCSV holders settle their service fees each month in accordance with the voucher value of the CCSVs they used and their corresponding co-payment percentages. The CCSV values in 2023-24 ranged from \$4,290 to \$10,260 per month.

Table 4: Cumulative number of CCSV holders upon the conversion of the CCSV Scheme into a permanent measure by co-payment level ^{Note 1} (as at end-December 2023)

Co-payment level ^{Note 2}	No. of persons
I	1 841
II	7 132
III	1 146
IV	1 337
V	236
VI	1 837
Total	13 529

Note 1 The Government has made the CCSV permanent since September 2023.

Note 2 The amounts of co-payment payable by CCSV holders following the conversion of the CCSV Scheme into a permanent measure are set according to their affordability at 6 levels, namely (I) to (VI) (i.e. 5% (I), 8% (II), 12% (III), 16% (IV), 25% (V) and 40% (VI) of the CCSV value). CCSV holders settle their service fees each month in accordance with the voucher value of the CCSVs they used and their corresponding co-payment percentages. The CCSV values in 2023-24 ranged from \$4,290 to \$10,260 per month.

Table 5: Cumulative number of RCSV holders by co-payment level (as at end-December 2023)

Level ^{Note}	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Co-payment percentages	0.0%	10.0%	20.0%	30.0%	40.0%	50.0%	62.5%	75.0%
Cumulative no. of RCSV holders	5 546	661	22	16	6	5	-	282

Note The voucher value of an RCSV is set at \$16,161 per month from 1 April 2023. RCSV has 8 co-payment levels, ranging from the lowest Level 0 to the highest Level 7. While RCSV holders at Level 0 are fully subsidised by the Government, RCSV holders at Levels 1 to 7 are required to pay for a portion of the voucher value according to their respective co-payment percentages.

Table 6: Cumulative number of service users under the Pilot Scheme on HSMI by co-payment level (by the completion of the Pilot Scheme) ^{Note 1}

Co-payment level ^{Note 2}	No. of persons
I	2 328
II	2 902
III	306
IV	286
V	52
Total	5 874

Note 1 Upon the completion of HSMI at the end of December 2022, the Government converted it into a regular measure in January 2023, providing a total of 4 000 service places.

Note 2 The 5 co-payment percentages for meal services were set at 20%, 30%, 35%, 40% and 45% of the service value, whereas the 5 co-payment percentages for home services were set at 0%, 9%, 15%, 21% and 27% of the service value.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(W)211

(Question Serial No. 1100)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Charmaine LEE)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) Scheme, please provide the following information for the past 3 years, with a breakdown by District Council (DC) district:

- (1) the number of cases involving CSSA households living in private rental housing with actual rent exceeding the maximum rent allowance (MRA):

District	1-person household	2-person household	3-person household	4-person household	5-person household	Household with 6 persons or above
Central & Western						
Wan Chai						
Eastern						
Southern						
Sham Shui Po						
Yau Tsim Mong						
Kowloon City						
Wong Tai Sin						
Kwun Tong						
Kwai Tsing						
Tsuen Wan						
Tuen Mun						
Yuen Long						
North						
Tai Po						
Sha Tin						
Sai Kung						
Islands						

- (2) the number of cases involving CSSA households living in public rental housing with actual rent exceeding MRA:

District	1-person household	2-person household	3-person household	4-person household	5-person household	Household with 6 persons or above
Central & Western						
Wan Chai						
Eastern						
Southern						
Sham Shui Po						
Yau Tsim Mong						
Kowloon City						
Wong Tai Sin						
Kwun Tong						
Kwai Tsing						
Tsuen Wan						
Tuen Mun						
Yuen Long						
North						
Tai Po						
Sha Tin						
Sai Kung						
Islands						

- (3) the number of CSSA cases benefitted from the provision of disregarded earnings (DE):

District	1-person household	2-person household	3-person household	4-person household	5-person household	Household with 6 persons or above
Central & Western						
Wan Chai						
Eastern						
Southern						
Sham Shui Po						
Yau Tsim Mong						
Kowloon City						
Wong Tai Sin						
Kwun Tong						
Kwai Tsing						
Tsuen Wan						
Tuen Mun						
Yuen Long						
North						
Tai Po						
Sha Tin						
Sai Kung						
Islands						

(4) the level of assistance received by CSSA cases benefitted from the provision of DE:

District	1-person household	2-person household	3-person household	4-person household	5-person household	Household with 6 persons or above
Central & Western						
Wan Chai						
Eastern						
Southern						
Sham Shui Po						
Yau Tsim Mong						
Kowloon City						
Wong Tai Sin						
Kwun Tong						
Kwai Tsing						
Tsuen Wan						
Tuen Mun						
Yuen Long						
North						
Tai Po						
Sha Tin						
Sai Kung						
Islands						

(5) the number of CSSA recipients under the case nature of “permanent disability”:

District	Aged 18 or below	Aged 19-29	Aged 30-39	Aged 40-49	Aged 50-59	Aged 60-64	Aged 65 or above
Central & Western							
Wan Chai							
Eastern							
Southern							
Sham Shui Po							
Yau Tsim Mong							
Kowloon City							
Wong Tai Sin							
Kwun Tong							
Kwai Tsing							
Tsuen Wan							
Tuen Mun							
Yuen Long							
North							
Tai Po							
Sha Tin							
Sai Kung							
Islands							

(6) the number of CSSA recipients under the case nature of “ill health”:

District	Aged 18 or below	Aged 19-29	Aged 30-39	Aged 40-49	Aged 50-59	Aged 60-64	Aged 65 or above
Central & Western							
Wan Chai							
Eastern							
Southern							
Sham Shui Po							
Yau Tsim Mong							
Kowloon City							
Wong Tai Sin							
Kwun Tong							
Kwai Tsing							
Tsuen Wan							
Tuen Mun							
Yuen Long							
North							
Tai Po							
Sha Tin							
Sai Kung							
Islands							

(7) the number of CSSA recipients under the case nature of “single parent”:

District	Aged 18 or below	Aged 19-29	Aged 30-39	Aged 40-49	Aged 50-59	Aged 60-64	Aged 65 or above
Central & Western							
Wan Chai							
Eastern							
Southern							
Sham Shui Po							
Yau Tsim Mong							
Kowloon City							
Wong Tai Sin							
Kwun Tong							
Kwai Tsing							
Tsuen Wan							
Tuen Mun							
Yuen Long							
North							
Tai Po							
Sha Tin							
Sai Kung							
Islands							

(8) the number of CSSA recipients under the case nature of “low earnings”:

District	Aged 18 or below	Aged 19-29	Aged 30-39	Aged 40-49	Aged 50-59	Aged 60-64	Aged 65 or above
Central & Western							
Wan Chai							
Eastern							
Southern							
Sham Shui Po							
Yau Tsim Mong							
Kowloon City							
Wong Tai Sin							
Kwun Tong							
Kwai Tsing							
Tsuen Wan							
Tuen Mun							
Yuen Long							
North							
Tai Po							
Sha Tin							
Sai Kung							
Islands							

(9) the number of CSSA recipients under the case nature of “unemployment”:

District	Aged 18 or below	Aged 19-29	Aged 30-39	Aged 40-49	Aged 50-59	Aged 60-64	Aged 65 or above
Central & Western							
Wan Chai							
Eastern							
Southern							
Sham Shui Po							
Yau Tsim Mong							
Kowloon City							
Wong Tai Sin							
Kwun Tong							
Kwai Tsing							
Tsuen Wan							
Tuen Mun							
Yuen Long							
North							
Tai Po							
Sha Tin							
Sai Kung							
Islands							

(10) the number of CSSA recipients under the case nature of “others”:

District	Aged 18 or below	Aged 19-29	Aged 30-39	Aged 40-49	Aged 50-59	Aged 60-64	Aged 65 or above
Central & Western							
Wan Chai							
Eastern							
Southern							
Sham Shui Po							
Yau Tsim Mong							
Kowloon City							
Wong Tai Sin							
Kwun Tong							
Kwai Tsing							
Tsuen Wan							
Tuen Mun							
Yuen Long							
North							
Tai Po							
Sha Tin							
Sai Kung							
Islands							

(11) the number of CSSA recipients residing in subsidised residential care services (RCS) places:

District	Aged below 3	Aged 3-5	Aged 6-11	Aged 12-15	Aged 16-18	Aged 19-20	Aged 21-29	Aged 30-39	Aged 40-49	Aged 50-59	Aged 60-64	Aged 65 or above
Central & Western												
Wan Chai												
Eastern												
Southern												
Sham Shui Po												
Yau Tsim Mong												
Kowloon City												
Wong Tai Sin												
Kwun Tong												
Kwai Tsing												
Tsuen Wan												
Tuen Mun												
Yuen Long												
North												
Tai Po												
Sha Tin												
Sai Kung												
Islands												

(12) the number of CSSA recipients residing in non-subsidised RCS places:

District	Aged below 3	Aged 3-5	Aged 6-11	Aged 12-15	Aged 16-18	Aged 19-20	Aged 21-29	Aged 30-39	Aged 40-49	Aged 50-59	Aged 60-64	Aged 65 or above
Central & Western												
Wan Chai												
Eastern												
Southern												
Sham Shui Po												
Yau Tsim Mong												
Kowloon City												
Wong Tai Sin												
Kwun Tong												
Kwai Tsing												
Tsuen Wan												
Tuen Mun												
Yuen Long												
North												
Tai Po												
Sha Tin												
Sai Kung												
Islands												

(13) the number of recipients under the Portable Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (PCSSA) Scheme (Guangdong (GD)):

	Aged 60-64	Aged 65-74	Aged 75 or above

(14) the number of recipients under the PCSSA Scheme (Fujian (FJ)):

Aged 60-64	Aged 65-74	Aged 75 or above

(15) a list of dental clinics designated by the Social Welfare Department (SWD) under the current CSSA system.

Asked by: Hon TIK Chi-yuen (LegCo internal reference no.: 28)

Reply:

- 1) The number of CSSA cases where the recipients are residing in private rental housing that received rent allowance, with actual rent exceeding MRA, from 2021-22 to 2023-24, broken down by number of eligible household members, is set out in Table 1 of Annex. SWD does not have information on the number of cases by district.
- 2) The number of CSSA cases where the recipients are residing in public housing that received rent allowance, with actual rent exceeding MRA, from 2021-22 to 2023-24, broken down by number of eligible household members, is set out in Table 2 of Annex. SWD does not have information on the number of cases by district.
- 3) The number of CSSA cases benefitted from the provision of DE from 2021-22 to 2023-24 is tabulated below:

Year	Number of cases benefitted from the provision of DE
2021-22	11 786
2022-23	11 248
2023-24 (as at end-December 2023)	11 089

SWD does not have information on the number of cases by district or number of eligible household members.

- 4) The average monthly DE of each CSSA recipient benefitted from the DE arrangement from 2021-22 to 2023-24 is tabulated below:

Year	Average monthly DE of each CSSA recipient benefitted from the DE arrangement (\$)
2021-22	1,830
2022-23	1,794
2023-24 (as at end-December 2023)	1,772

SWD does not have information on the average monthly DE by district or number of eligible household members.

- 5 to 10) The number of CSSA recipients from 2021-22 to 2023-24, broken down by district and case nature, is set out in Table 3 of Annex. SWD does not have information on the number of CSSA recipients by age group.
- 11) to 12) The number of CSSA recipients residing in residential care homes (RCHs) from 2021-22 to 2023-24, broken down by age group and type of residential care places (RCPs), is set out in Table 4 of Annex. SWD does not have information on the number of CSSA recipients by district and age group.
- 13 to 14) The number of PCSSA recipients from 2021-22 to 2023-24, broken down by province of residence and age group, is set out in Table 5 of Annex.
- 15) The CSSA Scheme provides a dental grant for its recipients to pay for dental treatment services (including tooth extraction, dentures, crowns, bridges, post, post and core, scaling and polishing, fillings and root canal treatment). CSSA recipients should first apply to SWD, and approach the dental clinics designated by SWD for dental examination. Dentists of the designated dental clinics will make recommendation on necessary dental treatments. CSSA recipients may then choose to receive relevant dental treatments from any registered dentists in Hong Kong, including those of the SWD designated dental clinics, according to the cost estimate made by the designated dental clinic. As at the end of December 2023, there were 77 dental clinics (including 2 mobile dental vans) designated by SWD to provide dental examination and cost estimate for CSSA recipients. The list is set out in Table 6 of Annex.

Table 1: Number of CSSA cases where the recipients are residing in private rental housing that received rent allowance, with actual rent exceeding MRA, from 2021-22 to 2023-24 by number of eligible household members

Number of eligible household members	Number of CSSA cases where the recipients are residing in private rental housing with actual rent exceeding MRA		
	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24 (as at end-December 2023)
1	7 449	7 439	7 539
2	4 115	3 721	3 553
3	2 124	1 861	1 780
4	770	710	682
5	241	231	221
6 or above	89	82	85
Total	14 788	14 044	13 860

Table 2: Number of CSSA cases where the recipients are residing in public housing estates ^[Note] that received rent allowance, with actual rent exceeding MRA, from 2021-22 to 2023-24 by number of eligible household members

Number of eligible household members	Number of CSSA cases where the recipients are residing in public housing estates ^[Note] with actual rent exceeding MRA		
	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24 (as at end-December 2023)
1	2 299	2 442	3 917
2	190	169	347
3	48	39	78
4	21	14	19
5	6	6	12
6 or above	-	-	3
Total	2 564	2 670	4 376

^[Note] Including public rental housing estates under the Housing Authority, estates under the Tenants Purchase Scheme and rental estates under the Hong Kong Housing Society.

Table 3: Number of CSSA recipients from 2021-22 to 2023-24 by district ^[Note 1] and case nature ^[Note 2]

District ^[Note 1]	2021-22					
	Number of CSSA recipients by case nature					
	Permanent disability	Ill health	Single parent	Low-earnings	Unemployment	Others
Central & Western	290	301	375	53	200	53
Eastern	1 307	1 669	2 164	310	917	215
Islands	413	756	1 645	297	1 232	126
Kowloon City	1 027	1 893	3 275	347	1 731	253
Kwai Tsing	2 737	3 220	4 369	947	2 481	434
Kwun Tong	2 411	4 608	7 857	1 013	3 972	588
North	1 182	2 153	3 987	263	1 859	304
Sai Kung	809	1 347	1 195	220	611	259
Sha Tin	1 819	3 138	5 285	478	1 801	357
Sham Shui Po	1 612	3 807	6 185	689	3 264	446
Southern	1 168	968	900	202	496	174
Tai Po	894	1 589	1 940	142	600	294
Tsuen Wan	761	867	1 907	202	704	122
Tuen Mun	2 242	2 774	3 682	384	1 776	388
Wan Chai	66	145	213	9	200	100
Wong Tai Sin	1 284	2 795	3 916	575	1 920	357
Yau Tsim Mong	533	1 633	2 527	98	1 875	231
Yuen Long	2 064	4 525	6 425	742	3 534	660
Total	22 619	38 188	57 847	6 971	29 173	5 361

^[Note 1] The boundaries of the 18 districts in the table may differ from those of the 18 DC districts.

^[Note 2] The nature of CSSA cases includes old age, permanent disability, ill health, single parent, low earnings, unemployment and others. Table 3 does not include the number of old age CSSA recipients.

District [Note 1]	2022-23					
	Number of CSSA recipients by case nature					
	Permanent disability	Ill health	Single parent	Low-earnings	Unemployment	Others
Central & Western	295	284	390	51	197	41
Eastern	1 331	1 668	2 005	282	836	248
Islands	400	724	1 512	229	1 124	120
Kowloon City	990	1 867	3 008	289	1 489	223
Kwai Tsing	2 643	3 198	4 019	848	2 366	394
Kwun Tong	2 394	4 586	7 117	776	3 785	546
North	1 178	2 199	4 294	253	1 971	300
Sai Kung	794	1 330	1 081	175	556	228
Sha Tin	1 714	3 113	4 953	414	1 576	348
Sham Shui Po	1 589	3 960	5 795	556	3 021	428
Southern	1 070	1 001	783	156	486	161
Tai Po	900	1 430	1 681	112	532	283
Tsuen Wan	744	883	1 739	185	669	122
Tuen Mun	2 291	3 005	4 049	335	1 775	394
Wan Chai	51	167	213	17	165	103
Wong Tai Sin	1 239	2 826	3 709	508	1 868	351
Yau Tsim Mong	522	1 614	2 153	57	1 719	230
Yuen Long	2 028	4 308	5 466	565	3 129	611
Total	22 173	38 163	53 967	5 808	27 264	5 131

District [Note 1]	2023-24 (as at end-December 2023)					
	Number of CSSA recipients by case nature					
	Permanent disability	Ill health	Single parent	Low-earnings	Unemployment	Others
Central & Western	297	260	361	60	168	42
Eastern	1 288	1 659	1 877	226	839	234
Islands	364	737	1 329	172	986	130
Kowloon City	937	1 831	2 788	256	1 368	234
Kwai Tsing	2 563	3 315	3 742	752	2 228	402
Kwun Tong	2 320	4 624	6 531	648	3 568	464
North	1 119	2 150	4 033	216	1 929	295
Sai Kung	787	1 351	996	146	595	220
Sha Tin	1 656	3 062	4 516	361	1 420	329
Sham Shui Po	1 625	4 014	5 383	460	2 882	404
Southern	1 050	1 014	755	147	457	142
Tai Po	872	1 387	1 634	106	520	254
Tsuen Wan	744	889	1 660	152	644	133
Tuen Mun	2 237	3 074	3 765	286	1 597	371
Wan Chai	54	148	197	12	187	110
Wong Tai Sin	1 198	2 815	3 544	430	1 717	351
Yau Tsim Mong	516	1 601	1 923	53	1 542	219
Yuen Long	2 010	4 320	5 253	487	3 075	607
Total	21 637	38 251	50 287	4 970	25 722	4 941

Table 4: Number of CSSA recipients residing in RCHs from 2021-22 to 2023-24 by age group and type of RCPs

Year	Number of recipients			
	Subsidised RCP		Non-subsidised RCP	
	Aged below 60	Aged 60 or above	Aged below 60	Aged 60 or above
2021-22	9 265	16 927	3 518	20 563
2022-23	9 235	17 085	3 393	18 995
2023-24 (as at end-December 2023)	9 231	17 736	3 317	19 421

Table 5: Number of PCSSA recipients from 2021-22 to 2023-24 by age group and province of residence

Year	Number of recipients ^[Note]						Total
	GD Province			FJ Province			
	Aged 60 to 64	Aged 65 to 74	Aged 75 or above	Aged 60 to 64	Aged 65 to 74	Aged 75 or above	
2021-22	2	80	625	-	3	76	786
2022-23	2	61	525	-	3	61	652
2023-24 (as at end-December 2023)	-	56	474	-	4	50	584

[Note] A person who has reached the age of 60 to 64 and started receiving CSSA before 1 February 2019 may choose to participate in the PCSSA Scheme, provided that he/she meets the other eligibility criteria.

Table 6: List of dental clinics designated by SWD to provide dental examination and cost estimate for CSSA recipients (as at end-December 2023)

Bradbury Kwong Tin Community Health Centre
Caritas Dental Clinics Limited-Aberdeen
Caritas Dental Clinics Limited-Caine Road
Caritas Dental Clinics Limited-Ngau Tau Kok
Caritas Dental Clinics Limited-Tsuen Wan
Chai Wan Baptist Church Dental Clinic Limited
Chi Lin Dental Clinic Limited
Christian Family Service Centre Dental Services
Christian Family Service Centre Dental Services Tokwawan Dental Clinic
Emmanuel Medical Mission
Fu Heng Community Health Centre
Haven of Hope Bradbury King Lam Clinic
Haven of Hope S K Yee Hau Tak Clinic
Haven of Hope S K Yee Tiu Keng Leng Clinic
HK & KLN Senior Citizens' Welfare Association Dental Clinic

H.K.S.K.H. Lady MacLehose Centre Dental Clinic
Hope Worldwide Dental Centre (Kwai Tsing)
Hope Worldwide Dental Centre (Sham Shui Po)
Hope Worldwide Dental Centre (Yau Tsim Mong)
Jockey Club Tin Shui Wai Community Health Centre
Jockey Club Wo Lok Community Health Centre
Kiangsu Chekiang & Shanghai Medical Centre
Lok Sin Tong Chan Kwong Hing Memorial Primary Health Centre
Lok Sin Tong EnGenius Dental Clinic
Lok Sin Tong Kwok Hang Shek Memorial Dental Clinic
Lok Sin Tong Tung Ching Bor Causeway Bay Dental Clinic
Lok Sin Tong Wong Siu Sang Polyclinics Tai Po (Dental Division)
Loving Smiles Special Care Dental Centre
Our Lady of Maryknoll Hospital Limited-Dental Clinic
Peace Dental Clinic
Pentecostal Holiness Church Fung Tak Medical Centre
Po Leung Kuk Cheerful Court Integrated Health Centre
Pok Oi Hospital Dental Clinic (Kong Ha Wai)
Pok Oi Hospital Dental Clinic (Kwai Shing)
Pok Oi Hospital Dr. Leung On Mei Memorial Dental Clinic
Project Concern Hong Kong Choi Wan Dental Clinic
Project Concern Hong Kong Dental Van (2 dental vans)
Project Concern Hong Kong Hing Man Estate Dental Clinic
Project Concern Hong Kong Lei Cheng Uk Dental Clinic
Project Concern Hong Kong Pak Tin Estate Dental Clinic
Project Concern Hong Kong Shau Kei Wan Dental Clinic
Project Concern Hong Kong Tin Yuet Dental Clinic
Project Concern Hong Kong Tsz Wan Shan Dental Clinic
Project Concern Hong Kong Yat Tung Dental Clinic
Sau Mau Ping Community Health Centre
Sham Shui Po District Council Po Leung Kuk Shek Kip Mei Community Services Centre (Medical Services)
Sik Sik Yuen Dental Clinic
St James' Settlement Dental Clinic Limited
The Hong Kong Tuberculosis Association Rusy M. Shroff Oral Health Services Limited
Tsim Sha Tsui District Kai Fong Welfare Association Dental Clinic
TWGHs Carrie Sze Memorial Dental Centre
TWGHs Dental Clinic (Kwong Wah Hospital)
TWGHs Ho Yuk Ching Community Dental Clinic
Yan Chai Hospital Board So Kai Sing Dental Clinic
Yan Chai Hospital Dental Clinic (Fanling)
Yan Chai Hospital Dental Clinic (Kwun Tong)
Yan Chai Hospital Dental Clinic (North Point)
Yan Chai Hospital Dental Clinic (Sham Shui Po)
Yan Chai Hospital Dental Clinic (Shau Kei Wan)
Yan Chai Hospital Dental Clinic (Tai Po)
Yan Chai Hospital Dental Clinic (Tai Wai)
Yan Chai Hospital Dental Clinic (To Kwa Wan)

Yan Chai Hospital Dental Clinic (Yuen Long)
Yan Chai Hospital Integrated Medical Centre
Yan Oi Tong Chan Wai Leng Medical Centre
Yan Oi Tong Dental Clinic
Yan Oi Tong Fiona Cheung Sum Yu Dental Centre
Yan Oi Tong International Association of Chinese Traders Dental Centre
Yan Oi Tong Melody Garden Dental Centre
Yan Oi Tong Tin Ka Ping Medical Centre
Yan Oi Tong Tse Ng Tsui Ha Medical Centre
Yang Dental Clinic (Asbury)
Yang Dental Clinic (Mongkok)
Yang Dental Clinic (Prince Edward)
Yang Dental Clinic (Wan Chai)
Yang Dental Clinic (Yau Ma Tei)

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(W)212

(Question Serial No. 1102)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Charmaine LEE)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the Social Security Allowance Scheme, please provide the following information for the past 3 years:

the number of Normal Disability Allowance (NDA) recipients;

the number of Higher Disability Allowance (HDA) recipients;

the number of recipients of full-rate special care subsidy;

the number of recipients of 3/4-rate special care subsidy; and

the number of recipients of half-rate special care subsidy.

District	Aged 0-5	Aged 6-11	Aged 12-18	Aged 19-29	Aged 30-39	Aged 40-49	Aged 50-59	Aged 60-64
Western								
Wan Chai								
Eastern								
Southern								
Sham Shui Po								
Yau Tsim Mong								
Kowloon City								
Wong Tai Sin								
Kwun Tong								
Kwai Tsing								
Tsuen Wan								

Tuen Mun								
Yuen Long								
North								
Tai Po								
Sha Tin								
Sai Kung								
Islands								

Asked by: Hon TIK Chi-yuen (LegCo internal reference no.: 30)

Reply:

The numbers of NDA and HDA cases aged below 65 from 2021-22 to 2023-24, broken down by district, are set out at Table 1 of Annex. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) does not have information on the number of cases by age group.

The Special Care Subsidy Scheme for Persons with Severe Disabilities (the Subsidy Scheme) has been incorporated into the Government's regular assistance programme in October 2023. Eligible persons may be granted a special care subsidy at full rate, 3/4 rate or half rate. As at the end of December 2023, a total of 3 271 persons have received the subsidy. The respective numbers of special care subsidy cases with recipients aged below 60, broken down by subsidy rate and district, are set out at Annex 2. Applicants and recipients of the Subsidy Scheme must also be HDA recipients aged below 60. As persons aged above 60 do not meet the eligibility criteria for the Subsidy Scheme, SWD does not have information on the number of special care subsidy cases with applicants aged above 60.

Table 1: Numbers of NDA and HDA cases aged below 65 from 2021-22 to 2023-24 by district ^[Note]

District ^[Note]	Number of cases					
	NDA			HDA		
	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24 (as at end-December 2023)	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24 (as at end-December 2023)
Central & Western	2 499	2 628	2 591	224	198	203
Eastern	9 203	9 485	9 569	599	591	608
Islands	2 694	2 834	2 921	150	143	155
Kowloon City	5 089	5 280	5 419	388	409	418
Kwai Tsing	9 527	9 791	9 879	608	649	661
Kwun Tong	11 452	11 787	12 124	835	852	849
North	5 932	6 198	6 421	419	455	480
Sai Kung	6 388	6 635	6 730	579	588	590
Sha Tin	12 361	12 496	12 669	993	951	976
Sham Shui Po	6 918	7 207	7 458	493	500	519
Southern	5 314	5 417	5 486	391	369	365
Tai Po	5 726	5 810	5 895	393	380	400
Tsuen Wan	3 942	4 100	4 164	337	321	347
Tuen Mun	9 667	10 131	10 208	597	588	637
Wan Chai	1 262	1 331	1 324	93	103	99
Wong Tai Sin	7 423	7 584	7 646	556	539	548
Yau Tsim Mong	3 435	3 518	3 646	270	284	283
Yuen Long	11 123	11 489	11 850	838	827	853
Total	119 955	123 721	126 000	8 763	8 747	8 991

^[Note] The boundaries of the 18 districts in the table may differ from those of the 18 District Council (DC) districts.

Table 2: Numbers of cases with persons aged below 60 receiving special care subsidy at full rate, 3/4 rate and half rate by district ^[Note] (as at end-December 2023)

District ^[Note]	Number of cases		
	Receiving special subsidy at full rate	Receiving special subsidy at 3/4 rate	Receiving special subsidy at half rate
Central & Western	65	5	4
Eastern	198	21	6
Islands	47	2	1
Kowloon City	120	8	2
Kwai Tsing	228	17	3
Kwun Tong	331	21	7
North	167	10	3
Sai Kung	198	16	7
Sha Tin	301	23	17
Sham Shui Po	191	11	4
Southern	92	9	5
Tai Po	130	3	4
Tsuen Wan	118	7	5
Tuen Mun	209	20	6
Wan Chai	28	1	0
Wong Tai Sin	198	7	7
Yau Tsim Mong	59	5	3
Yuen Long	291	21	9
Total	2 971	207	93
	3 271		

^[Note] The boundaries of the 18 districts in the table may differ from those of the 18 DC districts.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(W)213

(Question Serial No. 1105)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Charmaine LEE)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

For elderly persons who have been confirmed after assessment to have the needs for long term care (LTC) services, their applications may be put on a Central Waiting List for Subsidised LTC Services (CWL) to wait for provision of subsidised long term care services, i.e. residential care services (RCS) or community care services (CCS). In this connection, please advise:

1. for the past 5 years, among the applicants on CWL for subsidised residential care places for the elderly, the numbers of applicants who have withdrawn their applications and those who have declined placement offers, with a breakdown by reason; and
2. Please provide the following information by District Council (DC) district for the past 3 years:
 1. the number of places and average waiting time of various type of CCS for the elderly (including residential and day respite services), with a breakdown by gender, age and 18 DC districts;
 2. the per capita costs, fees and charges, and total amount of subsidy for various types of CCS for the elderly (including residential and day respite services);
 3. the number of persons waitlisted for various type of CCS for the elderly (including residential and day respite services), with a breakdown by gender, age and 18 DC districts; and

District	Aged 60-65	Aged 65-70	Aged 70-75	Aged 76-80	Aged 81 or above
Western					
Wan Chai					
Eastern					
Southern					
Sham Shui Po					
Yau Tsim Mong					
Kowloon City					
Wong Tai Sin					
Kwun Tong					
Kwai Tsing					

Tsuen Wan					
Tuen Mun					
Yuen Long					
North					
Tai Po					
Sha Tin					
Sai Kung					
Islands					

4. the number of service users of various types of CCS for the elderly (including residential and day respite services), with a breakdown by gender, age and 18 DC districts.

District	Aged 60-65	Aged 65-70	Aged 70-75	Aged 76-80	Aged 81 or above
Western					
Wan Chai					
Eastern					
Southern					
Sham Shui Po					
Yau Tsim Mong					
Kowloon City					
Wong Tai Sin					
Kwun Tong					
Kwai Tsing					
Tsuen Wan					
Tuen Mun					
Yuen Long					
North					
Tai Po					
Sha Tin					
Sai Kung					
Islands					

Asked by: Hon TIK Chi-yuen (LegCo internal reference no.: 52)

Reply:

1. From 2019 to 2023, the number of elderly persons waitlisted for subsidised residential care places (RCPs) (including care-and-attention (C&A) places and nursing home (NHs) places) who have withdrawn their applications while waiting is as follows:

2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
1 640	1 734	2 548	2 724	2 320

The Social Welfare Department (SWD) does not have any information on their reasons for their withdrawal.

From 2019 to 2023, the number of elderly persons waitlisted for subsidised RCPs (including C&A places and NH places) who have declined placement offers is as follows:

2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
2 333	2 259	3 390	3 451	2 676

SWD does not have any information on their reasons for declining placement offers.

2. The number of places in Day Care Centres/Units for the Elderly (DEs/DCUs), the number of service places for Integrated Home Care Services (Frail Cases) [IHCS(FC)] and the number of service places for Enhanced Home and Community Care Services (EHCCS) from 2021-22 to 2023-24 by DC district are set out at Annexes 1 to 3, respectively.

Subsidised DEs/DCUs will continue to provide day respite services for elderly persons. Additionally, since December 2020, SWD has required private residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs) under the Enhanced Bought Place Scheme (EBPS) with “Designated Residential Respite Places (DRRPs) for the Elderly” to provide day respite services when there are vacant residential respite places. The number of designated day respite service places and the number of day respite service places in private RCHEs under EBPS with “DRRPs for the Elderly” from 2021-22 to 2023-24, broken down by DC district, are set out at Annexes 4 and 5, respectively. SWD does not have any information on the waiting time and the number of persons waitlisted for respite services by gender, age group and DC district.

The average waiting time and the numbers of persons waitlisted for DEs/DCUs, IHCS(FC) and EHCCS from 2021-22 to 2023-24, broken down by DC district, are set out at Annexes 6 to 8. SWD does not have any information on the waiting time and the number of waitlisted persons by gender and age group.

The full-year numbers of service users of DEs/DCUs, IHCS(FC) and EHCCS from 2021-22 to 2023-24, broken down by DC district, are set out at Annexes 9 to 11, respectively. SWD does not have any information on the number of service users by gender and age group.

The full-year attendance of designated day respite services and that of day respite services provided by private RCHEs under EBPS with “DRRPs for the Elderly” from 2021-22 to 2023-24 are as follows:

Year	Designated Day Respite Services	Day Respite Services provided by private RCHEs under EBPS with “DRRPs for the Elderly”
2021-22	14 440	-
2022-23	19 968	-
2023-24 (as at end-December 2023)	28 936	5 ^{Note}

^{Note} The new initiative has been implemented since 1 December 2023 and the figure represents the attendance as at the end of December in that year.

Service users can either directly apply for respite services at centres/units/residential homes that provide respite services or through referrals by social workers. As a result, SWD does not have information on the number of service users by DC district, gender and age group.

The number of designated RRS places for the elderly from 2021-22 to 2023-24, broken down by DC district, is out at Annex 12. SWD does not have information on the waiting time, the number of persons waitlisted or the number of service users by gender, age group or DC district. The utilisation rates and full-year attendance of designated RRS for the elderly are as follows:

Year	Utilisation rate	Attendance
2021-22	52.14%	1 834
2022-23	51.31%	1 863
2023-24 (as at end-December 2023)	60.35%	1 780

The average monthly cost per place and the total annual expenditure on DEs/DCUs from 2021-22 to 2023-24 are as follows:

Year	Average monthly cost per place (\$)	Total annual expenditure (\$ million)
2021-22 (Actual)	12,083	473.9
2022-23 (Actual)	12,346	505.2
2023-24 (Revised estimate)	12,829	545.5

The average monthly cost per case served and the total annual expenditure on IHCS from 2021-22 to 2023-24 are as follows:

Year	Average monthly cost per case served (\$) ^{Note 1}	Total annual expenditure (\$ million)
2021-22 (Actual)	3,133	1,083.1
2022-23 (Actual) ^{Note 2}	2,931	1,101.1
2023-24 (Revised estimate) ^{Note 2}	3,319	1,417.8

Note 1 SWD does not keep separate records of the average monthly cost per case served and the total annual expenditure of IHCS (Ordinary Cases) [IHCS(OC)] and IHCS(FC).

Note 2 Starting from January 2023, the average monthly cost and total expenditure of IHCS include that of IHCS(FC), IHCS(OC) and Home Care and Support Services for Elderly Persons with Mild Impairment, which has been converted into regular programme since January 2023. The abovementioned services are all rendered by IHCS teams.

The average monthly cost per case served and the total annual expenditure on EHCCS from 2021-22 to 2023-24 are as follows:

Year	Average monthly cost per case served (\$)	Total annual expenditure (\$ million)
2021-22 (Actual)	9,398	1,051.3
2022-23 (Actual)	9,597	1,073.8
2023-24 (Revised estimate)	9,984	1,121.4

SWD does not have any information on the per capita cost of or the total amount of subsidies for designated day respite services provided by DEs/DCUs and designated RRS for the elderly.

Fees and charges for DEs/DCUs, day respite services, IHCS(FC), EHCCS, and DRRPs for the elderly from 2021-22 to 2023-24 are set out in Tables 1 to 3 of Annex 13.

Number of service places in DEs/DCUs

District	No. of service places		
	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24 (as at end-December 2023)
Central & Western	129	129	124
Eastern	258	258	258
Wan Chai	130	130	130
Southern	108	108	108
Islands	40	40	40
Kwun Tong	452	452	452
Wong Tai Sin	350	350	347
Sai Kung	225	225	225
Kowloon City	158	158	158
Sham Shui Po	280	284	324
Yau Tsim Mong	152	152	152
Sha Tin	378	408	408
Tai Po	124	124	124
North	88	148	188
Yuen Long	218	218	218
Tsuen Wan	183	183	183
Kwai Tsing	295	295	295
Tuen Mun	268	328	328
Total	3 836	3 990	4 062

Number of service places for IHCS(FC)

District	No. of service places
	From 2021-22 to 2023-24 (as at end-December 2023)
Central & Western	110
Eastern	360
Wan Chai	95
Southern	190
Islands	45
Kwun Tong	575
Wong Tai Sin	420
Sai Kung	175
Kowloon City	155
Sham Shui Po	210
Yau Tsim Mong	110
Sha Tin	350
Tai Po	170
North	190
Yuen Long	175
Tsuen Wan	200
Kwai Tsing	385
Tuen Mun	205
Total	4 120

Number of service places for EHCCS

District	No. of service places
	From 2021-22 to 2023-24 (as at end-December 2023)
Central & Western	242
Eastern	677
Wan Chai	226
Southern	200
Islands	105
Kwun Tong	1 210
Wong Tai Sin	1 173
Sai Kung	552
Kowloon City	554
Sham Shui Po	647
Yau Tsim Mong	339
Sha Tin	795
Tai Po	175
North	190
Yuen Long	326
Tsuen Wan	463
Kwai Tsing	970
Tuen Mun	401
Total	9 245

Number of designated day respite service places provided by DEs/DCUs

District	No. of service places		
	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24 (as at end-December 2023)
Central & Western	13	13	11
Eastern	3	3	3
Wan Chai	3	3	3
Southern	2	2	2
Islands	2	2	2
Kwun Tong	36	41	41
Wong Tai Sin	14	14	15
Sai Kung	13	16	16
Kowloon City	-	-	-
Sham Shui Po	26	29	34
Yau Tsim Mong	5	5	3
Sha Tin	25	28	31
Tai Po	12	12	12
North	5	10	16
Yuen Long	13	13	13
Tsuen Wan	18	18	18
Kwai Tsing	15	15	15
Tuen Mun	23	28	28
Total	228	252	263

**Number of day respite service places^{Note} provided by private RCHEs under EBPS
with “DRRPs for the Elderly”**

District	No. of service places ^{Note}
	2023-24 (as at end-December 2023)
Central & Western	22
Eastern	18
Wan Chai	6
Southern	14
Islands	0
Kwun Tong	14
Wong Tai Sin	8
Sai Kung	0
Kowloon City	40
Sham Shui Po	18
Yau Tsim Mong	22
Sha Tin	0
Tai Po	10
North	0
Yuen Long	32
Tsuen Wan	18
Kwai Tsing	26
Tuen Mun	22
Total	270

^{Note} Private RCHEs under EBPS has started to provide day respite services when vacant DRRPs are available since December 2023. The number of service places refers to the number of “DRRPs for the Elderly”.

Table 1: Average waiting time for DEs/DCUs

Year	Average waiting time (in months) ^{Note} (average of the past 3 months)
2021-22	8
2022-23	4
2023-24 (as at end-December 2023)	4

^{Note} Except for 2023-24, the figures represent the average waiting time as at the end of March in the year concerned.

Table 2: Average waiting time for IHCS(FC) and EHCCS

Year	Average waiting time (in months) ^{Note} (average of the past 3 months)
2021-22	6
2022-23	6
2023-24 (as at end-December 2023)	7

^{Note} Except for 2023-24, the figures represent the average waiting time as at the end of March in the year concerned.

Number of persons waitlisted for DEs/DCUs

District	No. of waitlisted persons ^{Note}		
	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24 (as at end-December 2023)
Central & Western	63	39	32
Eastern	301	247	225
Wan Chai	22	26	29
Southern	143	138	149
Islands	19	23	21
Kwun Tong	169	90	132
Wong Tai Sin	324	179	183
Sai Kung	127	119	116
Kowloon City	106	87	107
Sham Shui Po	83	43	51
Yau Tsim Mong	82	39	44
Sha Tin	399	212	355
Tai Po	96	17	17
North	99	36	37
Yuen Long	54	101	130
Tsuen Wan	73	55	81
Kwai Tsing	77	35	63
Tuen Mun	134	95	125
Total	2 371	1 581	1 897

^{Note} The number of waitlisted persons exclude elderly persons classified as inactive cases because of their participation in the Community Care Service Voucher Scheme for the Elderly (CCSV Scheme). Except for 2023-24, the figures represent the number of persons waitlisted for services as at the end of March in the year concerned.

Number of persons waitlisted for IHCS(FC) and EHCCS

District	No. of waitlisted persons ^{Note}		
	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24 (as at end-December 2023)
Central & Western	141	161	233
Eastern	373	455	484
Wan Chai	101	114	126
Southern	181	232	361
Islands	68	97	115
Kwun Tong	431	503	686
Wong Tai Sin	280	274	330
Sai Kung	116	168	287
Kowloon City	118	134	237
Sham Shui Po	180	210	249
Yau Tsim Mong	117	93	154
Sha Tin	489	487	682
Tai Po	188	238	334
North	129	98	168
Yuen Long	163	189	251
Tsuen Wan	152	233	301
Kwai Tsing	458	337	523
Tuen Mun	295	318	318
Total	3 980	4 341	5 839

^{Note} The number of waitlisted persons exclude elderly persons classified as inactive cases because of their participation in the CCSV Scheme. Except for 2023-24, the figures represent the number of persons waitlisted for services as at the end of March in the year concerned.

Full-year number of service users of DEs/DCUs

District	Full-year no. of service users		
	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24 (as at end-December 2023)
Central & Western	304	314	293
Eastern	542	574	556
Wan Chai	230	225	214
Southern	213	226	222
Islands	80	88	93
Kwun Tong	939	948	852
Wong Tai Sin	613	701	666
Sai Kung	459	462	436
Kowloon City	310	330	309
Sham Shui Po	533	578	531
Yau Tsim Mong	309	319	307
Sha Tin	693	853	816
Tai Po	144	297	309
North	90	201	258
Yuen Long	451	451	412
Tsuen Wan	370	417	365
Kwai Tsing	550	579	564
Tuen Mun	506	586	599
Total	7 336	8 149	7 802

Full-year number of service users of IHCS(FC)

District	Full-year no. of service users		
	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24 (as at end-December 2023)
Central & Western	147	135	128
Eastern	486	479	457
Wan Chai	136	123	120
Southern	240	252	232
Islands	60	59	57
Kwun Tong	786	796	727
Wong Tai Sin	561	565	523
Sai Kung	245	239	206
Kowloon City	203	214	186
Sham Shui Po	286	305	271
Yau Tsim Mong	145	149	136
Sha Tin	474	500	438
Tai Po	219	238	215
North	256	264	243
Yuen Long	244	255	223
Tsuen Wan	270	266	237
Kwai Tsing	484	533	479
Tuen Mun	282	282	258
Total	5 524	5 654	5 136

Full-year number of service users of EHCCS

District	Full-year no. of service users		
	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24 (as at end-December 2023)
Central & Western	313	331	295
Eastern	815	875	831
Wan Chai	303	305	292
Southern	267	288	266
Islands	117	145	134
Kwun Tong	1 648	1 707	1 545
Wong Tai Sin	1 630	1 677	1 525
Sai Kung	746	797	735
Kowloon City	740	771	715
Sham Shui Po	855	882	843
Yau Tsim Mong	460	460	417
Sha Tin	1 014	1 106	1 005
Tai Po	237	237	221
North	275	282	250
Yuen Long	422	431	413
Tsuen Wan	613	639	581
Kwai Tsing	1 221	1 277	1 187
Tuen Mun	527	556	489
Total	12 203	12 766	11 744

Number of designated RRS places for the elderly ^{Note}

District	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24 (as at end-December 2023)
Central & Western	24	24	22
Eastern	18	18	18
Wan Chai	2	2	2
Southern	22	22	19
Islands	7	7	7
Kwun Tong	18	17	17
Wong Tai Sin	13	11	11
Sai Kung	3	3	3
Kowloon City	42	41	41
Sham Shui Po	25	23	22
Yau Tsim Mong	22	22	21
Sha Tin	5	6	6
Tai Po	12	12	12
North	12	12	2
Yuen Long	36	35	35
Tsuen Wan	22	21	21
Kwai Tsing	29	29	28
Tuen Mun	23	23	23
Total	335	328	310

^{Note} These refer to the designated RRS places for the elderly provided by subvented RCHEs, contract homes and private RCHEs under EBPS.

Table 1: Fees and charges for various types of subsidised DEs/DCUs and day respite services (from 2021-22 to 2023-24)

Service type	Fees and charges (\$)
Subvented DE/DCU	1,002/month
DCU for the elderly attached to contract homes	1,014/month
Day respite services (including designated day respite services and day respite services provided by private RCHEs under EBPS with “Designated Places of RRS for the Elderly”	41.5/day

Table 2: Fees and charges for IHCS(FC) and EHCCS (from 2021-22 to 2023-24)

Service type	Service fees and charges (\$) (subject to income level)		
	Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) level or below	Between CSSA to 1.5 CSSA level	Above 1.5 CSSA level
Meal Service	13	16	19
Laundry service	Light	0.7	
	Medium	0.9	
	Heavy	1.8	
Direct care, home respite services and escort services (per hour)	5.5	12	19

Table 3: Fees and charges for designated RRS for the elderly (2021-22 to 2023-24)

Type of residential care places	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
	Daily (\$)	Daily (\$)	Daily (\$)
Home for the aged place	52	52	52
C&A place ^{Note 1}	62	62	62
NH place ^{Note 2}	72	72	72

Note 1 Including places in subvented C&A homes providing continuum of care, C&A places of contract homes, and places of private RCHEs under EBPS.

Note 2 Including NH places of contract homes.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(W)214

(Question Serial No. 1106)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Services (Charmaine LEE)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

1. Please set out i) the planned and actual number of additional service places for various types of residential care homes for persons with disabilities (RCHDs), the average waiting time and the number of persons waitlisted for RCHDs in each of the past 5 years; ii) the per capita service cost of various types of RCHDs in each of the past 5 years; iii) the age of service users (in ten-year bands) of various types of RCHDs in each of the past 5 years; iv) the number of applicants waitlisted for various types of RCHDs, with a breakdown by applicants' district of residence and age group (in ten-year bands from the age of 15 onward) and the number of persons who passed away while waiting for admission to RCHDs in each of the past 5 years; v) the number of service places to be put into service for various types of RCHDs in each of the next 5 years, with a breakdown by district and; vi) the number of persons who have left RCHDs and their reasons for doing so in each of the past 5 years, with a breakdown by type of RCHDs in tabular form.
2. Please provide the number of persons waiting for admission to sheltered workshops (SWs) and day activity centres (DACs), the average waiting time and the number of service users in each of the past 5 years, with a breakdown by district and age.
3. Please provide the number of persons who have used the services of various day care service units and the number of service places available for application in each of the past 5 years.

Asked by: Hon TIK Chi-yuen (LegCo internal reference no.: 55)

Reply:

1. i) The planned and actual number of additional service places for various types of residential rehabilitation services in each of the past 5 years are set out at Annex 1. The average waiting time and the number of persons waitlisted for residential rehabilitation services in each of the past 5 years are set out at Annexes 2 and 3 respectively.
- ii) The average monthly cost per place for residential rehabilitation services in each of the past 5 years is set out at Annex 4.

- iii) The age distribution of service users of various types of residential rehabilitation services in each of the past 5 years is set out in Tables 1 to 5 of Annex 5.
 - iv) The number of applicants for admission to various types of residential rehabilitation services, with a breakdown by the administrative district of the Social Welfare Department (SWD) and age group, is set out in Tables 1 to 45 of Annex 6. The number of persons who passed away while waiting for residential rehabilitation services in each of the past 5 years is set out at Annex 7.
 - v) The estimated number of additional service places for various residential rehabilitation services for the next 5 years, with a breakdown by SWD's administrative district, is set out at Annex 8.
 - vi) The number of persons who left RCHDs in each of the past 5 years and their reasons for leaving, with a breakdown by type of residential rehabilitation services, is set out in Tables 1 to 5 of Annex 9.
2. The number of persons waitlisted for SWs and DACs, with a breakdown by SWD's administrative district and age group, is set out in Tables 1 to 10 of Annex 10. The average waiting time is set out at Annex 11. The number of service users in each of the past 5 years, with a breakdown by age group, is set out in Tables 1 and 2 of Annex 12. SWD does not have information on the number of service users of SWs or DACs by district.
3. Day care service for persons with severe disabilities is provided at 11 Care-and-Attention Homes for Severely Disabled Persons (C&A/SDs), 15 District Support Centres for Persons with Disabilities (DSCs) and 4 Community Rehabilitation Day Centres (CRDCs). The number of day care service places in each of the past 5 years is set out at Annex 13. SWD does not have information on the number of service users at various day care service units.

**Planned and actual number of additional service places for
various types of residential rehabilitation services from 2019-20 to 2023-24**

Service type	2019-20		2020-21		2021-22		2022-23		2023-24 (as at 31 December 2023)	
	Planned number of additional service places	Actual number of additional service places	Planned number of additional service places	Actual number of additional service places	Planned number of additional service places	Actual number of additional service places	Planned number of additional service places	Actual number of additional service places	Planned number of additional service places	Actual number of additional service places
HSMH	52	50	131	131	0	0	52	52	411	11
HMMH	100	100	142	142	0	0	51	51	75	75
HSPH	100	100	50	50	0	0	0	0	75	75
C&A/SD	51	51	90	90	0	0	0	0	240	0
SHOS	36	36	60	40 Note 1	50	20 Note 1	62	62 Note 1	0	0
SGH(MMHC) Note 2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
C&A/AB	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
LSCH	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	400	400
HWH	85	85	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Private RCHD under BPS	300	158	300	0 Note 3	300	246	100	115	196	0

Note 1 Due to the impact of the COVID-19 epidemic on the progress of the fitting-out works, 1 SHOS with 20 service places and another with 30 service places had to postpone their commencement of services until 2021-22 and 2022-23, respectively.

Note 2 SGHs(MMHC) include integrated small group homes (ISGHs).

Note 3 The COVID-19 epidemic has affected the plans of some private RCHDs to improve their manpower, equipment, and space. It has also made it difficult for them to vacate places that were scheduled to be bought under the Bought Place Scheme (BPS). As a result, the progress of the BPS has been affected.

Legend

HMMH - Hostel for moderately mentally handicapped persons

HSMH - Hostel for severely mentally handicapped persons

HSPH - Hostel for severely physically handicapped persons

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

SHOS - Supported hostel

SGH(MMHC) - Small group home for mildly mentally handicapped children

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

LSCH - Long stay care home

HWH - Halfway house

Private RCHD under BPS - Private residential care home for persons with disabilities under the Bought Place Scheme

**Average waiting time for various types of residential rehabilitation services
from 2019-20 to 2023-24**

Service type	Average waiting time (in months)				
	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24 ^{Note 1}
HMMH	144.3	127.6	144.8	154.1	Not yet available ^{Note 3}
HSMH	160.5	156.1	150.8	171.1	
HSPH	123.6	77.8	80.9	73.0	
C&A/SD	68.4	64.3	65.6	60.6	
C&A/AB	9.9	13.8	10.7	5.1	
SGH(MMHC) ^{Note 2}	8.7	13.1	15.1	17.5	
SHOS	47.3	71.8	63.5	78.8	
HWH	5.4	4.7	4.2	4.2	
LSCH	57.8	64.9	57.8	72.3	
Private RCHD under BPS ^{Note 3}	N.A.				

N.A. – Not Applicable

Note 1 As the average waiting time is compiled on a financial-year basis covering the 1st day of April of a year to the 31st day of March of the next year, the figures for 2023-24 are not yet available.

Note 2 SGHs(MMHC) include ISGHs.

Note 3 There is no central waiting list or statistical information on the waiting time under BPS. For applicants on the waiting list for LSCHs, HMMHs, HWHs, SHOSs under the Central Referral System for Rehabilitation Services, BPS places are allocated by SWD according to the preference of the applicants who have indicated acceptance of BPS.

**Number of persons waitlisted for various types of residential rehabilitation services
from 2019-20 to 2023-24**

Service type	Number of waiting persons				
	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24 (as at 31 December 2023)
HMMH	2 516	2 535	2 661	2 798	2 757
HSMH	2 427	2 416	2 400	2 417	2 294
HSPH	545	375	339	329	270
C&A/SD	581	506	509	438	363
C&A/AB	148	118	57	31	36
SGH(MMHC) ^{Note}	50	79	104	108	111
SHOS	2 203	2 247	2 353	2 370	2 326
HWH	617	506	616	517	598
LSCH	2 627	2 664	2 651	2 450	2 206

Note SGHs(MMHC) include ISGHs.

**Average monthly cost per place for residential rehabilitation services
from 2019-20 to 2023-24**

Year	Average monthly cost per place for residential rehabilitation services (\$)	Average monthly cost per place for private RCHDs under BPS (\$)
2019-20 (Actual)	18,221	10,547
2020-21 (Actual)	18,033	11,773
2021-22 (Actual)	18,011	13,131
2022-23 (Actual)	18,531	13,287
2023-24 (Revised estimate)	19,338	14,464

Table 1: Age distribution of service users of various types of residential rehabilitation services in 2019-20

Service type	Number of service users										
	Aged 6 to 8	Aged 9 to 11	Aged 12 to 14	Aged 15 to 19	Aged 20 to 29	Aged 30 to 39	Aged 40 to 49	Aged 50 to 59	Aged 60 to 69	Aged 70 to 79	Aged 80 or above
HMMH	N.A.			11	145	514	670	780	391	69	0
HSMH	N.A.			13	346	974	990	899	531	90	11
HSPH	N.A.			0	32	128	167	153	89	13	0
C&A/SD	N.A.			0	232	213	158	177	163	53	14
C&A/AB	N.A.								62	94	635
SGH(MMHC) Note	7	29	43	48	N.A.						
SHOS	N.A.			4	70	150	207	209	64	5	0
HWH	N.A.			4	211	352	404	357	92	2	0
LSCH	N.A.			0	3	27	119	397	639	288	89
Private RCHD under BPS	N.A.			1	24	79	206	267	190	29	2

N.A. - Not applicable

Note SGHs(MMHC) include ISGHs. The service targets are mildly mentally handicapped children aged 6 to 18.

Table 2: Age distribution of service users of various types of residential rehabilitation services in 2020-21

Service type	Number of service users										
	Aged 6 to 8	Aged 9 to 11	Aged 12 to 14	Aged 15 to 19	Aged 20 to 29	Aged 30 to 39	Aged 40 to 49	Aged 50 to 59	Aged 60 to 69	Aged 70 to 79	Aged 80 or above
HMMH	N.A.			10	156	540	702	785	436	86	0
HSMH	N.A.			10	338	982	1 006	904	588	122	10
HSPH	N.A.			0	55	120	191	172	101	22	0
C&A/SD	N.A.			3	243	220	176	183	166	63	19
C&A/AB	N.A.								64	110	609
SGH(MMHC) Note	8	19	40	61	N.A.						
SHOS	N.A.			1	66	167	206	224	74	5	0
HWH	N.A.			13	195	393	408	367	100	2	0
LSCH	N.A.			0	5	21	128	374	635	321	78
Private RCHD under BPS	N.A.			0	33	93	228	328	242	38	0

N.A. - Not applicable

Note SGHs(MMHC) include ISGHs. The service targets are mildly mentally handicapped children aged 6 to 18.

Table 3: Age distribution of service users of various types of residential rehabilitation services in 2021-22

Service type	Number of service users										
	Aged 6 to 8	Aged 9 to 11	Aged 12 to 14	Aged 15 to 19	Aged 20 to 29	Aged 30 to 39	Aged 40 to 49	Aged 50 to 59	Aged 60 to 69	Aged 70 to 79	Aged 80 or above
HMMH	N.A.			17	159	513	702	789	487	99	2
HSMH	N.A.			11	321	959	1 043	930	606	143	10
HSPH	N.A.			1	59	120	200	185	104	21	0
C&A/SD	N.A.			2	240	229	184	192	161	76	16
C&A/AB	N.A.								64	124	531
SGH(MMHC) Note	5	19	36	67	N.A.						
SHOS	N.A.			4	59	178	220	231	78	5	0
HWH	N.A.			13	192	405	380	358	108	2	0
LSCH	N.A.			0	2	23	112	353	626	343	75
Private RCHD under BPS	N.A.			2	31	104	273	390	281	49	1

N.A. - Not applicable

Note SGHs(MMHC) include ISGHs. The service targets are mildly mentally handicapped children aged 6 to 18.

Table 4: Age distribution of service users of various types of residential rehabilitation services in 2022-23

Service type	Number of service users										
	Aged 6 to 8	Aged 9 to 11	Aged 12 to 14	Aged 15 to 19	Aged 20 to 29	Aged 30 to 39	Aged 40 to 49	Aged 50 to 59	Aged 60 to 69	Aged 70 to 79	Aged 80 or above
HMMH	N.A.			11	139	490	729	752	543	117	1
HSMH	N.A.			9	295	901	1 084	930	643	172	10
HSPH	N.A.			0	58	104	207	191	117	24	1
C&A/SD	N.A.			9	222	244	177	202	168	81	17
C&A/AB	N.A.								69	128	524
SGH(MMHC) Note	7	18	49	52	N.A.						
SHOS	N.A.			5	58	197	223	237	90	9	0
HWH	N.A.			7	189	414	392	356	127	2	0
LSCH	N.A.			0	2	24	112	366	640	351	76
Private RCHD under BPS	N.A.			2	28	106	290	410	320	60	2

N.A. - Not applicable

Note SGHs(MMHC) include ISGHs. The service targets are mildly mentally handicapped children aged 6 to 18.

Table 5: Age distribution of service users of various types of residential rehabilitation services in 2023-24 (as at 31 December 2023)

Service type	Number of service users										
	Aged 6 to 8	Aged 9 to 11	Aged 12 to 14	Aged 15 to 19	Aged 20 to 29	Aged 30 to 39	Aged 40 to 49	Aged 50 to 59	Aged 60 to 69	Aged 70 to 79	Aged 80 or above
HMMH	N.A.			9	136	480	751	744	554	135	1
HSMH	N.A.			7	282	890	1 109	943	665	197	11
HSPH	N.A.			0	57	101	214	182	131	22	1
C&A/SD	N.A.			9	215	248	171	207	169	84	17
C&A/AB	N.A.								71	146	523
SGH(MMHC) Note	9	21	51	42	N.A.						
SHOS	N.A.			7	52	199	226	232	108	10	0
HWH	N.A.			12	204	415	404	365	123	1	0
LSCH	N.A.			0	2	24	107	348	647	373	72
Private RCHD under BPS	N.A.			2	29	93	302	430	351	66	4

N.A. - Not applicable

^{Note} SGHs(MMHC) include ISGHs. The service targets are mildly mentally handicapped children aged 6 to 18.

**Table 1: Number of applicants for HSMHs in 2019-20
(by SWD's administrative district and age group)**

District	Number of applicants							
	Aged 15 to 19	Aged 20 to 29	Aged 30 to 39	Aged 40 to 49	Aged 50 to 59	Aged 60 to 69	Aged 70 to 79	Aged 80 or above
Central Western, Southern and Islands	28	69	39	14	20	4	1	0
Eastern and Wan Chai	30	88	44	20	22	12	7	0
Kwun Tong	45	86	57	19	19	14	2	0
Wong Tai Sin and Sai Kung	47	129	55	23	22	19	2	0
Kowloon City and Yau Tsim Mong	46	82	44	24	16	4	3	0
Sham Shui Po	31	53	39	11	19	8	1	0
Sha Tin	25	69	36	14	13	10	3	0
Tai Po and North	38	99	32	8	6	5	4	0
Yuen Long	42	105	33	25	25	12	2	0
Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing	41	97	61	35	25	17	2	0
Tuen Mun	22	61	64	27	30	20	1	0
Total	395	938	504	220	217	125	28	0

**Table 2: Number of applicants for HSMHs in 2020-21
(by SWD's administrative district and age group)**

District	Number of applicants							
	Aged 15 to 19	Aged 20 to 29	Aged 30 to 39	Aged 40 to 49	Aged 50 to 59	Aged 60 to 69	Aged 70 to 79	Aged 80 or above
Central Western, Southern and Islands	37	57	40	16	18	6	1	1
Eastern and Wan Chai	29	85	52	20	17	10	7	0
Kwun Tong	38	87	57	20	20	13	3	0
Wong Tai Sin and Sai Kung	45	136	59	18	21	21	1	0
Kowloon City and Yau Tsim Mong	36	83	36	22	12	6	2	0
Sham Shui Po	36	56	32	16	19	8	0	0
Sha Tin	29	63	38	11	12	10	3	0
Tai Po and North	40	97	32	6	11	4	4	0
Yuen Long	53	105	39	25	21	17	1	0
Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing	39	92	57	31	27	19	2	0
Tuen Mun	24	57	62	35	23	25	3	0
Total	406	918	504	220	201	139	27	1

**Table 3: Number of applicants for HSMHs in 2021-22
(by SWD's administrative district and age group)**

District	Number of applicants							
	Aged 15 to 19	Aged 20 to 29	Aged 30 to 39	Aged 40 to 49	Aged 50 to 59	Aged 60 to 69	Aged 70 to 79	Aged 80 or above
Central Western, Southern and Islands	34	57	37	18	18	14	1	1
Eastern and Wan Chai	28	90	48	18	16	10	7	0
Kwun Tong	37	90	56	21	20	12	3	0
Wong Tai Sin and Sai Kung	49	130	59	20	19	21	2	0
Kowloon City and Yau Tsim Mong	37	85	36	19	17	4	3	0
Sham Shui Po	27	59	30	20	14	11	1	0
Sha Tin	30	60	40	9	10	9	4	0
Tai Po and North	38	97	42	8	13	5	4	0
Yuen Long	43	108	44	21	22	18	2	0
Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing	37	86	50	33	29	15	6	0
Tuen Mun	26	53	53	34	21	27	4	0
Total	386	915	495	221	199	146	37	1

**Table 4: Number of applicants for HSMHs in 2022-23
(by SWD's administrative district and age group)**

District	Number of applicants							
	Aged 15 to 19	Aged 20 to 29	Aged 30 to 39	Aged 40 to 49	Aged 50 to 59	Aged 60 to 69	Aged 70 to 79	Aged 80 or above
Central Western, Southern and Islands	36	54	38	15	16	19	2	1
Eastern and Wan Chai	30	90	46	17	18	12	6	0
Kwun Tong	33	91	55	27	20	11	3	0
Wong Tai Sin and Sai Kung	52	127	59	20	22	19	2	0
Kowloon City and Yau Tsim Mong	41	88	36	26	15	1	4	0
Sham Shui Po	29	52	31	25	12	11	1	0
Sha Tin	35	62	35	12	12	12	7	0
Tai Po and North	36	90	45	10	14	4	5	0
Yuen Long	42	107	44	22	21	18	3	0
Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing	35	92	46	33	31	15	4	0
Tuen Mun	28	50	53	35	20	24	2	0
Total	397	903	488	242	201	146	39	1

**Table 5: Number of applicants for HSMHs in 2023-24
(by SWD's administrative district and age group)
(as at 31 December 2023)**

District	Number of applicants							
	Aged 15 to 19	Aged 20 to 29	Aged 30 to 39	Aged 40 to 49	Aged 50 to 59	Aged 60 to 69	Aged 70 to 79	Aged 80 or above
Central Western, Southern and Islands	34	57	33	12	13	20	1	0
Eastern and Wan Chai	38	83	50	17	19	10	1	0
Kwun Tong	32	89	53	20	20	13	2	0
Wong Tai Sin and Sai Kung	57	111	52	16	17	17	4	0
Kowloon City and Yau Tsim Mong	43	78	31	20	15	3	2	0
Sham Shui Po	25	55	27	19	12	8	2	0
Sha Tin	42	56	36	11	14	14	6	1
Tai Po and North	39	86	44	11	13	2	4	0
Yuen Long	46	97	45	19	18	17	4	0
Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing	41	88	42	29	29	14	3	0
Tuen Mun	27	50	46	29	16	20	4	0
Total	424	850	459	203	186	138	33	1

**Table 6: Number of applicants for HMMHs in 2019-20
(by SWD's administrative district and age group)**

District	Number of applicants							
	Aged 15 to 19	Aged 20 to 29	Aged 30 to 39	Aged 40 to 49	Aged 50 to 59	Aged 60 to 69	Aged 70 to 79	Aged 80 or above
Central Western, Southern and Islands	30	71	37	19	20	4	1	0
Eastern and Wan Chai	25	69	68	40	14	14	1	0
Kwun Tong	32	94	47	44	31	16	2	0
Wong Tai Sin and Sai Kung	64	119	62	29	28	13	0	0
Kowloon City and Yau Tsim Mong	54	51	42	28	20	9	1	0
Sham Shui Po	34	56	40	25	22	5	1	0
Sha Tin	23	71	65	33	20	2	2	0
Tai Po and North	32	72	44	27	21	6	0	0
Yuen Long	47	79	43	15	22	6	0	0
Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing	34	101	72	32	31	15	1	0
Tuen Mun	40	80	57	30	9	2	0	0
Total	415	863	577	322	238	92	9	0

**Table 7: Number of applicants for HMMHs in 2020-21
(by SWD's administrative district and age group)**

District	Number of applicants							
	Aged 15 to 19	Aged 20 to 29	Aged 30 to 39	Aged 40 to 49	Aged 50 to 59	Aged 60 to 69	Aged 70 to 79	Aged 80 or above
Central Western, Southern and Islands	30	73	30	22	17	6	1	0
Eastern and Wan Chai	21	68	62	37	21	12	2	0
Kwun Tong	45	93	51	30	32	12	2	0
Wong Tai Sin and Sai Kung	69	125	56	33	23	10	0	0
Kowloon City and Yau Tsim Mong	52	57	47	28	16	13	0	1
Sham Shui Po	35	56	35	26	10	5	1	0
Sha Tin	30	70	62	31	17	4	2	0
Tai Po and North	34	67	54	28	20	6	1	0
Yuen Long	45	86	50	16	19	6	0	0
Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing	37	107	66	32	34	16	1	0
Tuen Mun	47	85	57	30	8	2	0	0
Total	445	887	570	313	217	92	10	1

**Table 8: Number of applicants for HMMHs in 2021-22
(by SWD's administrative district and age group)**

District	Number of applicants							
	Aged 15 to 19	Aged 20 to 29	Aged 30 to 39	Aged 40 to 49	Aged 50 to 59	Aged 60 to 69	Aged 70 to 79	Aged 80 or above
Central Western, Southern and Islands	23	73	34	19	19	7	0	0
Eastern and Wan Chai	22	61	63	36	26	12	1	0
Kwun Tong	48	106	53	31	30	10	2	0
Wong Tai Sin and Sai Kung	64	120	65	30	23	13	1	0
Kowloon City and Yau Tsim Mong	49	64	49	27	20	9	1	1
Sham Shui Po	43	59	36	25	12	7	1	0
Sha Tin	38	70	65	39	19	5	2	0
Tai Po and North	42	76	58	26	21	8	1	0
Yuen Long	49	96	54	25	18	5	1	0
Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing	44	101	78	35	29	18	1	0
Tuen Mun	47	94	53	36	8	4	0	0
Total	469	920	608	329	225	98	11	1

**Table 9: Number of applicants for HMMHs in 2022-23
(by SWD's administrative district and age group)**

District	Number of applicants							
	Aged 15 to 19	Aged 20 to 29	Aged 30 to 39	Aged 40 to 49	Aged 50 to 59	Aged 60 to 69	Aged 70 to 79	Aged 80 or above
Central Western, Southern and Islands	18	75	39	22	17	9	0	0
Eastern and Wan Chai	18	69	64	35	26	10	3	0
Kwun Tong	49	115	46	36	25	16	2	0
Wong Tai Sin and Sai Kung	65	132	68	32	25	15	1	0
Kowloon City and Yau Tsim Mong	37	77	52	23	21	8	1	0
Sham Shui Po	47	67	36	24	15	7	1	0
Sha Tin	50	77	71	41	19	6	4	0
Tai Po and North	47	83	62	28	22	10	1	0
Yuen Long	56	102	62	28	16	6	2	0
Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing	45	93	86	30	32	18	2	0
Tuen Mun	47	92	59	41	7	5	0	0
Total	479	982	645	340	225	110	17	0

**Table 10: Number of applicants for HMMHs in 2023-24
(by SWD's administrative district and age group)
(as at 31 December 2023)**

District	Number of applicants							
	Aged 15 to 19	Aged 20 to 29	Aged 30 to 39	Aged 40 to 49	Aged 50 to 59	Aged 60 to 69	Aged 70 to 79	Aged 80 or above
Central Western, Southern and Islands	22	75	34	19	13	8	0	0
Eastern and Wan Chai	19	59	72	34	25	9	1	0
Kwun Tong	53	104	45	26	26	14	1	0
Wong Tai Sin and Sai Kung	76	122	72	28	25	18	0	0
Kowloon City and Yau Tsim Mong	49	75	50	18	18	5	0	0
Sham Shui Po	44	69	42	26	15	6	2	0
Sha Tin	58	77	74	40	17	6	3	0
Tai Po and North	46	87	62	27	23	9	1	0
Yuen Long	61	107	64	27	18	7	2	0
Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing	47	79	83	23	29	16	0	0
Tuen Mun	44	93	59	37	8	4	0	0
Total	519	947	657	305	217	102	10	0

**Table 11: Number of applicants for HSPHs in 2019-20
(by SWD's administrative district and age group)**

District	Number of applicants							
	Aged 15 to 19	Aged 20 to 29	Aged 30 to 39	Aged 40 to 49	Aged 50 to 59	Aged 60 to 69	Aged 70 to 79	Aged 80 or above
Central Western, Southern and Islands	4	13	9	8	18	5	0	0
Eastern and Wan Chai	5	14	9	11	17	3	0	0
Kwun Tong	1	9	2	10	23	4	0	0
Wong Tai Sin and Sai Kung	5	13	4	14	14	8	0	0
Kowloon City and Yau Tsim Mong	3	4	9	11	24	3	0	0
Sham Shui Po	2	4	3	4	13	3	0	0
Sha Tin	2	11	3	9	15	6	0	0
Tai Po and North	3	7	5	4	10	0	0	0
Yuen Long	3	8	7	7	11	2	0	0
Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing	7	8	7	18	28	5	0	0
Tuen Mun	4	11	8	9	15	6	0	0
Total	39	102	66	105	188	45	0	0

**Table 12: Number of applicants for HSPHs in 2020-21
(by SWD's administrative district and age group)**

District	Number of applicants							
	Aged 15 to 19	Aged 20 to 29	Aged 30 to 39	Aged 40 to 49	Aged 50 to 59	Aged 60 to 69	Aged 70 to 79	Aged 80 or above
Central Western, Southern and Islands	3	12	5	5	16	4	0	0
Eastern and Wan Chai	4	11	5	3	14	0	0	0
Kwun Tong	2	3	3	7	10	3	1	0
Wong Tai Sin and Sai Kung	3	5	5	11	16	2	2	0
Kowloon City and Yau Tsim Mong	1	3	6	6	14	1	0	0
Sham Shui Po	3	3	3	1	10	1	0	0
Sha Tin	1	8	4	6	9	3	0	0
Tai Po and North	1	5	1	2	6	0	0	0
Yuen Long	3	5	4	7	9	1	0	0
Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing	7	6	6	6	19	3	0	0
Tuen Mun	5	9	6	9	8	9	0	0
Total	33	70	48	63	131	27	3	0

**Table 13: Number of applicants for HSPHs in 2021-22
(by SWD's administrative district and age group)**

District	Number of applicants							
	Aged 15 to 19	Aged 20 to 29	Aged 30 to 39	Aged 40 to 49	Aged 50 to 59	Aged 60 to 69	Aged 70 to 79	Aged 80 or above
Central Western, Southern and Islands	4	6	3	4	13	5	0	0
Eastern and Wan Chai	4	10	3	4	9	2	0	0
Kwun Tong	1	5	1	6	8	4	1	0
Wong Tai Sin and Sai Kung	2	4	4	9	16	3	1	0
Kowloon City and Yau Tsim Mong	2	2	4	4	14	1	0	0
Sham Shui Po	1	3	2	1	10	2	0	0
Sha Tin	3	2	5	12	12	2	0	0
Tai Po and North	1	5	2	3	6	0	0	0
Yuen Long	0	5	1	5	9	2	0	0
Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing	4	6	5	6	19	4	0	0
Tuen Mun	4	8	6	10	6	8	0	0
Total	26	56	36	64	122	33	2	0

**Table 14: Number of applicants for HSPHs in 2022-23
(by SWD's administrative district and age group)**

District	Number of applicants							
	Aged 15 to 19	Aged 20 to 29	Aged 30 to 39	Aged 40 to 49	Aged 50 to 59	Aged 60 to 69	Aged 70 to 79	Aged 80 or above
Central Western, Southern and Islands	3	5	3	4	6	4	0	0
Eastern and Wan Chai	4	6	4	3	11	0	0	0
Kwun Tong	1	5	3	8	11	3	1	0
Wong Tai Sin and Sai Kung	2	7	3	8	11	5	0	0
Kowloon City and Yau Tsim Mong	2	2	4	2	14	1	0	0
Sham Shui Po	3	3	2	1	7	2	0	0
Sha Tin	4	3	5	12	16	1	0	0
Tai Po and North	2	5	2	4	11	0	0	0
Yuen Long	0	5	1	4	11	2	1	0
Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing	2	6	5	5	21	3	0	0
Tuen Mun	3	3	5	12	2	8	1	0
Total	26	50	37	63	121	29	3	0

**Table 15: Number of applicants for HSPHs in 2023-24
(by SWD's administrative district and age group)
(as at 31 December 2023)**

District	Number of applicants							
	Aged 15 to 19	Aged 20 to 29	Aged 30 to 39	Aged 40 to 49	Aged 50 to 59	Aged 60 to 69	Aged 70 to 79	Aged 80 or above
Central Western, Southern and Islands	2	7	2	3	5	4	0	0
Eastern and Wan Chai	2	3	3	3	11	0	0	0
Kwun Tong	1	2	2	7	12	4	1	0
Wong Tai Sin and Sai Kung	1	12	3	5	9	5	0	0
Kowloon City and Yau Tsim Mong	2	1	2	3	11	2	0	0
Sham Shui Po	4	2	3	1	6	2	0	0
Sha Tin	4	2	3	10	10	2	0	0
Tai Po and North	4	2	3	5	7	2	0	0
Yuen Long	1	2	1	2	8	0	1	0
Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing	1	7	2	4	14	3	0	0
Tuen Mun	1	1	4	8	3	5	0	0
Total	23	41	28	51	96	29	2	0

**Table 16: Number of applicants for C&A/SDs in 2019-20
(by SWD's administrative district and age group)**

District	Number of applicants							
	Aged 15 to 19	Aged 20 to 29	Aged 30 to 39	Aged 40 to 49	Aged 50 to 59	Aged 60 to 69	Aged 70 to 79	Aged 80 or above
Central Western, Southern and Islands	5	8	9	8	29	3	1	0
Eastern and Wan Chai	8	6	2	8	15	7	2	0
Kwun Tong	6	5	1	8	14	1	2	0
Wong Tai Sin and Sai Kung	15	14	2	8	19	5	1	0
Kowloon City and Yau Tsim Mong	5	5	5	11	25	8	0	0
Sham Shui Po	8	3	3	6	11	4	0	0
Sha Tin	8	1	5	8	22	5	0	0
Tai Po and North	17	10	7	6	22	7	5	1
Yuen Long	10	17	2	8	8	1	1	0
Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing	13	10	4	9	19	7	1	0
Tuen Mun	6	9	0	3	11	9	3	0
Total	101	88	40	83	195	57	16	1

**Table 17: Number of applicants for C&A/SDs in 2020-21
(by SWD's administrative district and age group)**

District	Number of applicants							
	Aged 15 to 19	Aged 20 to 29	Aged 30 to 39	Aged 40 to 49	Aged 50 to 59	Aged 60 to 69	Aged 70 to 79	Aged 80 or above
Central Western, Southern and Islands	3	8	6	8	23	7	0	0
Eastern and Wan Chai	8	5	1	10	10	3	2	0
Kwun Tong	7	3	2	5	15	1	1	0
Wong Tai Sin and Sai Kung	16	7	6	5	17	6	1	0
Kowloon City and Yau Tsim Mong	5	4	3	10	18	5	0	0
Sham Shui Po	7	1	4	6	6	5	0	0
Sha Tin	10	2	2	4	14	7	0	0
Tai Po and North	17	9	4	6	16	3	2	0
Yuen Long	12	11	2	4	12	1	1	0
Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing	14	5	3	14	22	11	2	0
Tuen Mun	4	6	2	3	13	5	3	0
Total	103	61	35	75	166	54	12	0

**Table 18: Number of applicants for C&A/SDs in 2021-22
(by SWD's administrative district and age group)**

District	Number of applicants							
	Aged 15 to 19	Aged 20 to 29	Aged 30 to 39	Aged 40 to 49	Aged 50 to 59	Aged 60 to 69	Aged 70 to 79	Aged 80 or above
Central Western, Southern and Islands	5	6	4	6	22	11	0	0
Eastern and Wan Chai	9	4	0	12	8	1	0	0
Kwun Tong	8	4	3	6	18	3	1	0
Wong Tai Sin and Sai Kung	14	7	5	4	14	9	1	0
Kowloon City and Yau Tsim Mong	9	4	2	9	14	6	0	0
Sham Shui Po	9	1	4	1	12	1	0	0
Sha Tin	10	3	3	5	15	7	0	0
Tai Po and North	17	5	4	8	13	5	1	1
Yuen Long	12	11	3	5	12	2	1	0
Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing	11	10	5	8	25	8	5	0
Tuen Mun	6	6	1	4	12	7	1	0
Total	110	61	34	68	165	60	10	1

**Table 19: Number of applicants for C&A/SDs in 2022-23
(by SWD's administrative district and age group)**

District	Number of applicants							
	Aged 15 to 19	Aged 20 to 29	Aged 30 to 39	Aged 40 to 49	Aged 50 to 59	Aged 60 to 69	Aged 70 to 79	Aged 80 or above
Central Western, Southern and Islands	4	8	3	2	18	10	0	0
Eastern and Wan Chai	8	4	1	10	4	3	1	0
Kwun Tong	7	3	3	7	15	1	0	0
Wong Tai Sin and Sai Kung	10	5	7	2	10	8	1	0
Kowloon City and Yau Tsim Mong	11	1	1	5	8	2	2	0
Sham Shui Po	10	1	5	0	11	1	0	0
Sha Tin	6	3	4	8	14	6	0	0
Tai Po and North	13	6	3	7	10	5	1	0
Yuen Long	10	11	3	3	11	2	1	0
Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing	9	6	6	4	23	7	6	0
Tuen Mun	6	7	2	4	12	4	2	0
Total	94	55	38	52	136	49	14	0

**Table 20: Number of applicants for C&A/SDs in 2023-24
(by SWD's administrative district and age group)
(as at 31 December 2023)**

District	Number of applicants							
	Aged 15 to 19	Aged 20 to 29	Aged 30 to 39	Aged 40 to 49	Aged 50 to 59	Aged 60 to 69	Aged 70 to 79	Aged 80 or above
Central Western, Southern and Islands	4	4	4	1	11	7	0	0
Eastern and Wan Chai	8	1	1	6	3	2	2	0
Kwun Tong	6	3	2	8	20	1	0	0
Wong Tai Sin and Sai Kung	9	2	2	2	9	6	1	1
Kowloon City and Yau Tsim Mong	9	4	0	2	6	3	1	0
Sham Shui Po	11	2	2	0	10	2	0	0
Sha Tin	4	3	3	5	11	5	0	0
Tai Po and North	10	4	6	4	7	6	2	0
Yuen Long	12	6	1	1	10	1	0	0
Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing	7	6	4	4	16	4	5	0
Tuen Mun	7	2	3	6	10	8	2	0
Total	87	37	28	39	113	45	13	1

**Table 21: Number of applicants for C&A/ABs in 2019-20
(by SWD's administrative district and age group)**

District	Number of applicants							
	Aged 15 to 19	Aged 20 to 29	Aged 30 to 39	Aged 40 to 49	Aged 50 to 59	Aged 60 to 69	Aged 70 to 79	Aged 80 or above
Central Western, Southern and Islands	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	6
Eastern and Wan Chai	0	0	0	0	0	4	1	7
Kwun Tong	0	0	0	0	0	3	4	7
Wong Tai Sin and Sai Kung	0	0	0	0	0	4	3	10
Kowloon City and Yau Tsim Mong	0	0	0	0	0	3	1	9
Sham Shui Po	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	10
Sha Tin	0	0	0	0	0	3	2	9
Tai Po and North	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	4
Yuen Long	0	0	0	0	0	1	5	11
Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	14
Tuen Mun	0	0	0	0	0	2	3	6
Total	0	0	0	0	0	23	32	93

**Table 22: Number of applicants for C&A/ABs in 2020-21
(by SWD's administrative district and age group)**

District	Number of applicants							
	Aged 15 to 19	Aged 20 to 29	Aged 30 to 39	Aged 40 to 49	Aged 50 to 59	Aged 60 to 69	Aged 70 to 79	Aged 80 or above
Central Western, Southern and Islands	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	5
Eastern and Wan Chai	0	0	0	0	0	2	4	7
Kwun Tong	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	6
Wong Tai Sin and Sai Kung	0	0	0	0	0	3	4	11
Kowloon City and Yau Tsim Mong	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	3
Sham Shui Po	0	0	0	0	0	1	3	7
Sha Tin	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	8
Tai Po and North	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	5
Yuen Long	0	0	0	0	0	1	5	12
Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	2
Tuen Mun	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	2
Total	0	0	0	0	0	16	34	68

**Table 23: Number of applicants for C&A/ABs in 2021-22
(by SWD's administrative district and age group)**

District	Number of applicants							
	Aged 15 to 19	Aged 20 to 29	Aged 30 to 39	Aged 40 to 49	Aged 50 to 59	Aged 60 to 69	Aged 70 to 79	Aged 80 or above
Central Western, Southern and Islands	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
Eastern and Wan Chai	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	3
Kwun Tong	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	4
Wong Tai Sin and Sai Kung	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	9
Kowloon City and Yau Tsim Mong	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	8
Sham Shui Po	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	5
Sha Tin	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Tai Po and North	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2
Yuen Long	0	0	0	0	0	3	1	9
Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing	0	0	0	0	0	1	3	9
Tuen Mun	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0	0	0	5	14	57

**Table 24: Number of applicants for C&A/ABs in 2022-23
(by SWD's administrative district and age group)**

District	Number of applicants							
	Aged 15 to 19	Aged 20 to 29	Aged 30 to 39	Aged 40 to 49	Aged 50 to 59	Aged 60 to 69	Aged 70 to 79	Aged 80 or above
Central Western, Southern and Islands	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	7
Eastern and Wan Chai	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	3
Kwun Tong	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1
Wong Tai Sin and Sai Kung	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kowloon City and Yau Tsim Mong	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	4
Sham Shui Po	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Sha Tin	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Tai Po and North	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Yuen Long	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	2
Tuen Mun	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0	0	0	4	5	22

**Table 25: Number of applicants for C&A/ABs in 2023-24
(by SWD's administrative district and age group)
(as at 31 December 2023)**

District	Number of applicants							
	Aged 15 to 19	Aged 20 to 29	Aged 30 to 39	Aged 40 to 49	Aged 50 to 59	Aged 60 to 69	Aged 70 to 79	Aged 80 or above
Central Western, Southern and Islands	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Eastern and Wan Chai	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	0
Kwun Tong	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Wong Tai Sin and Sai Kung	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Kowloon City and Yau Tsim Mong	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2
Sham Shui Po	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1
Sha Tin	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Tai Po and North	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0
Yuen Long	0	0	0	0	0	4	5	3
Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tuen Mun	0	0	0	0	0	3	1	1
Total	0	0	0	0	0	10	12	14

**Table 26: Number of applicants for SHOSs in 2019-20
(by SWD's administrative district and age group)**

District	Number of applicants							
	Aged 15 to 19	Aged 20 to 29	Aged 30 to 39	Aged 40 to 49	Aged 50 to 59	Aged 60 to 69	Aged 70 to 79	Aged 80 or above
Central Western, Southern and Islands	8	32	43	34	32	8	1	0
Eastern and Wan Chai	5	31	37	39	36	9	1	0
Kwun Tong	27	53	48	49	37	11	1	0
Wong Tai Sin and Sai Kung	24	69	96	66	66	17	1	0
Kowloon City and Yau Tsim Mong	9	18	22	21	23	8	0	0
Sham Shui Po	10	28	42	27	38	8	0	0
Sha Tin	14	36	60	51	22	9	0	0
Tai Po and North	21	71	64	28	27	2	0	0
Yuen Long	16	55	51	34	26	1	0	0
Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing	31	60	73	56	39	10	1	0
Tuen Mun	17	52	66	38	30	7	0	0
Total	182	505	602	443	376	90	5	0

**Table 27: Number of applicants for SHOSs in 2020-21
(by SWD's administrative district and age group)**

District	Number of applicants							
	Aged 15 to 19	Aged 20 to 29	Aged 30 to 39	Aged 40 to 49	Aged 50 to 59	Aged 60 to 69	Aged 70 to 79	Aged 80 or above
Central Western, Southern and Islands	7	38	55	39	35	9	1	0
Eastern and Wan Chai	3	26	36	39	27	8	1	0
Kwun Tong	26	55	54	36	34	13	1	0
Wong Tai Sin and Sai Kung	24	65	87	66	56	18	0	0
Kowloon City and Yau Tsim Mong	7	23	21	16	24	8	1	0
Sham Shui Po	10	30	39	29	32	10	0	0
Sha Tin	7	44	58	63	20	8	0	0
Tai Po and North	17	76	66	36	26	4	0	0
Yuen Long	19	57	57	39	28	2	0	0
Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing	31	56	83	58	38	14	1	0
Tuen Mun	19	58	68	44	31	10	0	0
Total	170	528	624	465	351	104	5	0

**Table 28: Number of applicants for SHOSs in 2021-22
(by SWD's administrative district and age group)**

District	Number of applicants							
	Aged 15 to 19	Aged 20 to 29	Aged 30 to 39	Aged 40 to 49	Aged 50 to 59	Aged 60 to 69	Aged 70 to 79	Aged 80 or above
Central Western, Southern and Islands	10	43	60	45	49	15	1	0
Eastern and Wan Chai	4	33	32	45	27	9	1	0
Kwun Tong	34	63	55	35	34	15	1	0
Wong Tai Sin and Sai Kung	28	66	89	63	49	21	0	0
Kowloon City and Yau Tsim Mong	10	27	21	18	18	9	1	0
Sham Shui Po	13	28	43	21	27	8	1	0
Sha Tin	18	42	62	62	22	8	1	0
Tai Po and North	17	76	78	44	28	5	0	0
Yuen Long	27	51	62	35	30	2	0	0
Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing	26	61	85	52	42	14	1	0
Tuen Mun	26	50	65	52	26	11	0	0
Total	213	540	652	472	352	117	7	0

**Table 29: Number of applicants for SHOSs in 2022-23
(by SWD's administrative district and age group)**

District	Number of applicants							
	Aged 15 to 19	Aged 20 to 29	Aged 30 to 39	Aged 40 to 49	Aged 50 to 59	Aged 60 to 69	Aged 70 to 79	Aged 80 or above
Central Western, Southern and Islands	10	46	57	48	41	20	2	0
Eastern and Wan Chai	3	35	36	41	27	11	1	0
Kwun Tong	38	65	54	39	36	14	2	0
Wong Tai Sin and Sai Kung	25	71	93	57	34	26	0	0
Kowloon City and Yau Tsim Mong	11	31	24	18	14	8	2	0
Sham Shui Po	19	34	43	29	26	8	2	0
Sha Tin	16	43	67	57	30	7	1	0
Tai Po and North	12	87	66	50	25	4	0	0
Yuen Long	19	51	62	41	31	4	0	0
Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing	25	60	81	51	41	17	1	0
Tuen Mun	20	51	59	53	26	11	0	0
Total	198	574	642	484	331	130	11	0

**Table 30: Number of applicants for SHOSs in 2023-24
(by SWD's administrative district and age group)
(as at 31 December 2023)**

District	Number of applicants							
	Aged 15 to 19	Aged 20 to 29	Aged 30 to 39	Aged 40 to 49	Aged 50 to 59	Aged 60 to 69	Aged 70 to 79	Aged 80 or above
Central Western, Southern and Islands	8	41	57	53	45	19	1	0
Eastern and Wan Chai	5	36	40	35	25	14	1	0
Kwun Tong	40	68	50	39	31	13	2	0
Wong Tai Sin and Sai Kung	30	61	91	54	31	24	0	0
Kowloon City and Yau Tsim Mong	11	31	22	13	14	6	2	0
Sham Shui Po	21	39	38	32	27	8	1	0
Sha Tin	12	44	63	51	35	4	0	0
Tai Po and North	18	74	69	51	24	4	1	0
Yuen Long	21	55	58	45	28	6	0	0
Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing	27	63	78	54	43	12	0	0
Tuen Mun	21	50	51	50	23	12	0	0
Total	214	562	617	477	326	122	8	0

**Table 31: Number of applicants for LSCHs in 2019-20
(by SWD's administrative district and age group)**

District	Number of applicants							
	Aged 15 to 19	Aged 20 to 29	Aged 30 to 39	Aged 40 to 49	Aged 50 to 59	Aged 60 to 69	Aged 70 to 79	Aged 80 or above
Central Western, Southern and Islands	0	5	15	64	110	86	14	7
Eastern and Wan Chai	0	3	5	20	78	81	11	4
Kwun Tong	0	3	12	34	69	44	3	1
Wong Tai Sin and Sai Kung	1	1	13	33	91	54	11	1
Kowloon City and Yau Tsim Mong	0	2	14	62	86	53	4	2
Sham Shui Po	0	3	10	36	74	41	7	0
Sha Tin	0	9	22	61	107	89	16	0
Tai Po and North	0	2	19	36	77	70	10	0
Yuen Long	0	8	17	41	56	32	6	0
Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing	1	6	26	79	126	83	12	0
Tuen Mun	0	11	26	70	123	106	10	2
Total	2	53	179	536	997	739	104	17

**Table 32: Number of applicants for LSCHs in 2020-21
(by SWD's administrative district and age group)**

District	Number of applicants							
	Aged 15 to 19	Aged 20 to 29	Aged 30 to 39	Aged 40 to 49	Aged 50 to 59	Aged 60 to 69	Aged 70 to 79	Aged 80 or above
Central Western, Southern and Islands	0	4	8	59	114	88	17	7
Eastern and Wan Chai	0	3	10	24	79	74	14	3
Kwun Tong	0	3	13	32	69	48	5	1
Wong Tai Sin and Sai Kung	1	2	11	36	82	58	11	1
Kowloon City and Yau Tsim Mong	0	1	13	52	87	50	10	2
Sham Shui Po	0	3	7	38	71	42	9	0
Sha Tin	0	10	23	66	112	97	20	0
Tai Po and North	0	0	21	38	79	69	12	0
Yuen Long	0	8	13	39	52	44	5	0
Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing	0	8	28	76	135	75	11	1
Tuen Mun	2	13	20	78	119	117	10	1
Total	3	55	167	538	999	762	124	16

**Table 33: Number of applicants for LSCHs in 2021-22
(by SWD's administrative district and age group)**

District	Number of applicants							
	Aged 15 to 19	Aged 20 to 29	Aged 30 to 39	Aged 40 to 49	Aged 50 to 59	Aged 60 to 69	Aged 70 to 79	Aged 80 or above
Central Western, Southern and Islands	0	5	6	50	104	86	20	6
Eastern and Wan Chai	0	3	7	22	83	72	19	3
Kwun Tong	0	5	10	31	76	55	5	2
Wong Tai Sin and Sai Kung	1	3	14	39	78	59	13	1
Kowloon City and Yau Tsim Mong	1	1	12	52	85	51	13	3
Sham Shui Po	0	3	9	32	63	50	7	0
Sha Tin	0	4	31	64	112	107	24	1
Tai Po and North	0	0	17	32	78	75	13	1
Yuen Long	0	5	13	30	59	41	8	0
Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing	0	10	31	68	142	76	13	0
Tuen Mun	2	10	18	66	115	112	12	1
Total	4	49	168	486	995	784	147	18

**Table 34: Number of applicants for LSCHs in 2022-23
(by SWD's administrative district and age group)**

District	Number of applicants							
	Aged 15 to 19	Aged 20 to 29	Aged 30 to 39	Aged 40 to 49	Aged 50 to 59	Aged 60 to 69	Aged 70 to 79	Aged 80 or above
Central Western, Southern and Islands	0	6	11	43	94	82	23	5
Eastern and Wan Chai	0	4	5	17	70	76	17	2
Kwun Tong	0	4	7	28	81	58	7	1
Wong Tai Sin and Sai Kung	0	1	12	33	63	57	11	0
Kowloon City and Yau Tsim Mong	0	2	10	39	81	50	13	2
Sham Shui Po	0	4	7	34	58	51	6	0
Sha Tin	0	5	25	61	110	121	19	1
Tai Po and North	0	1	19	25	65	68	11	1
Yuen Long	0	4	10	26	50	28	9	0
Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing	0	6	28	64	117	79	10	0
Tuen Mun	1	9	18	50	113	107	13	1
Total	1	46	152	420	902	777	139	13

**Table 35: Number of applicants for LSCHs in 2023-24
(by SWD's administrative district and age group)
(as at 31 December 2023)**

District	Number of applicants							
	Aged 15 to 19	Aged 20 to 29	Aged 30 to 39	Aged 40 to 49	Aged 50 to 59	Aged 60 to 69	Aged 70 to 79	Aged 80 or above
Central Western, Southern and Islands	0	6	9	39	86	71	22	3
Eastern and Wan Chai	0	2	6	13	66	73	15	3
Kwun Tong	0	3	8	25	74	58	9	2
Wong Tai Sin and Sai Kung	0	3	11	30	60	59	11	0
Kowloon City and Yau Tsim Mong	0	1	8	36	88	53	13	1
Sham Shui Po	0	4	8	23	53	45	9	0
Sha Tin	0	3	18	56	90	97	17	0
Tai Po and North	0	0	12	29	58	63	4	0
Yuen Long	0	3	11	23	40	23	7	0
Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing	0	6	19	63	124	61	9	0
Tuen Mun	1	4	18	40	96	91	11	0
Total	1	35	128	377	835	694	127	9

**Table 36: Number of applicants for HWHs in 2019-20
(by SWD's administrative district and age group)**

District	Number of applicants							
	Aged 15 to 19	Aged 20 to 29	Aged 30 to 39	Aged 40 to 49	Aged 50 to 59	Aged 60 to 69	Aged 70 to 79	Aged 80 or above
Central Western, Southern and Islands	2	11	12	10	21	7	1	0
Eastern and Wan Chai	1	20	24	27	26	4	1	0
Kwun Tong	4	8	12	14	10	1	0	0
Wong Tai Sin and Sai Kung	0	12	9	11	9	1	0	0
Kowloon City and Yau Tsim Mong	3	9	14	12	10	2	0	0
Sham Shui Po	0	7	9	9	10	2	0	0
Sha Tin	0	12	16	16	13	4	0	0
Tai Po and North	1	12	19	13	9	1	0	0
Yuen Long	2	8	16	5	3	0	0	0
Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing	2	13	27	16	17	4	0	0
Tuen Mun	3	5	12	14	8	1	0	0
Total	18	117	170	147	136	27	2	0

**Table 37: Number of applicants for HWHs in 2020-21
(by SWD's administrative district and age group)**

District	Number of applicants							
	Aged 15 to 19	Aged 20 to 29	Aged 30 to 39	Aged 40 to 49	Aged 50 to 59	Aged 60 to 69	Aged 70 to 79	Aged 80 or above
Central Western, Southern and Islands	0	9	9	7	4	4	0	0
Eastern and Wan Chai	1	12	19	16	16	5	0	0
Kwun Tong	3	7	10	13	14	4	0	0
Wong Tai Sin and Sai Kung	4	9	9	4	10	2	0	0
Kowloon City and Yau Tsim Mong	1	8	12	9	4	3	0	0
Sham Shui Po	0	6	6	10	10	2	0	0
Sha Tin	2	9	14	5	15	4	0	0
Tai Po and North	0	5	14	17	10	4	1	0
Yuen Long	1	7	7	5	3	1	0	0
Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing	1	16	23	22	13	2	0	0
Tuen Mun	0	9	13	12	8	1	0	0
Total	13	97	136	120	107	32	1	0

**Table 38: Number of applicants for HWHs in 2021-22
(by SWD's administrative district and age group)**

District	Number of applicants							
	Aged 15 to 19	Aged 20 to 29	Aged 30 to 39	Aged 40 to 49	Aged 50 to 59	Aged 60 to 69	Aged 70 to 79	Aged 80 or above
Central Western, Southern and Islands	1	14	7	12	11	3	0	0
Eastern and Wan Chai	2	9	17	18	20	12	0	0
Kwun Tong	1	12	11	15	15	6	0	0
Wong Tai Sin and Sai Kung	4	5	13	5	15	5	0	0
Kowloon City and Yau Tsim Mong	3	13	8	12	18	4	0	0
Sham Shui Po	3	9	8	12	10	3	0	0
Sha Tin	1	16	12	23	8	5	0	0
Tai Po and North	2	10	13	22	9	4	1	0
Yuen Long	2	7	12	6	4	3	1	0
Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing	1	14	19	20	17	5	1	0
Tuen Mun	0	12	13	9	7	1	0	0
Total	20	121	133	154	134	51	3	0

**Table 39: Number of applicants for HWHs in 2022-23
(by SWD's administrative district and age group)**

District	Number of applicants							
	Aged 15 to 19	Aged 20 to 29	Aged 30 to 39	Aged 40 to 49	Aged 50 to 59	Aged 60 to 69	Aged 70 to 79	Aged 80 or above
Central Western, Southern and Islands	1	11	9	8	6	6	2	0
Eastern and Wan Chai	1	12	12	15	15	5	1	0
Kwun Tong	2	11	11	3	5	3	0	0
Wong Tai Sin and Sai Kung	2	15	10	5	10	3	0	0
Kowloon City and Yau Tsim Mong	2	5	10	18	13	4	0	0
Sham Shui Po	3	2	9	7	6	1	0	0
Sha Tin	1	5	12	8	9	2	1	0
Tai Po and North	1	5	8	16	11	2	0	0
Yuen Long	1	10	7	8	5	2	0	0
Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing	0	17	25	30	14	5	0	0
Tuen Mun	2	10	12	14	5	4	1	0
Total	16	103	125	132	99	37	5	0

**Table 40: Number of applicants for HWHs in 2023-24
(by SWD's administrative district and age group)
(as at 31 December 2023)**

District	Number of applicants							
	Aged 15 to 19	Aged 20 to 29	Aged 30 to 39	Aged 40 to 49	Aged 50 to 59	Aged 60 to 69	Aged 70 to 79	Aged 80 or above
Central Western, Southern and Islands	1	6	7	12	16	4	0	0
Eastern and Wan Chai	2	12	8	7	15	10	0	0
Kwun Tong	4	7	15	9	7	4	0	0
Wong Tai Sin and Sai Kung	4	20	21	10	2	6	0	0
Kowloon City and Yau Tsim Mong	1	10	10	17	9	0	0	0
Sham Shui Po	3	2	16	8	3	2	0	0
Sha Tin	0	4	13	28	12	4	0	0
Tai Po and North	0	8	18	19	13	7	0	0
Yuen Long	0	6	14	10	7	3	0	0
Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing	4	20	22	25	28	5	0	0
Tuen Mun	0	7	5	13	9	4	0	0
Total	19	102	149	158	121	49	0	0

**Table 41: Number of applicants for SGHs(MMHC) ^{Note} in 2019-20
(by SWD's administrative district and age group)**

District	Number of applicants			
	Aged 6 to 8	Aged 9 to 11	Aged 12 to 15	Aged 16 or above
Central Western, Southern and Islands	2	1	0	0
Eastern and Wan Chai	0	1	3	2
Kwun Tong	1	2	7	0
Wong Tai Sin and Sai Kung	2	2	1	0
Kowloon City and Yau Tsim Mong	0	1	1	0
Sham Shui Po	0	0	2	1
Sha Tin	0	2	2	0
Tai Po and North	3	2	3	0
Yuen Long	0	0	2	1
Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing	1	0	4	0
Tuen Mun	0	0	1	0
Total	9	11	26	4

Note SGHs(MMHC) include ISGHs.

**Table 42: Number of applicants for SGHs(MMHC) ^{Note} in 2020-21
(by SWD's administrative district and age group)**

District	Number of applicants			
	Aged 6 to 8	Aged 9 to 11	Aged 12 to 15	Aged 16 or above
Central Western, Southern and Islands	1	1	2	0
Eastern and Wan Chai	0	1	2	4
Kwun Tong	1	2	14	0
Wong Tai Sin and Sai Kung	3	4	2	0
Kowloon City and Yau Tsim Mong	0	2	2	0
Sham Shui Po	1	1	4	0
Sha Tin	0	2	6	0
Tai Po and North	3	1	5	0
Yuen Long	0	2	4	1
Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing	1	1	3	0
Tuen Mun	0	2	1	0
Total	10	19	45	5

Note SGHs(MMHC) include ISGHs.

**Table 43: Number of applicants for SGHs(MMHC)^{Note} in 2021-22
(by SWD's administrative district and age group)**

District	Number of applicants			
	Aged 6 to 8	Aged 9 to 11	Aged 12 to 15	Aged 16 or above
Central Western, Southern and Islands	0	0	2	0
Eastern and Wan Chai	0	1	1	2
Kwun Tong	1	5	15	1
Wong Tai Sin and Sai Kung	4	5	2	0
Kowloon City and Yau Tsim Mong	0	0	4	2
Sham Shui Po	3	2	6	0
Sha Tin	1	6	8	2
Tai Po and North	5	2	2	2
Yuen Long	1	5	4	0
Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing	2	0	3	2
Tuen Mun	0	3	0	0
Total	17	29	47	11

Note SGHs(MMHC) include ISGHs.

**Table 44: Number of applicants for SGHs(MMHC)^{Note} in 2022-23
(by SWD's administrative district and age group)**

District	Number of applicants			
	Aged 6 to 8	Aged 9 to 11	Aged 12 to 15	Aged 16 or above
Central Western, Southern and Islands	0	1	2	0
Eastern and Wan Chai	1	0	1	0
Kwun Tong	1	5	11	4
Wong Tai Sin and Sai Kung	4	7	2	0
Kowloon City and Yau Tsim Mong	2	0	5	1
Sham Shui Po	4	5	2	1
Sha Tin	1	6	8	2
Tai Po and North	3	7	4	1
Yuen Long	2	2	1	1
Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing	2	2	2	2
Tuen Mun	0	3	0	0
Total	20	38	38	12

Note SGHs(MMHC) include ISGHs.

**Table 45: Number of applicants for SGHs(MMHC)^{Note} in 2023-24
(by SWD's administrative district and age group)
(as at 31 December 2023)**

District	Number of applicants			
	Aged 6 to 8	Aged 9 to 11	Aged 12 to 15	Aged 16 or above
Central Western, Southern and Islands	0	0	3	0
Eastern and Wan Chai	1	0	3	0
Kwun Tong	0	3	10	6
Wong Tai Sin and Sai Kung	2	5	2	1
Kowloon City and Yau Tsim Mong	2	0	5	1
Sham Shui Po	4	2	1	1
Sha Tin	4	4	8	1
Tai Po and North	3	8	7	0
Yuen Long	2	2	5	1
Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing	2	4	3	2
Tuen Mun	1	1	1	1
Total	21	29	48	13

^{Note} SGHs(MMHC) include ISGHs.

Number of persons who passed away while waiting for residential rehabilitation services

Service type	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24 (as at 31 December 2023)
HMMH	6	9	11	12	13
HSMH	29	9	25	24	22
HSPH	28	18	8	13	16
C&A/SD	40	33	33	35	39
C&A/AB	20	15	6	15	6
SGH(MMHC) ^{Note 1}	0	0	0	0	0
SHOS	10	1	6	13	9
HWH	7	0	2	1	1
LSCH	8	14	18	22	33
Private RCHD under BPS ^{Note 2}	N.A.				

N.A. – Not Applicable

Note 1 SGHs(MMHC) include ISGHs.

Note 2 There is no central waiting list or statistical information on the number of persons who passed away while waiting for the service under BPS.

**Estimated number of additional service places of various residential rehabilitation services in the next 5 years
(by SWD's administrative district)**

Service type	Total number of additional service places	Number of additional service places in each district
HMMH	240	40 (Sham Shui Po), 50 (North), 50 (South), 100 (Kowloon City)
HSMH	890	30 (Wong Tai Sin), 50 (Kowloon City), 50 (Kwun Tong), 60 (Tai Po), 100 (North), 150 (South), 450 (Tuen Mun)
HSPH	100	50 (Sham Shui Po), 50 (South)
C&A/SD	240	40 (North), 200 (Tuen Mun)
SHOS	410	30 (Sai Kung), 30 (Sha Tin), 40 (Eastern), 60 (South), 70 (Kowloon City), 70 (North), 110 (Tuen Mun)
LSCH	200	200 (North)
Private RCHD under BPS	274	274 (locations to be determined)

Table 1: Number of persons having left RCHDs and reasons for leaving in 2019-20

Reason for leaving	Number of persons having left RCHDs									
	HMMH	HSMH	HSPH	C&A/SD	C&A/AB	SHOS	SGH (MMHC) ^{Note}	HWH	LSCH	Private RCHD under BPS
Transfer to other residential services because of significant changes in health condition or care needs	33	19	2	4	30	7	0	96	2	27
Admission to hospital for treatment for no less than 3 months	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Residential service no longer needed according to the resident	0	9	0	2	0	2	1	47	2	4
Compassionate rehousing/ independent living	0	0	0	0	0	14	0	86	0	3
Family reunion	6	2	2	1	2	12	7	109	2	17
Emigration	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	3	1	0
Death	28	34	10	47	113	6	0	9	53	11
Age limit of the service reached	N.A.						3	N.A.		
Breaching house rules or other reasons	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	41	0	7
Total	70	71	14	54	145	41	11	391	60	69

N.A. - Not applicable

Note SGHs(MMHC) include ISGHs.

Table 2: Number of persons having left RCHDs and reasons for leaving in 2020-21

Reason for leaving	Number of persons having left RCHDs									
	HMMH	HSMH	HSPH	C&A/SD	C&A/AB	SHOS	SGH (MMHC) ^{Note}	HWH	LSCH	Private RCHD under BPS
Transfer to other residential services because of significant changes in health condition or care needs	32	29	4	3	17	26	0	128	2	51
Admission to hospital for treatment for no less than 3 months	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Residential service no longer needed according to the resident	0	5	0	2	0	1	0	60	3	14
Compassionate rehousing/ independent living	1	0	0	0	0	7	0	81	1	7
Family reunion	1	0	1	0	8	4	3	96	2	56
Emigration	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Death	21	41	11	38	120	2	0	5	74	10
Age limit of the service reached	N.A.						0	N.A.		
Breaching house rules or other reasons	7	1	0	0	0	1	0	43	0	20
Total	62	78	16	43	145	41	3	413	82	158

N.A. - Not applicable

Note SGHs(MMHC) include ISGHs.

Table 3: Number of persons having left RCHDs and reasons for leaving in 2021-22

Reason for leaving	Number of persons having left RCHDs										
	HMMH	HSMH	HSPH	C&A/SD	C&A/AB	SHOS	SGH (MMHC) ^{Note}	HWH	LSCH	Private RCHD under BPS	
Transfer to other residential services because of significant changes in health condition or care needs	40	30	6	4	35	27	4	304	14	44	
Admission to hospital for treatment for no less than 3 months	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Residential service no longer needed according to the resident	4	6	0	2	3	2	0	72	3	26	
Compassionate rehousing/ independent living	0	0	0	0	0	6	0	89	0	5	
Family reunion	16	2	4	1	7	8	3	114	5	29	
Emigration	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	
Death	27	125	31	56	140	4	0	7	76	28	
Age limit of the service reached	N.A.						5	N.A.			
Breaching house rules or other reasons	9	0	0	0	3	3	1	64	3	11	
Total	96	169	41	63	188	50	14	650	101	143	

N.A. - Not applicable

Note SGHs(MMHC) include ISGHs.

Table 4: Number of persons having left RCHDs and reasons for leaving in 2022-23

Reason for leaving	Number of persons having left RCHDs									
	HMMH	HSMH	HSPH	C&A/SD	C&A/AB	SHOS	SGH (MMHC) ^{Note}	HWH	LSCH	Private RCHD under BPS
Transfer to other residential services because of significant changes in health condition or care needs	31	23	5	4	19	16	6	270	12	38
Admission to hospital for treatment for no less than 3 months	0	4	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Residential service no longer needed according to the resident	0	7	0	5	1	2	0	75	1	29
Compassionate rehousing/ independent living	0	0	0	0	1	12	1	98	0	12
Family reunion	7	1	2	1	4	9	9	160	2	37
Emigration	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	0
Death	17	62	4	45	135	4	0	6	78	21
Age limit of the service reached	N.A.						0	N.A.		
Breaching house rules or other reasons	1	0	1	0	8	1	5	85	7	13
Total	56	97	12	56	168	44	22	696	100	150

N.A. - Not applicable

Note SGHs(MMHC) include ISGHs.

Table 5: Number of persons having left RCHDs and reasons for leaving in 2023-24 (as at 31 December 2023)

Reason for leaving	Number of persons having left RCHDs									
	HMMH	HSMH	HSPH	C&A/SD	C&A/AB	SHOS	SGH (MMHC) ^{Note}	HWH	LSCH	Private RCHD under BPS
Transfer to other residential services because of significant changes in health condition or care needs	44	18	3	6	17	14	8	215	9	30
Admission to hospital for treatment for no less than 3 months	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Residential service no longer needed according to the resident	1	1	0	1	5	1	0	44	1	19
Compassionate rehousing/ independent living	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	80	0	9
Family reunion	5	2	1	1	4	4	10	132	1	17
Emigration	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Death	17	51	8	37	72	3	0	2	43	16
Age limit of the service reached	N.A.						0	N.A.		
Breaching house rules or other reasons	2	0	0	0	0	1	7	75	2	56
Total	69	73	12	45	98	25	25	549	56	148

N.A. - Not applicable

^{Note} SGHs(MMHC) include ISGHs.

**Table 1: Number of applicants for SWs in 2019-20
(by SWD's administrative district and age group)**

District	Number of applicants							
	Aged 15 to 19	Aged 20 to 29	Aged 30 to 39	Aged 40 to 49	Aged 50 to 59	Aged 60 to 69	Aged 70 to 79	Aged 80 or above
Central Western, Southern and Islands	39	57	31	17	44	12	1	0
Eastern and Wan Chai	48	40	29	27	30	16	1	0
Kwun Tong	52	80	25	47	52	13	2	0
Wong Tai Sin and Sai Kung	99	93	39	41	58	15	0	0
Kowloon City and Yau Tsim Mong	58	33	21	27	37	6	0	0
Sham Shui Po	44	32	14	19	29	6	0	0
Sha Tin	38	49	28	36	35	11	0	0
Tai Po and North	53	73	38	27	33	2	0	0
Yuen Long	76	48	29	18	37	4	0	0
Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing	50	66	34	42	45	13	1	0
Tuen Mun	46	47	34	30	26	13	0	0
Total	603	618	322	331	426	111	5	0

**Table 2: Number of applicants for SWs in 2020-21
(by SWD's administrative district and age group)**

District	Number of applicants							
	Aged 15 to 19	Aged 20 to 29	Aged 30 to 39	Aged 40 to 49	Aged 50 to 59	Aged 60 to 69	Aged 70 to 79	Aged 80 or above
Central Western, Southern and Islands	32	50	19	21	38	12	1	0
Eastern and Wan Chai	42	40	23	24	37	16	1	0
Kwun Tong	56	66	21	30	29	8	1	0
Wong Tai Sin and Sai Kung	87	63	33	29	45	12	1	0
Kowloon City and Yau Tsim Mong	53	26	19	23	26	6	0	0
Sham Shui Po	40	24	10	17	17	2	0	0
Sha Tin	42	42	26	30	22	8	0	0
Tai Po and North	46	77	30	28	27	4	0	0
Yuen Long	70	49	23	19	35	2	0	0
Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing	45	59	29	27	41	12	2	0
Tuen Mun	61	58	32	35	23	12	0	0
Total	574	554	265	283	340	94	6	0

**Table 3: Number of applicants for SWs in 2021-22
(by SWD's administrative district and age group)**

District	Number of applicants							
	Aged 15 to 19	Aged 20 to 29	Aged 30 to 39	Aged 40 to 49	Aged 50 to 59	Aged 60 to 69	Aged 70 to 79	Aged 80 or above
Central Western, Southern and Islands	34	42	21	14	30	11	0	0
Eastern and Wan Chai	32	33	21	18	32	13	1	0
Kwun Tong	59	71	14	24	27	10	2	0
Wong Tai Sin and Sai Kung	85	69	36	31	42	10	1	0
Kowloon City and Yau Tsim Mong	53	35	23	20	29	5	0	0
Sham Shui Po	49	25	16	12	23	2	0	0
Sha Tin	52	40	34	37	29	10	0	0
Tai Po and North	54	76	32	28	31	5	0	0
Yuen Long	76	60	28	24	32	5	0	0
Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing	52	57	33	24	40	14	2	0
Tuen Mun	65	57	32	41	20	11	0	0
Total	611	565	290	273	335	96	6	0

**Table 4: Number of applicants for SWs in 2022-23
(by SWD's administrative district and age group)**

District	Number of applicants							
	Aged 15 to 19	Aged 20 to 29	Aged 30 to 39	Aged 40 to 49	Aged 50 to 59	Aged 60 to 69	Aged 70 to 79	Aged 80 or above
Central Western, Southern and Islands	24	45	25	17	23	13	0	0
Eastern and Wan Chai	29	33	22	11	34	11	2	0
Kwun Tong	67	73	16	25	27	9	2	0
Wong Tai Sin and Sai Kung	85	92	39	33	30	12	1	0
Kowloon City and Yau Tsim Mong	43	46	25	19	22	6	0	0
Sham Shui Po	58	24	17	12	18	5	1	0
Sha Tin	63	49	31	34	30	8	1	0
Tai Po and North	60	87	31	27	31	8	0	0
Yuen Long	83	67	32	22	33	6	0	0
Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing	51	54	38	20	42	13	2	0
Tuen Mun	58	50	32	46	24	8	2	0
Total	621	620	308	266	314	99	11	0

**Table 5: Number of applicants for SWs in 2023-24
(by SWD's administrative district and age group)
(as at 31 December 2023)**

District	Number of applicants							
	Aged 15 to 19	Aged 20 to 29	Aged 30 to 39	Aged 40 to 49	Aged 50 to 59	Aged 60 to 69	Aged 70 to 79	Aged 80 or above
Central Western, Southern and Islands	26	41	22	16	16	13	1	0
Eastern and Wan Chai	23	35	19	14	29	9	1	0
Kwun Tong	63	75	14	22	26	9	2	0
Wong Tai Sin and Sai Kung	93	77	40	20	23	14	0	0
Kowloon City and Yau Tsim Mong	53	39	17	14	23	4	0	0
Sham Shui Po	54	34	20	18	12	4	0	0
Sha Tin	68	44	24	36	23	7	0	0
Tai Po and North	57	84	39	34	22	11	0	0
Yuen Long	87	68	26	27	26	5	0	0
Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing	50	47	34	21	35	12	0	0
Tuen Mun	54	50	21	37	19	7	0	0
Total	628	594	276	259	254	95	4	0

**Table 6: Number of applicants for DACs in 2019-20
(by SWD's administrative district and age group)**

District	Number of applicants							
	Aged 15 to 19	Aged 20 to 29	Aged 30 to 39	Aged 40 to 49	Aged 50 to 59	Aged 60 to 69	Aged 70 to 79	Aged 80 or above
Central Western, Southern and Islands	24	17	13	6	14	3	1	0
Eastern and Wan Chai	30	26	14	11	14	8	6	0
Kwun Tong	44	35	15	12	10	10	1	0
Wong Tai Sin and Sai Kung	49	47	14	16	15	16	1	0
Kowloon City and Yau Tsim Mong	49	33	10	8	10	2	2	0
Sham Shui Po	34	16	12	8	14	6	0	0
Sha Tin	26	22	12	10	11	6	3	0
Tai Po and North	35	31	12	5	3	3	1	0
Yuen Long	42	40	12	19	18	10	1	0
Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing	29	24	21	27	13	12	1	0
Tuen Mun	22	29	29	17	23	13	1	0
Total	384	320	164	139	145	89	18	0

**Table 7: Number of applicants for DACs in 2020-21
(by SWD's administrative district and age group)**

District	Number of applicants							
	Aged 15 to 19	Aged 20 to 29	Aged 30 to 39	Aged 40 to 49	Aged 50 to 59	Aged 60 to 69	Aged 70 to 79	Aged 80 or above
Central Western, Southern and Islands	31	9	11	8	12	3	1	1
Eastern and Wan Chai	26	19	16	12	9	7	6	0
Kwun Tong	38	31	22	8	9	11	3	0
Wong Tai Sin and Sai Kung	47	42	13	12	13	18	0	0
Kowloon City and Yau Tsim Mong	37	29	10	9	8	4	1	0
Sham Shui Po	37	19	10	9	13	8	0	0
Sha Tin	28	21	10	9	10	5	3	0
Tai Po and North	39	32	15	3	6	2	2	0
Yuen Long	54	41	14	17	15	15	1	0
Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing	30	26	20	21	17	13	1	0
Tuen Mun	26	24	31	20	17	15	3	0
Total	393	293	172	128	129	101	21	1

**Table 8: Number of applicants for DACs in 2021-22
(by SWD's administrative district and age group)**

District	Number of applicants							
	Aged 15 to 19	Aged 20 to 29	Aged 30 to 39	Aged 40 to 49	Aged 50 to 59	Aged 60 to 69	Aged 70 to 79	Aged 80 or above
Central Western, Southern and Islands	27	7	8	11	12	10	1	1
Eastern and Wan Chai	27	19	11	9	10	7	6	0
Kwun Tong	34	34	20	10	7	12	3	0
Wong Tai Sin and Sai Kung	49	37	18	11	13	17	1	0
Kowloon City and Yau Tsim Mong	34	24	10	7	11	3	2	0
Sham Shui Po	27	17	10	11	9	10	0	0
Sha Tin	25	20	11	6	8	5	4	0
Tai Po and North	37	32	15	3	9	4	3	0
Yuen Long	44	44	13	17	17	16	1	0
Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing	26	23	16	23	20	10	4	0
Tuen Mun	22	22	24	14	17	16	3	0
Total	352	279	156	122	133	110	28	1

**Table 9: Number of applicants for DACs in 2022-23
(by SWD's administrative district and age group)**

District	Number of applicants							
	Aged 15 to 19	Aged 20 to 29	Aged 30 to 39	Aged 40 to 49	Aged 50 to 59	Aged 60 to 69	Aged 70 to 79	Aged 80 or above
Central Western, Southern and Islands	31	10	9	8	10	12	2	1
Eastern and Wan Chai	30	18	10	10	10	11	5	0
Kwun Tong	30	33	19	11	7	9	3	0
Wong Tai Sin and Sai Kung	50	43	19	8	15	13	2	0
Kowloon City and Yau Tsim Mong	39	25	10	11	10	1	3	0
Sham Shui Po	28	12	7	14	6	10	0	0
Sha Tin	33	18	10	5	11	9	7	0
Tai Po and North	32	28	15	4	10	4	4	0
Yuen Long	43	40	16	18	16	17	2	0
Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing	28	25	17	20	21	9	2	0
Tuen Mun	26	18	27	15	14	14	2	0
Total	370	270	159	124	130	109	32	1

**Table 10: Number of applicants for DACs in 2023-24
(by SWD's administrative district and age group)
(as at 31 December 2023)**

District	Number of applicants							
	Aged 15 to 19	Aged 20 to 29	Aged 30 to 39	Aged 40 to 49	Aged 50 to 59	Aged 60 to 69	Aged 70 to 79	Aged 80 or above
Central Western, Southern and Islands	29	12	5	6	8	15	1	0
Eastern and Wan Chai	34	19	7	10	11	9	1	0
Kwun Tong	28	23	21	9	8	8	2	0
Wong Tai Sin and Sai Kung	52	33	19	5	11	11	3	0
Kowloon City and Yau Tsim Mong	38	20	8	7	11	3	1	0
Sham Shui Po	22	13	6	11	8	7	1	0
Sha Tin	41	12	14	4	12	11	6	1
Tai Po and North	38	27	12	6	9	2	3	0
Yuen Long	43	35	18	15	14	16	3	0
Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing	35	23	17	18	18	10	2	0
Tuen Mun	23	17	24	14	11	16	3	0
Total	383	234	151	105	121	108	26	1

Average waiting time for SWs and DACs

Service type	Average waiting time in 2019-20 (in months) Note 1	Average waiting time in 2020-21 (in months) Note 1	Average waiting time in 2021-22 (in months) Note 1	Average waiting time in 2022-23 (in months) Note 1	Average waiting time in 2023-24 (in months) Note 1
SW	18.8	20.6	12.6	14.0	Not yet available ^{Note 2}
DAC	57.3	58.1	53.8	55.6	

Note 1 The waiting time is affected by multiple factors, such as whether the applicant has any preference on the location of the service units, whether he/she has selected any particular service units, the turnover rate of individual service units, etc.

Note 2 The figure for 2023-24 is not yet available as the average waiting time is compiled on a financial-year basis covering the 1st day of April of a year to the 31st day of March of the next year.

Table 1: Age distribution of SW service users from 2019-20 to 2023-24

Year	Number of service users							
	Aged 15 to 19	Aged 20 to 29	Aged 30 to 39	Aged 40 to 49	Aged 50 to 59	Aged 60 to 69	Aged 70 to 79	Aged 80 or above
2019-20	26	742	1 116	1 293	1 353	676	96	1
2020-21	22	711	1 097	1 304	1 288	710	129	4
2021-22	25	678	1 065	1 295	1 299	769	137	5
2022-23	17	668	1 030	1 287	1 262	844	161	4
2023-24 (as at 31 December 2023)	30	629	1 037	1 310	1 246	867	165	5

Table 2: Age distribution of DAC service users from 2019-20 to 2023-24

Year	Number of service users							
	Aged 15 to 19	Aged 20 to 29	Aged 30 to 39	Aged 40 to 49	Aged 50 to 59	Aged 60 to 69	Aged 70 to 79	Aged 80 or above
2019-20	53	1 047	1 450	1 173	1 011	599	103	11
2020-21	48	1 042	1 448	1 213	1 013	659	135	10
2021-22	70	1 019	1 413	1 266	1 037	672	162	10
2022-23	56	987	1 334	1 333	1 044	712	186	10
2023-24 (as at 31 December 2023)	53	994	1 305	1 364	1 057	726	210	11

**Number of places for
day care service for persons with severe disabilities
each year from 2019-20 to 2023-24**

Year	Number of service places
2019-20	234
2020-21	239
2021-22	245
2022-23	245
2023-24 (as at 31 December 2023)	245

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(W)215

(Question Serial No. 1107)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Charmaine LEE)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

- i) Please provide the information on cases of successful prosecution under the Residential Care Homes (Persons with Disabilities) Ordinance and Code of Practice in the past 5 years, including the names and addresses of the residential care homes involved, the offenses committed, the dates of conviction, and the penalties imposed.
- ii) Please provide the records and reasons for refusal of renewal or cancellation of licence under the Residential Care Homes (Persons with Disabilities) Ordinance and Code of Practice in the past 5 years.
- iii) How many surprise inspections have been conducted at private and subsidised residential care homes for persons with disabilities (RCHDs) by the Licensing Office of the Social Welfare Department (SWD) in the past 5 years?

Asked by: Hon TIK Chi-yuen (LegCo internal reference no.: 57)

Reply:

- i) Information on residential care homes that have been convicted of contravening the Residential Care Homes (Persons with Disabilities) Ordinance or Residential Care Homes (Persons with Disabilities) Regulation from 2019-20 to 2023-24 (as at the end of December 2023) is provided in Table 1 of Annex.
- ii) There have been no records of refusal of renewal or cancellation of licence due to non-compliance by RCHDs from 2019-20 to 2023-24 (as at the end of December 2023).
- iii) All inspections conducted by the Licensing Office of Residential Care Homes for Persons with Disabilities (LORCHD) under SWD are surprise inspections. The number of inspections of RCHDs conducted by SWD in the past 5 years is set out in Table 2 of Annex. SWD does not have a breakdown of the number of inspections by type of residential care homes.

Table 1: Residential care homes convicted of contravening the Residential Care Homes (Persons with Disabilities) Ordinance or Residential Care Homes (Persons with Disabilities) Regulation from 2019-20 to 2023-24 (as at end-December 2023)

	Name	Address	Offence	Date of conviction	Penalty
1.	Ming Sum Home for the SEN	Section A, B and C of Lot No. 480 in DD No. 115, Yuen Long, New Territories (also known as No. 175-177, Wong Uk Tsuen, Yuen Long, New Territories)	Failure to comply with Section 11(2)(d)(i) of the Residential Care Homes (Persons with Disabilities) Regulation: Employing an unregistered person as a health worker	2 June 2023	\$5,000 fine
2.	Note	Note	Failure to comply with Section 22(6)(c) of the Residential Care Homes (Persons with Disabilities) Ordinance: Giving any information which is false in a material particular and which the person knows or reasonably ought to know is false in the material particular	2 June 2023	\$20,000 fine

Note As the convicted person is not the operator as defined by the Residential Care Homes (Persons with Disabilities) Ordinance, the above record does not display the name or address of the RCHD concerned.

Table 2: Number of inspections conducted by LORCHD

Year	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24 (as at end-December 2023)
Number of inspections	2 157	1 910	1 824	2 096	1 441

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(W)216

(Question Serial No. 1108)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Charmaine LEE)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

- i) Please provide the latest number of private and subvented Residential Care Homes for Persons with Disabilities (RCHDs) in Hong Kong.
- ii) Please provide the number of licensed RCHDs and RCHDs operating with certificate of exemption (CoE) at present, broken down by care level and type of RCHD.
- iii) Please provide a list of RCHDs that are currently still operating with CoEs.

Asked by: Hon TIK Chi-yuen (LegCo internal reference no.: 58)

Reply:

- i) There are a total of 61 private RCHDs and 261 subvented RCHDs in Hong Kong as at 31 December 2023.
- ii) & iii) There are a total of 339 subvented, self-financing and private RCHDs in Hong Kong as at 31 December 2023. The number of residential care homes, broken down by type and care level, is provided at Annex. All RCHDs are licensed, and none of them are operating with CoE.

**Number of residential care homes for persons with disabilities broken down by type
and care level
as at 31 December 2023**

Care level	Type of residential care home			Total
	Subvented RCHD	Self-financing RCHD	Private RCHD	
High care level	132	3	12	147
Medium care level	88	9	48	145
Low care level	41	5	1	47

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(W)217

(Question Serial No. 1109)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

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

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Charmaine LEE)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

The Social Welfare Department (SWD) launched the Multi-disciplinary Outreaching Support Teams for the Elderly (MOSTE) and the Professional Outreaching Teams for Private Residential Care Homes for Persons with Disabilities (POT) in February and March 2019, respectively, for a period of 4 years. Please provide the expected and actual number of cases handled by MOSTE and POT, the average length of service per case, and the related expenditure in the past 5 years.

Asked by: Hon TIK Chi-yuen (LegCo internal reference no.: 59)

Reply:

SWD launched pilot schemes on MOSTE and POT in February and March 2019, respectively, for a period of 4 years. The 2 schemes were respectively converted into regular programmes in February and March 2023, providing residents of private residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs) and residential care homes for persons with disabilities (PWDs) with free multi-disciplinary outreach services to support their social and rehabilitation needs. In addition, MOSTE provides speech therapy service for elderly persons with swallowing difficulties or speech impairment residing in contract RCHEs (including the Day Care Units attached to them) and self-financing RCHEs/nursing homes.

During the pilot phase, MOSTE and POT incurred an expenditure of about \$952 million and \$228 million, respectively, and collectively served a cumulative total of 62 583 elderly persons and 4 531 PWDs.

The number of beneficiaries after MOSTE has been converted into regular programme is set out in the below table. Over 45 000 elderly persons are expected to benefit from MOSTE annually.

Year	No. of beneficiaries
2022-23 (from mid-February to end-March 2023)	16 950 ^{Note}
2023-24 (as at end-December 2023)	45 566

^{Note} The figure represents the number of beneficiaries after MOSTE has been converted into regular programme.

The number of beneficiaries after POT has been converted into regular programme is set out in the below table. Over 3 700 PWDs are expected to benefit from POT annually.

Year	No. of beneficiaries
2022-23 (from 25 March to 31 March 2023)	73 ^{Note}
2023-24 (as at end-December 2023)	3 782

^{Note} The figure represents the number of beneficiaries after POT has been converted into regular programme.

The revised estimates for MOSTE and POT in 2023-24, after they have been converted into regular programmes, amounted to about \$299.6 million and \$72 million, respectively. The average monthly costs per beneficiary for these 2 services are as follows:

Year	Average monthly cost per beneficiary of MOSTE (\$)
2022-23 (Actual)	489 ^{Note}
2023-24 (Revised estimate)	466

^{Note} The figure represents the average monthly cost per beneficiary after MOSTE has been converted into regular programme.

Year	Average monthly cost per beneficiary of POT (\$)
2022-23 (Actual)	1 460 ^{Note}
2023-24 (Revised estimate)	1 532

^{Note} The figure represents the average monthly cost per beneficiary after POT has been converted into regular programme.

SWD does not have information on the average length of service per case for MOSTE or POT.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(W)218

(Question Serial No. 3067)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Charmaine LEE)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

How many Special Needs Trust (SNT) accounts have been set up since December 2018? What was the expenditure incurred by the SNT Office in the past 5 years? What are the estimated total expenditure and the number of new SNT accounts to be set up in the next 5 years?

Asked by: Hon TIK Chi-yuen (LegCo internal reference no.: 60)

Reply:

The Special Needs Trust Office (the SNT Office) has set up a total of 18 SNT accounts as at 31 December 2023. The annual total expenditure of the SNT Office in the past 5 years is set out at Annex.

As SNT accounts are set up by parents based on their needs, the SNT Office has not made any estimates on the total expenditure and the number of new SNT accounts to be set up in the next 5 years.

Annual total expenditure of the SNT Office in the past 5 years

Year	Total expenditure (\$ million)
2019-20 (Actual)	5.9
2020-21 (Actual)	6.0
2021-22 (Actual)	6.4
2022-23 (Actual)	7.3
2023-24 (Actual) (as at 31 December 2023)	4.4

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(W)219

(Question Serial No. 3068)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

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

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Charmaine LEE)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

The Pilot Scheme on Living Allowance for Carers of Elderly Persons from Low-income Families (Pilot Scheme for Carers of Elderly Persons) and Pilot Scheme on Living Allowance for Low-income Carers of Persons with Disabilities (PWDs) (Pilot Scheme for Carers of PWDs) were regularised in October 2023. Please provide the total number of applicants and the number of recipients of these allowances since regularisation, as well as the reasons for unsuccessful applications.

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

Reply:

The Scheme on Living Allowance for Carers of Elderly Persons from Low-income Families (Scheme for Carers of Elderly Persons) and the Scheme on Living Allowance for Low-income Carers of PWDs (Scheme for Carers of PWDs) have been incorporated into the Government's regular assistance programmes in October 2023. As at the end of December 2023, 4 375 carers applied for the Scheme for Carers of Elderly Persons, and 3 489 of them have been assessed as eligible and granted the allowance. As for the Scheme for Carers of PWDs, 3 479 carers applied and 2 896 of them have been assessed as eligible and granted the allowance. The main reasons for ineligibility under the 2 regularised schemes include applicants currently receiving the Old Age Living Allowance/Comprehensive Social Security Assistance, voluntary withdrawal of applications, incapability of taking up the care-giving role, or exceeding the household income limits, etc.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(W)220

(Question Serial No. 3271)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (7) Young People

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Charmaine LEE)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Please provide the number of children enrolled in the Strive and Rise Programme (the Programme) who reside in subdivided units, as well as the number of children who do not.

Number of children residing or not residing in subdivided units		
	Children residing in subdivided units	Children not residing in subdivided units
2022-2023		
2023-2024		

Asked by: Hon TIK Chi-yuen (LegCo internal reference no.: 69)

Reply:

As at end-February 2024, a total of 3 855 mentees have participated in the second cohort of the Programme. Based on the information provided by mentees, 1 107 of them reside in subdivided units and inadequate housing (such as rooftop structures and squatters), while 2 748 of them reside in other types of housing (such as public housing and transitional housing). The Social Welfare Department does not have statistics on the types of housing that the mentees from the first cohort reside in.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(W)221****(Question Serial No. 0799)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ()Programme: (2) Social SecurityControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Charmaine LEE)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

Paragraph 227 of the Budget Speech mentioned that relevant bureaux have been requested to review the mode of operation of the Government Public Transport Fare Concession Scheme for the Elderly and Eligible Persons with Disabilities (the \$2 Scheme) and the Public Transport Fare Subsidy Scheme (PTFSS), considering that the expenditure of both schemes are high and growing rapidly. In this connection, would the Government please inform this Committee:

- of the annual expenditure and year-on-year growth rates of the following 3 schemes over the past 5 years: (a) Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) Scheme; (b) Old Age Allowance (OAA); and (c) Old Age Living Allowance (OALA); and
- whether the Government will also request the relevant bureaux to review items (a) to (c) above, which also have high expenditure, rapid expenditure growth rates, and, allegedly, more cases of abuse; if not, the reasons.

Asked by: Hon TSE Wai-chuen, Tony (LegCo internal reference no.: 51)Reply:

- The expenditure on the CSSA Scheme, OAA (including the Guangdong (GD) Scheme and the Fujian (FJ) Scheme) and OALA (including the GD Scheme and the FJ Scheme) from 2019-20 to 2023-24, along with the year-on-year percentage (yoy%) changes, is as follows:

Year	CSSA Scheme		OAA ^[Note 1]		OALA ^[Note 1] ^[Note 2]	
	Expenditure ^[Note 3] ^[Note 4] (\$ million)	yoy% change	Expenditure ^[Note 3] (\$ million)	yoy% change	Expenditure ^[Note 3] (\$ million)	yoy% change
2019-20 (Actual)	22,667	+1.5	5,275	+1.1	26,988	-9.8
2020-21 (Actual)	22,853	+0.8	5,352	+1.5	28,345	+5.0
2021-22 (Actual)	22,909	+0.2	5,678	+6.1	29,469	+4.0
2022-23 (Actual)	23,196	+1.3	6,175	+8.8	32,664	+10.8
2023-24 (Revised estimate)	22,625	-2.5	6,766	+9.6	37,256	+14.1

^[Note 1] Including the GD Scheme and the FJ Scheme.

[Note 2] OALA under the GD Scheme and the FJ Scheme has been in effect since 1 January 2020. In September 2022, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) merged the Normal and Higher OALAs. The merged OALA adopts the more lenient asset limits of the Normal OALA and the payment rate of the Higher OALA.

[Note 3] The actual expenditure for 2019-20 includes the payment of 1 additional month of CSSA standard rates or the allowances in the year, and an extra 1 month of CSSA standard rates or the allowances announced by the Financial Secretary in August 2019. The actual expenditure for 2020-21 includes the payment of 1 additional month of CSSA standard rates or the allowances in the year. The actual expenditures for 2021-22 and 2022-23, and the revised estimated expenditure for 2023-24 include the payment of an additional half-month of CSSA standard rates or the allowances in the year.

[Note 4] The actual expenditure for 2019-20 includes the payment of a one-off grant of \$2,500 to each needy CSSA student in the year.

2. To ensure proper use of public monies, SWD has been sparing no effort in combating social security fraud all along. With respect to suspected fraud cases substantiated upon in-depth investigation, SWD will recover overpayment from the relevant applicants/recipients. SWD will issue written warnings to those concerned or refer serious suspected fraud cases to the Police for investigation. Persons convicted of fraud by the court may be imprisoned, bound over, sentenced to community service order or fined.

The Government implements a non-contributory social security system to provide suitable cash assistance for needy individuals. This system comprises the CSSA Scheme and the Social Security Allowance Scheme (which includes OALA, OAA and Disability Allowance). With an ageing population, Hong Kong has seen a continuous rise in the number of recipients under the social security system. The Government will closely monitor the situation and conduct reviews as necessary to ensure financial sustainability.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(W)222

(Question Serial No. 1060)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

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

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Charmaine LEE)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

It is mentioned in Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2024-25 that the Government will make an additional injection of \$1 billion into the Innovation and Technology Fund for Application in Elderly and Rehabilitation Care (the I&T Fund) and expand its scope to allow eligible service units to procure gerontechnology products suitable for household use by elderly persons, persons with disabilities and their carers. In this connection, please inform this Committee:

1. whether the implementation of the expanded uses brought about by the injection has begun;
2. of the estimated increase in the number of beneficiaries after the injection; and
3. of the number of eligible service units, broken down by their location and service target.

Asked by: Hon WONG Kam-fai, William (LegCo internal reference no.: 5)

Reply:

In 2024-25, the Government will inject an additional \$1 billion into the I&T Fund to enhance subsidies for eligible elderly and rehabilitation service units to procure, rent or trial technology product, as well as expanding the scope of the I&T Fund to cover gerontechnology products suitable for household use. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) is currently conducting preparatory work to formulate the implementation details and further information will be announced in due course. As this new initiative will be implemented in 2024-25, SWD currently does not have any information regarding the number of beneficiaries. However, the eligibility criteria for service units will not be affected.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(W)223

(Question Serial No. 1415)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Charmaine LEE)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the Neighbourhood Support Child Care Project (NSCCP), please provide the following information:

1. How many of the 2 048 staff members in the Social Welfare Department (SWD) responsible for family and child welfare are assigned to implement NSCCP? What are their establishment, ranks and payroll costs?
2. What is the estimated additional number of home-based child carers in each district (broken down by District Council (DC) district)?
3. What is the expenditure for subsidising home-based child carers, the number of subsidised home-based child carers, and the number and ages of children under the care of home-based child carers for the past 5 years?
4. How many staff members have been involved in monitoring the implementation of NSCCP? What are their establishment, ranks and payroll costs?
5. How many staff members have been involved in training home-based child carers? What are their establishment, ranks and payroll costs?

Asked by: Hon YUNG Hoi-yan (LegCo internal reference no.: 17)

Reply:

1. The Family and Child Welfare Branch of SWD is responsible for planning, developing and implementing comprehensive family and child welfare services and programmes. As staff members are required to assist in planning and implementing 1 or more services as needed, SWD does not have information on the manpower dedicated to implementing NSCCP and the related expenditure involved.
2. Starting from April 2024, SWD will increase the incentive payment for home-based child carers under NSCCP and the number of places of home-based child care service (HCCS) under NSCCP starting from the fourth quarter of 2024. According to the Service Agreement (SA) signed between SWD and service operators, the operators are required to recruit suitable individuals to serve as

home-based child carers, and provide them with regular and appropriate training. The number of home-based child carers varies each year depending on factors such as the recruitment situation of service operators and the service demand in districts. Therefore, it is difficult to estimate the number of new home-based child carers in each district.

- 3 to 5. The number of home-based child carers, number of children using HCCS and their age distribution under NSCCP for the past 5 financial years are set out at Annex. SWD allocates funding to service operators based on their expenditure in operating NSCCP, which includes staff salaries, costs for recruiting and training home-based child carers, incentive payments, service promotion costs and subsidies for service fee waivers/reductions, etc. At the same time, service operators are required to provide a minimum number of service places and employ staff in accordance with the staffing establishment including at least 2 registered social workers, 1 Child Care Worker and 2 supporting staff, for operating NSCCP. They must also meet the service output and outcome standards specified in the SA. Subject to their compliance with these requirements, service operators may flexibly deploy the funding to operate NSCCP. Therefore, SWD does not have the breakdown of the expenditure for monitoring NSCCP, or various expenses related to subsidising and training home-based child carers as requested in the question.

Table 1: Numbers of home-based child carers and children using HCCS under NSCCP (2019-20)

District	Number of home-based child carers (December 2019)	Number of children using HCCS			
		Aged below 3	Aged 3 to below 6	Aged above 6	Total
Central & Western	40	94	47	32	173
Wan Chai	161	8	48	66	122
Eastern	176	166	124	92	382
Southern	29	64	66	28	158
Yau Tsim Mong	267	307	257	44	608
Sham Shui Po	74	251	220	75	546
Kowloon City	473	170	194	129	493
Wong Tai Sin	59	165	134	48	347
Kwun Tong	52	230	125	66	421
Kwai Tsing	88	214	144	34	392
Tsuen Wan	56	169	173	225	567
Tuen Mun	42	257	318	178	753
Yuen Long	58	399	403	198	1 000
North	58	91	125	40	256
Tai Po	64	264	196	66	526
Sha Tin	87	264	169	149	582
Sai Kung	114	279	317	147	743
Islands	16	64	122	53	239
Total	1 914	3 456	3 182	1 670	8 308

Table 2: Numbers of home-based child carers and children using HCCS under NSCCP (2020-21)

District	Number of home-based child carers (December 2020)	Number of children using HCCS			
		Aged below 3	Aged 3 to below 6	Aged above 6	Total
Central & Western	46	71	27	46	144
Wan Chai	114	28	26	62	116
Eastern	183	143	46	50	239
Southern	28	46	57	12	115
Yau Tsim Mong	299	250	162	46	458
Sham Shui Po	38	229	212	85	526
Kowloon City	489	95	107	41	243
Wong Tai Sin	22	121	111	37	269
Kwun Tong	51	91	72	64	227
Kwai Tsing	41	235	108	30	373
Tsuen Wan	43	79	67	112	258
Tuen Mun	36	225	250	174	649
Yuen Long	32	276	438	197	911
North	54	66	80	53	199
Tai Po	69	189	162	70	421
Sha Tin	49	174	159	127	460
Sai Kung	130	162	207	105	474
Islands	80	64	70	62	196
Total	1 804	2 544	2 361	1 373	6 278

Table 3: Numbers of home-based child carers and children using HCCS under NSCCP (2021-22)

District	Number of home-based child carers (December 2021)	Number of children using HCCS			
		Aged below 3	Aged 3 to below 6	Aged above 6	Total
Central & Western	32	61	29	14	104
Wan Chai	98	58	33	66	157
Eastern	58	146	101	35	282
Southern	26	40	72	35	147
Yau Tsim Mong	314	293	180	40	513
Sham Shui Po	49	369	250	101	720
Kowloon City	515	167	105	104	376
Wong Tai Sin	45	113	89	55	257
Kwun Tong	56	92	82	50	224
Kwai Tsing	55	283	154	85	522
Tsuen Wan	56	151	118	128	397
Tuen Mun	31	214	234	257	705
Yuen Long	72	388	369	278	1 035
North	70	99	118	99	316
Tai Po	73	133	192	68	393
Sha Tin	42	190	233	164	587
Sai Kung	135	176	199	110	485
Islands	88	112	145	131	388
Total	1 815	3 085	2 703	1 820	7 608

Table 4: Numbers of home-based child carers and children using HCCS under NSCCP (2022-23)

District	Number of home-based child carers (December 2022)	Number of children using HCCS			
		Aged below 3	Aged 3 to below 6	Aged above 6	Total
Central & Western	29	55	59	22	136
Wan Chai	73	32	23	79	134
Eastern	59	134	98	15	247
Southern	27	5	38	33	76
Yau Tsim Mong	278	218	188	49	455
Sham Shui Po	57	328	147	97	572
Kowloon City	521	125	85	80	290
Wong Tai Sin	45	61	58	84	203
Kwun Tong	44	115	75	30	220
Kwai Tsing	72	296	145	83	524
Tsuen Wan	63	121	167	228	516
Tuen Mun	33	198	227	268	693
Yuen Long	65	344	257	308	909
North	61	60	80	116	256
Tai Po	69	120	163	103	386
Sha Tin	41	160	182	195	537
Sai Kung	139	148	184	178	510
Islands	83	57	141	178	376
Total	1 759	2 577	2 317	2 146	7 040

Table 5: Numbers of home-based child carers and children using HCCS under NSCCP (April to December 2023)

District	Number of home-based child carers (December 2023)	Number of children using HCCS			
		Aged below 3	Aged 3 to below 6	Aged above 6	Total
Central & Western	59	81	28	16	125
Wan Chai	67	24	44	42	110
Eastern	103	151	80	9	240
Southern	30	7	27	43	77
Yau Tsim Mong	126	160	107	44	311
Sham Shui Po	59	315	111	66	492
Kowloon City	525	64	78	59	201
Wong Tai Sin	112	77	48	45	170
Kwun Tong	46	111	90	41	242
Kwai Tsing	82	232	69	60	361
Tsuen Wan	77	88	85	89	262
Tuen Mun	37	215	209	169	593
Yuen Long	67	234	241	227	702
North	78	45	72	93	210
Tai Po	77	93	96	86	275
Sha Tin	42	98	123	117	338
Sai Kung	83	145	97	77	319
Islands	100	54	147	110	311
Total	1 770	2 194	1 752	1 393	5 339

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(W)224

(Question Serial No. 1416)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): ()
Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Charmaine LEE)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding aided standalone child care centres (CCCs), please provide the following information:

1. How many of the 2 048 staff members in the Social Welfare Department (SWD) responsible for family and child welfare are assigned to handle matters related to aided standalone CCCs? What are their establishment, ranks and payroll costs?
2. Why does SWD expect the utilisation rate of aided standalone CCCs to remain unchanged in 2024-25 compared to 2023-24, despite an increase in the number of places?
3. Further to the question above, does SWD have a plan to boost the utilisation rate of aided standalone CCCs? If so, please provide details. If not, what are the reasons?
4. Which districts will be covered by the 900 additional places to be provided by the 10 additional aided standalone CCCs?

Asked by: Hon YUNG Hoi-yan (LegCo internal reference no.: 18)

Reply:

1. The Family and Child Welfare Branch of SWD is responsible for the planning, development and implementation of comprehensive family and child welfare services and programmes. As staff members are responsible for assisting in planning and implementing 1 or more social welfare services as required, SWD is unable to provide information on the manpower solely responsible for aided standalone CCCs and the relevant expenditure involved.
2. In 2024-25, the number of places for aided standalone CCCs will increase by 188 compared to the revised estimate in 2023-24. It takes time for the non-governmental organisations operating the service to handle enrolment applications and complete the relevant procedures. Therefore, the utilisation rate of aided standalone CCCs in 2024-25 is expected to be similar to that of the revised estimate in 2023-24.

3. SWD regularly produces publicity materials to promote day child care services. Service operators will also organise promotional activities in various districts, including setting up street booths, distributing leaflets and hanging up banners to promote their services and recruit service users.
4. SWD will set up 10 more aided standalone CCCs in phases within a 3-year period starting from 2024. These aided standalone CCCs will be located in districts such as Fanling, Sham Shui Po, Kwun Tong, Kwai Chung and Kowloon City.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(W)225

(Question Serial No. 1417)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Charmaine LEE)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding family and child protective services, please provide the following information:

1. How many of the 2 048 staff members in the Social Welfare Department (SWD) responsible for family and child welfare are assigned to family and child protective services? What are their establishment, ranks and payroll costs?
2. Why does the Government anticipate a lower percentage target for making first contact with the service user/related person within 10 working days upon receiving request for family casework service in 2024-25 compared to the past 2 years?
3. How many calls for assistance related to child abuse and spouse/cohabitant battering has SWD received in the past 5 years?
4. How many cases related to child abuse and spouse/cohabitant battering has SWD uncovered in the past 5 years?
5. How many cases related to child abuse and spouse/cohabitant battering has SWD handled in the past 5 years?
6. Please provide details about the adoption of innovative technology in child protection, including the expenditure incurred over the past 5 years and the estimated expenditure for 2024-25.

Asked by: Hon YUNG Hoi-yan (LegCo internal reference no.: 19)

Reply:

1. The revised estimate of expenditure for the Family and Child Protective Services Units (FCPSUs) of SWD in 2023-24 was \$313 million. The staffing establishment of FCPSUs, broken down by rank, is tabulated below:

Rank	Staffing establishment
Senior Social Work Officer	14
Social Work Officer	155
Assistant Social Work Officer	51

2. It is mentioned in the Controlling Officer’s Report that first contact should be made with the service user/related person of 95% of cases within 10 working days upon receiving request for family casework service. This is the performance target set by SWD. The target for 2024-25 continues to remain unchanged.
- 3 to 5. The numbers of child protection cases and spouse/cohabitant battering cases received and handled by SWD in the past 5 years are tabulated below:

Case type	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Number of spouse/cohabitant battering cases	2 920	2 601	2 715	2 077	1 938
Number of child protection cases	1 006	940	1 367	1 439	1 457

SWD does not have information on the uncovering of such cases.

6. SWD has been collaborating with the Smart Government Innovation LAB of the Office of the Government Chief Information Officer to introduce new technology into the closed-circuit television surveillance system of residential child care centres and residential special child care centres. The aim is to screen for common improper behaviours in the child care process, so as to provide training data for developing the artificial intelligence (AI) system. Technology companies and tertiary institutions with relevant experience have also been invited to submit proposals and conduct the proof-of-concept testing. It is hoped that, by balancing personal privacy, operational needs and regulatory requirements, a validated and feasible AI system can be introduced, thus enabling more effective and comprehensive monitoring of child care situations. The AI system is expected to be introduced in the relevant child care centres in 2024-25.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(W)226

(Question Serial No. 2880)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): ()
Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Charmaine LEE)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding support for working families, please provide this Committee with the following information:

1. Please tabulate the distribution of the 10 new aided standalone child care centres (CCCs) to be established in the coming year by district, along with the number of places in each centre.
2. Please tabulate the distribution of the 1 200 places for the After School Care Programme for Pre-primary Children (ASCP(PC)) by district.
3. For both aided standalone CCCs and ASCP(PC), please provide the population of eligible children in each district in Hong Kong and the number of applications received in the past year.
4. Does the ratio of eligible children to available places in the future align with the Government's policy objectives? Are there any plans or measures in place to further increase the number of places in the long run?

Asked by: Hon ZHANG Xinyu, Gary (LegCo internal reference no.: 10)

Reply:

1. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) will set up 10 more aided standalone CCCs in phases within 3 years starting from 2024, providing about 900 additional places. Among them, 100 places in Queens Hill Estate and 56 places in Wah Ming Estate in Fanling have commenced service in January and March 2024 respectively. The 88 places in Shun Lee Estate in Kwun Tong and 100 places at the Treasury Building in Sham Shui Po are scheduled for commencing operation in 2024-25, whereas the 100 places at Cheung Shun Street in Sham Shui Po and 60 places in Kwai Fong Estate in Kwai Chung will be put into service in 2025-26. The remaining 4 aided standalone CCCs, proposed to be set up in districts such as Kowloon City and Kwun Tong, will collectively provide about 400 additional places, and are scheduled to commence service in 2026-27.

2. SWD will extend ASCP(PC) to cover all districts in Hong Kong in phases within a period of 3 years starting from 2024. The number of centres participating in ASCP(PC) will increase from 16 to 28, and the number of places will increase from 672 to 1 176. The estimated number of places available in various districts upon the full extension of ASCP(PC) is set out at Annex.
3. SWD does not have information on the population of eligible children in each district in Hong Kong for the past year. As parents can directly apply for the aforementioned child care services from the service operators according to their needs, without the need to waitlist the services under a central system and the applications are handled by respective service operators, SWD does not have information on the number of applications received for these services.
4. According to the population-based planning ratio incorporated into the Hong Kong Planning Standards and Guidelines (i.e. 100 aided CCC places for children aged below 3 for every 25 000 persons), SWD has been reserving suitable premises for operating CCCs in different new development areas. For developed areas, SWD will take into account the characteristics of individual districts, including the available CCC places, service utilisation, ratio of subsidised to private child care services, land supply situation, and service demand as a result of demographic changes, etc. when conducting service planning.

Number of places available in various districts upon the full extension of ASCP(PC)

District	Number of places		
	By the end of 2023-24	Additional places	Total
Central & Western	42	-	42
Southern	84	-	84
Islands	-	42	42
Eastern	-	42	42
Wan Chai	-	42	42
Kwun Tong	84	-	84
Wong Tai Sin	42	-	42
Sai Kung	-	42	42
Kowloon City	-	42	42
Yau Tsim Mong	-	42	42
Sham Shui Po	126	-	126
Sha Tin	-	42	42
Tai Po	-	42	42
North	42	-	42
Yuen Long	126	-	126
Tsuen Wan	-	42	42
Kwai Tsing	126	-	126
Tuen Mun	-	42	42
2 other centres will be located in districts with greater service demand		84	84
Total	672	504	1 176

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(W)227

(Question Serial No. 2903)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Charmaine LEE)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Please inform this Committee of the following:

1. What resources/staffing establishment has the Government devoted to support street sleepers, including but not limited to the numbers of psychiatric nurses, counselling staff, outreach vehicles, and short-term hostel places, in the past 5 years?
2. Please provide the number of street sleepers who have successfully applied for an extension of their stay in hostels, along with the length of extension granted, total length of their stay, their whereabouts after leaving the hostels, and the percentage of them resuming street sleeping.

Asked by: Hon ZHANG Xinyu, Gary (LegCo internal reference no.: 34)

Reply:

The Social Welfare Department (SWD) subsidises non-governmental organisations (NGOs) to provide integrated services for street sleepers under the Lump Sum Grant Subvention System. Subject to their compliance with the requirements of the Funding and Service Agreements, NGOs may determine their staffing establishment in accordance with their human resources policies, and flexibly deploy resources and employ staff to achieve the service output and outcomes required. The expenditure of subvented integrated services for street sleepers for the past 5 financial years is set out in the table below:

Year	Expenditure (\$ million)
2019-20 (Actual)	23.6
2020-21 (Actual)	27.5
2021-22 (Actual)	29.9
2022-23 (Actual)	32.6
2023-24 (Revised estimate)	36.2

SWD has enhanced the welfare support services for street sleepers since 2020-21, including strengthening professional and supervisory support for 3 Integrated Services Teams for Street Sleepers (ISTs). Each IST is provided with an additional psychiatric nurse and 1 additional outreach vehicle. In addition, 6 additional short-term hostel places for male street sleepers

have been provided, increasing the number of subvented places from 222 to 228. SWD does not have information on the actual number of NGO staff involved in providing services for street sleepers and the information requested in Question 2.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(W)259

(Question Serial No. 3511)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (000) Operational expenses
Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Charmaine LEE)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Would the Government please inform this Committee of the following:

1. the staffing establishment (SE) for conducting inspections at residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs) and the related expenditure as a percentage of the total expenditure of the Social Welfare Department (SWD) in each of the past 5 years; and
2. the numbers of advisory letters and warning letters issued to RCHEs and the reasons for issuing the letters in each of the past 5 years?

Asked by: Hon CHAN Wing-kwong (LegCo internal reference no.: 42)

Reply:

1. The SE of inspectors responsible for conducting inspections at RCHEs under SWD's Licensing Office of Residential Care Homes for the Elderly (LORCHE) and the related payroll cost in the past 5 years are set out in Table 1 of Annex. In addition, since February 2017, SWD has recruited 8 retired disciplined service officers on contract terms to assist in carrying out inspections at RCHEs and residential care homes for persons with disabilities. The payroll cost so incurred, which accounted for 0.06% of SWD's overall expenditure in the past 5 years, is set out in Table 2 of Annex.
2. If RCHEs are found to be in contravention of the Residential Care Homes (Elderly Persons) Ordinance (Cap. 459), Residential Care Homes (Elderly Persons) Regulation (Cap. 459A) or Code of Practice for Residential Care Homes (Elderly Persons) in the course of handling complaints or during inspections, LORCHE will, based on the nature and severity of the non-compliance, issue advisory letters, warning letters and written directions for remedial measures, or instigate prosecution against the relevant RCHEs. The respective numbers of advisory letters and warning letters issued to RCHEs in the past 5 years are set out in Table 3 of Annex. The categories of non-compliances include staffing arrangement, protection of privacy, drug management, infection control, nursing and personal care services, and fire safety, etc.

Table 1: SE ^{Note} of inspectors and payroll cost of LORCHE

Year	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24 (as at end- December 2023)
Total (persons)	70	70	71	72	72
Payroll cost (\$ million)	50.53	50.53	51.31	53.14	41.69

^{Note} Excluding the 8 retired disciplined service officers employed on contract terms.

Table 2: Payroll cost for recruiting retired disciplined service officers

Year	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24 (as at end-December 2023)
Payroll cost (\$ million)	4.14	4.14	4.14	4.21	3.26

Table 3: Number of advisory letters and warning letters issued to non-compliant RCHEs by LORCHE

Year	2019-20	2020-21	2021-21	2022-23	2023-24 (as at end- December 2023)
No. of cases issued with advisory letters	2 394	2 199	2 348	2 229	1 599
No. of cases issued with warning letters	118	114	112	114	61

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(W)260

(Question Serial No. 3512)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): (000) Operational expenses
Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Charmaine LEE)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the Navigation Scheme for Young Persons in Care Services (Navigation Scheme), the Social Welfare Department (SWD) enhanced the Navigation Scheme in 2020-21 to provide a total of 1 200 training places over a span of 5 years. In this connection, please advise this Committee of the following:

1. the number of participants of the Navigation Scheme for each of the past 3 years;
2. the number of young persons articulated to other nursing courses through the Navigation Scheme each year; and
3. the government expenditure incurred, as well as the number and salary of trainees, number of training places and expenditure projected for the next year.

Asked by: Hon CHAN Wing-kwong (LegCo internal reference no.: 43)

Reply:

1. & 2. The numbers of persons admitted to and graduated from the Navigation Scheme, as well as the number of graduates pursuing further studies in nursing or medical service-related courses each year from 2021-22 to 2023-24 are tabulated at Annex.
3. SWD launched the Navigation Scheme in 2015-16 and enhanced it in 2020-21 to provide a total of 1 200 training places over the next 5 years, involving a total expenditure of about \$266 million. As at end-December 2023, the enhanced Navigation Scheme has recruited 1 233 trainees. Service operators may recruit more trainees than the current year's training quota by utilising the surplus resources from previous years due to trainees dropping out of the Navigation Scheme. The estimated expenditure for the Navigation Scheme is around \$17.3 million in 2024-25. In 2023-24, trainees employed as care workers upon admission to the Navigation Scheme received a monthly salary of \$15,910, and a monthly salary of \$18,340 upon promotion to health workers.

Number of persons admitted to and graduated from the Navigation Scheme, and the number of graduates pursuing further studies in related courses from 2021-22 to 2023-24

Admission year	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24 (as at end-December 2023)
No. of persons admitted	368	222	225
No. of graduates	159	In training and have not graduated yet	In training and have not graduated yet
No. of graduates pursuing further studies in nursing or medical service-related courses	27	In training and have not graduated yet	In training and have not graduated yet

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(W)261

(Question Serial No. 3513)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Charmaine LEE)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Please advise this Committee of the following:

1. the expenditure and manpower involved in implementing the Guangdong (GD) Scheme and Fujian (FJ) Scheme in the past 3 years, with a breakdown by year; and
2. the respective numbers of requests for assistance accepted by the Government from elderly persons who have joined the GD Scheme and FJ Scheme in the past 3 years.

Asked by: Hon CHAN Wing-kwong (LegCo internal reference no.: 44)

Reply:

1. The Social Security Branch and Social Security Field Units of the Social Welfare Department (SWD) are responsible for administering the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance Scheme and the Social Security Allowance Scheme (including the Old Age Living Allowance, the Old Age Allowance, the Disability Allowance, the GD Scheme and the FJ Scheme). Their duties include appointing 2 agents to help implement the Portable Comprehensive Social Security Assistance Scheme, the GD Scheme and the FJ Scheme in GD and FJ provinces, respectively. Handling cases related to the GD Scheme and the FJ Scheme is part of the day-to-day work of the aforementioned SWD personnel. As a result, SWD cannot account separately for the manpower and expenditure involved in implementing these 2 schemes.
2. SWD provides services to recipients under the GD Scheme and the FJ Scheme based on their actual needs. However, SWD does not have statistical information on the number of assistance requests made by elderly persons under these 2 schemes.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(W)262

(Question Serial No. 3847)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

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

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Charmaine LEE)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the District Services and Community Care Teams (Care Teams), would the Government please inform this Committee of the following:

The Government recently announced that it would launch a 1-year Pilot Scheme on Supporting Elderly and Carers (Pilot Scheme). The Care Teams in Tsuen Wan District and Southern District will take the lead in identifying singleton and doubleton elderly households, carers of elderly persons and carers of persons with disabilities (PWDs) in need, while the Government will provide subsidies ranging from \$160,000 to \$240,000 based on the Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) of service volume for each Care Team in the sub-districts. What is the required service volume under the KPIs? What is the amount of resources earmarked for the Pilot Scheme?

Asked by: Hon CHAU Siu-chung (LegCo internal reference no.: 22)

Reply:

The Government has launched the Pilot Scheme on Supporting Elderly and Carers (the Pilot Scheme) at the end of March 2024. Taking Tsuen Wan and Southern Districts as pilot points, Care Teams are engaged to help identify households of singleton and doubleton elderly, carers of elderly persons/PWDs in need through visits or contacts, and to refer these cases to social welfare service units for follow-up. KPIs have been set for the services provided by the Care Teams under the Pilot Scheme, including visiting or contacting needy households, as well as providing follow-up caring services and follow-up support services. The District Welfare Offices of the Social Welfare Department flexibly formulate the KPIs in light of the situation of each district and in consultation with the Care Teams of each sub-district, and provide subsidies based on service volume. The 12-month Pilot Scheme involves an expenditure of about \$7.2 million.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(W)263

(Question Serial No. 3479)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Charmaine LEE)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Please provide the following information using the table below:

- (i) the number of cases where grants were provided by the Government, and the average and total amounts of grants provided for various items under “grants to repair or replace vessels and fishing gear” in the past 3 years (from 2021-22 to 2023-24);
- (ii) the number of cases where grants were provided by the Government, and the average and total amounts of grants provided for various items under “primary producer grants” in the past 3 years (from 2021-22 to 2023-24); and
- (iii) the number of cases where grants were provided by the Government, and the average and total amounts of grants provided for various items under “special grants” in the past 3 years (from 2021-22 to 2023-24).

	2021-22			2022-23			2023-24		
	No. of cases	Average amount of grants per case (\$)	Total amount of grants paid	No. of cases	Average amount of grants per case (\$)	Total amount of grants paid	No. of cases	Average amount of grants per case (\$)	Total amount of grants paid
Grants to repair or replace vessels and fishing gear									
Primary producer grants									
Special grants									

Asked by: Hon HO Chun-yin, Steven (LegCo internal reference no.: 50)

Reply:

The information sought is tabulated below:

	2021-22			2022-23			2023-24 (up to end-December 2023)		
	No. of cases	Average amount of grants per case (\$)	Total amount of grants paid	No. of cases	Average amount of grants per case (\$)	Total amount of grants paid	No. of cases	Average amount of grants per case (\$)	Total amount of grants paid
(i) Grants to repair or replace vessels and fishing gear	-	-	-	5	332,553	1,662,763	1	229,180	229,180
(ii) Primary producer grants	1 482	3,054	4,526,628	-	-	-	4	22,513	90,051
(iii) Special grants	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(W)264

(Question Serial No. 3645)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Charmaine LEE)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

The Community Care Service Voucher (CCSV) Scheme for the Elderly (CCSV Scheme) has been regularised since October 2023, with the number of beneficiaries increasing to 12 000, involving an annual recurrent expenditure of about \$900 million. In this connection, will the Government inform this Committee of the following:

1. Please provide the number of service places; the number of applicants; the average waiting time; the cumulative number of CCSV recipients, with a breakdown by gender and age; the number of CCSV users; the number of CCSVs yet to be used; the cumulative number of persons who withdrew from the CCSV Scheme, with a breakdown by reason; the number of CCSV holders, with a breakdown by co-payment category; and the number of recognised service providers (RSPs) for different types of services in each of the past 5 years.
2. Has the Department set any performance pledges regarding the time taken (a) from processing the applications to the successful issuance of CCSVs; and (b) from issuing CCSVs to the successful receipt of services by the elderly? Generally speaking, have these pledges been met under the CCSV Scheme? If yes, please provide details. If no, what are the reasons?
3. Will the Department regularly review the effectiveness of these services and hold consultative meetings with stakeholders in a timely manner? If yes, please provide the details. If no, what are the reasons?
4. Please provide the respective numbers of service places and vacancies of different types of services provided by RSPs each year, the full-year number of service users, and the full-year number of cases handled, with a breakdown by RSP; the number of service places, the number of elderly persons using CCSVs, the number of elderly persons who withdrew from the CCSV Scheme, the number of invitation letters issued, and the respective numbers of persons using the mixed mode and single mode of service each year, with a breakdown by district; and the respective numbers of RSPs, service places and vacancy rates of different types of services each year, with a breakdown by district, since the launch of the CCSV Scheme.

5. Has the Government conducted regular random checks on the service quality of participating organisations since the launch of the CCSV Scheme? If yes, please provide the respective numbers of random checks conducted and organisations inspected. If no, what are the reasons?
6. Some members of the public have indicated difficulties in finding suitable RSPs due to insufficient publicity of the CCSV Scheme. Please provide the expenditure items involved in the publicity of the Pilot Scheme on CCSV for the Elderly (Pilot Scheme on CCSV) since its launch, as well as the number of people reached through the publicity campaigns.
7. Given the high demand for community care services for the elderly, the implementation of the CCSV Scheme can help alleviate pressure on certain public services. Has the Government reviewed the cost-effectiveness of the CCSV Scheme? What measures will be introduced in the future to benefit more elderly persons, such as lowering the application threshold? If yes, please provide the details. If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon KONG Yuk-foon, Doreen (LegCo internal reference no.: 44)

Reply:

1. Information on the CCSV Scheme is set out at Annex 1. Since October 2020, all eligible elderly persons may apply for CCSVs at the CCSV Office without having to be waitlisted.
2. As at the end of December 2023, it took an average of around 11 days from the Social Welfare Department's (SWD) receipt of an application from an elderly person until approval of the application and subsequent issuance of CCSVs. As the CCSV Scheme adopts the "money-following-the-user" principle, elderly persons have the flexibility to decide when to use the services and choose RSPs and service packages based on their needs after being issued with CCSVs. SWD does not have information on the duration between the issuance of CCSVs and the first time the CCSV holders utilise the services.
- 3 & 7. SWD commissioned the Sau Po Centre on Ageing of the University of Hong Kong (Sau Po Centre) to evaluate the effectiveness of the first and second phases of the Pilot Scheme on CCSV in 2013 and 2017, respectively. After taking the recommendations proposed and stakeholders' feedback for each phase into account, SWD implemented enhancement measures in the subsequent phase as appropriate, which included adding more service options, expanding the coverage to 18 districts across the territory and adjusting the voucher value of CCSVs, etc. The evaluation conducted by the Sau Po Centre demonstrated that the CCSV Scheme effectively enhanced the quality of life for frail elderly persons and alleviated the stress of carers. To gauge the implementation and assess the effectiveness of the third phase of the Pilot Scheme on CCSV, SWD conducted an online questionnaire survey from July to August 2022 to collect feedback from stakeholders, including RSPs, service users and carers, and visited the management and frontline staff of service operators. The survey revealed that Pilot Scheme was well-received by service users and their carers. Most respondents reported that CCSV helped address the caring needs of elderly persons, improve their physical conditions and enhance their quality of life while effectively alleviating the stress of carers. Most respondents were also satisfied with the service quality of RSPs. The Government has made CCSV permanent

since September 2023, and will increase the number of CCSVs by 1 000 in 2024-25, bringing the total to 11 000, and will further increase the number to 12 000 in 2025-26.

4. Information pertaining to CCSV after it has been made permanent (including the number of service places of each RSP, the numbers of service places and elderly persons using different service modes by district, as well as the numbers of RSPs and their service places by district in 2023-24) is set out at Annex 2. As required by SWD, RSPs should disclose the latest information on their services on SWD's Elderly Information Website, including the number of service vacancies. SWD does not maintain statistics on the number of service places as RSPs update it from time to time. SWD does not have statistics on the number of elderly persons who left the CCSV Scheme, nor the number of invitation letters issued by district.

As the CCSV Scheme adopts the “money-following-the-user” principle, CCSV holders have the flexibility to choose RSPs and service packages based on their needs. In addition, RSPs may set their own service modes, service items and number of service places, and submit them to SWD for approval. As RSPs are reimbursed for their actual costs under the CCSV Scheme, unused service places of RSPs do not consume the resources of the Government. Therefore, SWD does not maintain information on the vacancy rates of the service places of each RSP. It is undesirable for SWD to release the numbers of service users and cases served broken down by RSP, as this would involve disclosing information about RSPs' operation.

5. SWD puts in place a performance monitoring mechanism to monitor the service performance of the operators. RSPs shall comply with the requirements stipulated in the Service Specifications and Service Agreements relating to financial management, service performance management, contingency plans and staffing arrangements, etc. SWD conducts surprise visits to all RSPs on a regular basis to examine relevant records and files, including individual care plans and service records of elderly persons. In 2023-24 (as at the end of December 2023), SWD conducted 218 surprise visits to 218 RSPs. SWD also collects feedback from CCSV users and/or carers to gauge, evaluate and monitor the performance of RSPs.
6. SWD has been introducing and promoting the CCSV Scheme to eligible elderly persons and members of the public through a wide variety of publicity methods, including holding briefing sessions, broadcasting promotional videos on online platforms, and conducting radio and television interviews, in order to encourage eligible elderly persons to participate in the CCSV Scheme. Public awareness of the CCSV Scheme has gradually increased since its launch in September 2013. The expenditure on publicity for the CCSV Scheme in 2020-21, 2021-22 and 2022-23 was about \$15,000, \$19,000 and \$190,000, respectively. The revised estimated expenditure for 2023-24 is about \$168,000. SWD does not have information on the number of persons reached through each publicity method.

Table 1: Numbers of RSPs, service places and applicants under the CCSV Scheme, and numbers of CCSV holders and users

Year	Number of RSPs	Number of service places		Number of applicants	Number of CCSV holders	
		Day care service	Home care service		Number of persons using CCSVs	Number of persons who have yet to use CCSVs
2019-20	173	3 210	6 806	2 392	4 237	1 787
2020-21	230	3 869	10 580	3 219	4 711	2 464
2021-22	238	3 950	11 424	4 703	6 276	2 579
2022-23	253	4 191	12 904	4 375	6 933	3 251
2023-24 (as at end-December 2023)	258	4 102	13 885	4 875	8 395	3 986

Table 2: Cumulative number and age distribution of CCSV recipients ^{Note}

Year	Age			Total
	60 to 74	75 to 84	85 and above	
2019-20	2 088	4 607	6 441	13 136
2020-21	2 712	5 692	7 788	16 192
2021-22	3 275	6 151	11 481	20 907
2022-23	4 368	8 671	12 264	25 303
2023-24 (as at end-December 2023)	5 329	10 331	14 370	30 030

^{Note} These are cumulative figures since the launch of the first phase of the Pilot Scheme on CCSV.

Table 3: Cumulative number and gender distribution of CCSV recipients ^{Note}

Year	Cumulative number of CCSV recipients		
	Male	Female	Total
2019-20	5 183	7 953	13 136
2020-21	6 469	9 723	16 192
2021-22	8 339	12 568	20 907
2022-23	10 148	15 155	25 303
2023-24 (as at end-December 2023)	11 991	18 039	30 030

^{Note} These are cumulative figures since the launch of the first phase of the Pilot Scheme on CCSV.

Table 4: Number of elderly persons who left the CCSV Scheme and their reasons for leaving

Reason for leaving	Number of elderly persons who left the Scheme				
	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24 (as at end-December 2023)
Will be/have been allocated with/receiving subsidised community care services or subsidised/private residential care services	776	927	1 509	1 523	1 428
Deceased	541	826	905	1 435	1 064
Being taken care of by family members or domestic helpers, etc.	104	73	577	61	30
Others (e.g. hospitalisation, out of town, etc.)	81	75	44	48	8
No suitable service units/service packages	26	4	0	0	0
Total	1 528	1 905	3 035	3 067	2 530

Table 5: Number of CCSV users by co-payment category

Year	Number of CCSV users						Total
	Category I	Category II	Category III	Category IV	Category V	Category VI	
2019-20	614	2 172	409	427	79	536	4 237
2020-21	676	2 490	474	465	78	528	4 711
2021-22	878	3 339	608	663	105	683	6 276
2022-23	970	3 773	633	690	116	751	6 933
2023-24 (as at end-December 2023)	1 120	4 637	727	839	150	922	8 395

**Table 1: Number of service places under the CCSV Scheme by RSP in 2023-24
(as at end-December 2023)**

Organisation	RSP	Number of service places	
		Day care service	Home care service
Agatha Corporation Limited	Ann Health Services	-	100
Evercare Health Limited	Evercare Home Care Services	-	150
Hello Toby Technology (HK) Limited	Allied First	-	100
Kerry Fung & Associates Limited	Centre for Holistic Healthcare - Integrated Services	-	70
Senior Care Elderly Limited	Senior Care (Fuk Kwan) Elderly Care Home cum Elderly Day Care Centre	10	20
Silvermorph Charity Limited	Silvermorph Charity Limited	-	20
The Lok Sin Tong Benevolent Society, Kowloon	Lok Sin Tong Chu Ting Cheong Home for the Aged	12	-
Association for Engineering and Medical Volunteer Services	Association for Engineering and Medical Volunteer Services	-	10
Renhe Professional Nursing Services Limited	Renhe Professional Nursing Services Limited	-	20
Yan Oi Tong Limited	Yan Oi Tong (Tuen Mun) Community Care Service Voucher for the Elderly - Day Care Unit	20	5
	Yan Oi Tong Clarea Au Eldergarten	53	15
	Yan Oi Tong (Yuen Long) Community Care Service Voucher for the Elderly - Day Care Unit	20	3
	Yan Oi Tong (Yau Oi) Community Care Service Voucher for the Elderly - Day Care Unit	20	3
Yan Chai Hospital Social Services Department	Yan Chai Hospital Community Care Service for the Elderly	30	60
	Yan Chai Hospital Suen Choi To May Integrated Community Development Centre	20	40
	Yan Chai Hospital Fung Ying Seen Koon Integrated Community Development Centre	20	40
	Yan Chai Hospital Fung Ying Seen Koon Luen Wo Integrated Community Development Centre	20	60
	Yan Chai Hospital Mrs. Annie Chan Social Centre For The Elderly	20	40
	Yan Chai Hospital Yim Tsui Yuk Shan Active Mind Centre	29	40
	Yan Chai Hospital Wan Shing Memorial Social Centre for the Elderly	20	40
	Yan Chai Happy Home Living Limited	-	100

Organisation	RSP	Number of service places	
		Day care service	Home care service
I Passion Limited	I Passion (Touch) Day Care Centre	20	50
	I Passion (Rica) Day Care Centre	20	50
	I Passion (On Sum) Day Care Centre	20	50
Tin Tin Home for the Aged Limited	GY Care (Tuen Mun)	-	100
Sincerity Rehabilitation Service Group Limited	Virtue Club & Sincerity Rehabilitation Center	-	40
	Virtue Club Tuen Mun Outreaching Support and Rehabilitation Center	-	40
Psybridge Medical Services Limited	Silver Blossoms	-	100
Siu Yat Nursing Care Limited	Siu Yat Nursing Care Limited	20	150
	Siu Yat Nursing Care Limited (Tai Po)	14	150
Nu Pro (Asia) Limited	Nu Pro (Asia) Limited	-	100
On Fuk Nursing Home Limited	On Fuk Nursing Home Limited	20	40
	Tang Tat Day Care Centre For The Elderly	20	40
Bamboos Professional Nursing Services Limited	Bamboos Professional Nursing Services Limited - CCSV Home Care Unit	-	100
Pentecostal Church of Hong Kong	Fung Tak Care & Health Elderly Centre	25	-
Sai Kung District Community Centre	Sai Kung District Community Centre	10	20
Chi Lin Nunnery	Chi Lin Day Care Centre for the Elderly	5	-
Empower Health & Rehabilitation Centre Limited	Empower Health & Rehabilitation Centre Limited	-	30
Charmind Limited	Evergreen Nursing Home cum Day Care Centre	10	100
Quality HealthCare Nursing Agency Limited	Quality HealthCare Nursing Agency	-	100
Trustful Medical and Domestic Services Co. Limited	Trustful Medical and Domestic Services Co. Limited	-	30
	Trustful Healthcare Centre (ST)	23	25
Woopie Social Enterprises Limited	Woopie Club (North Point)	23	100
	Woopie Club Home Care Services Team	-	200
	Woopie Club (Sai Wan Ho)	25	100
	Woopie Club (Sha Tin)	12	100
	Woopie Club (Tuen Mun)	47	100
	Woopie Club (Kwun Tong)	58	100
	Woopie Club (Aberdeen)	24	100
	Woopie Club (Tai Po)	30	100
	Woopie Club (To Kwa Wan)	42	100
	Woopie Club (Tseung Kwan O)	24	100
	Woopie Club (Cheung Sha Wan)	47	100
	Woopie Club (Ma On Shan)	90	100
Woopie Club (Yuen Long)	80	100	

Organisation	RSP	Number of service places	
		Day care service	Home care service
Tung Wah Group of Hospitals	Hua Fen Day Care Centre for the Elderly	44	24
	Chan Tat Chee Connect Community Support Centre for the Elderly	23	-
	Henry G. Leong Community Support Centre for the Elderly	93	45
	Ma Cheng Shuk Ying Home for the Elderly - Home@Community Support Unit	15	-
	Top-Tact Home Care Services	-	25
	Spring of Life Community Support Unit for the Elderly	5	10
Delightful RCHE Limited	Yan Sin Elderly Service	20	150
On Golden Pond Limited	On Golden Pond (Main Street East) Day Care Centre	33	150
Senior Citizen Home Safety Association	Senior Citizen Home Safety Association	-	60
Home of the Elderly Consultancy Limited	Home of the Elderly Consultancy Limited	-	40
Po Leung Kuk	Po Leung Kuk Care Service for the Elders (Lam Tin)	20	20
	Po Leung Kuk Care Service for the Elders (Pak Tin)	10	10
	Po Leung Kuk Care Service for the Elders (Wan Hon)	40	20
	Po Leung Kuk Care Service for the Elders (Sha Tin)	20	20
	Po Leung Kuk Care Service for the Elders (Fu Cheong)	20	20
	Po Leung Kuk Care Service for the Elders (Sau Mau Ping)	40	20
	Po Leung Kuk Care Service for the Elders (Tung Chung)	20	20
	Po Leung Kuk Care Service for the Elders (Sai Wan)	20	20
	Po Leung Kuk Care Service for the Elders (Kai Ching)	5	5
	Po Leung Kuk Care Service for the Elders (Kwai Chung Estate)	40	20
	Po Leung Kuk Care Service for the Elders (Diamond Hill)	20	20
	Po Leung Kuk Care Service for the Elders (Tin Yan)	10	10
	Po Leung Kuk Care Service for the Elders (Ho Man Tin)	20	20
	Po Leung Kuk Care Service for the Elders (Sai Ying Pun)	20	20
	Po Leung Kuk Care Service for the Elders (Tak Tin)	13	20
	Po Leung Kuk Care Service for the Elders (Kwai Shing)	20	20
	Po Leung Kuk Care Service for the Elders (Tai Kok Tsui)	10	10
	Po Leung Kuk Care Service for the Elders (Wong Chuk Hang)	20	20

Organisation	RSP	Number of service places	
		Day care service	Home care service
	Po Leung Kuk Care Service for the Elders (Kowloon West)	-	40
	Po Leung Kuk Care Service for the Elders (Tuen Mun and Yuen Long)	-	40
	Po Leung Kuk Care Service for the Elders (Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing)	-	40
Mercy Medirehab Professional Group Limited	Mercy Medirehab Professional Group Limited	-	200
Florence Nightingale Home Health & Nursing Ltd	Florence Nightingale Home Health & Nursing Ltd	-	30
South Kwai Chung Social Service	South Kwai Chung Social Service Community Care Centre for the Elderly	10	20
Mastery Speech and Swallowing Clinic Limited	Mastery Speech and Swallowing Clinic Limited	-	150
Cedar Seeds Foundation Limited	Gracious Alliance Rehabilitation Services	20	50
Active Global Specialised Caregivers (Hong Kong) Pte Ltd	Active Global Specialised Caregivers (Hong Kong) Pte Ltd	-	350
Mie King Home for Aged Limited	Mie King Home for Aged Limited	10	-
OK Care Limited	OK Care Limited	-	100
Hygiene First Company Limited	Hygiene First Company Limited	-	50
Heung Hoi Ching Kok Lin Association	Elderly Community Care Services Day Care Centre (North District)	12	30
The Hong Kong Chinese Women's Club	Yau Tong Day Care Centre for the Elderly	20	20
Chinese YMCA of Hong Kong	CYMCA Community Support Services for the Elderly - Chai Wan Neighbourhood Elderly Centre	-	30
	CYMCA Community Support Services for the Elderly - Tin Ping Care and Attention Home for the Elderly	-	40
Aberdeen Kai-fong Welfare Association Social Service Centre	Southern District Integrated Elderly Service Centre	8	20
Hong Kong Outreach Therapy and Nursing Services Limited	Hong Kong Outreach Therapy and Nursing Services Limited	-	100
Caritas - Hong Kong	Caritas Mutual Help Project (Day Care Centre)	24	-
	Caritas Jockey Club Integrated Day Services Centre for the Elderly	80	10
The Women's Welfare Club (Eastern District) Hong Kong	The Women's Welfare Club (Eastern District) Hong Kong Ng Siu Mui Home Joyful Garden	10	-
Hong Kong Old Age Nursing Association Limited	Fu Shan Day Care Elderly Centre	68	-

Organisation	RSP	Number of service places	
		Day care service	Home care service
Hong Kong Family Welfare Society	Hong Kong Family Welfare Society Lee Foo Service Centre	13	20
	Hong Kong Family Welfare Society Oi Tung Service Centre	-	12
	Hong Kong Family Welfare Society Cheung Hang Service Centre	-	10
Hong Kong Baptist Mr. & Mrs. Au Shue Hung Rehabilitation & Healthcare Home Ltd	The Wonderland Day Centre	20	40
The Hong Kong Society for the Aged	SAGE Mrs Y K Fung Home for the Elderly	10	-
	SAGE Mrs Wong Yee Jar Jat Memorial Home for the Elderly	6	-
	SAGE Shek Wai Kok Home for the Elderly	10	-
	SAGE Quan Chuen Home for the Elderly	20	-
	SAGE Madam Ho Sin Hang Home for the Elderly	10	-
	SAGE Kai Yip Home for the Elderly	6	-
	SAGE Tung Lin Kok Yuen Home for the Elderly	6	-
	SAGE Hong Kong East Integrated Home Care Services	-	20
Hong Kong Young Women's Christian Association	Y Care (Yau Yat Chuen)	40	20
	Y Senior Care	-	40
	NWS Y Care (North District)	40	20
	YWCA Jockey Club Y Care Elderly Centre(Sha Tau Kok)	20	20
Hong Kong Women Development Association Limited	Hong Kong Women Development Association Day Care Centre for the Elderly	28	50
The Hong Kong Society for Rehabilitation	Cheng Tak Yim Day Rehabilitation and Care Centre	30	-
Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui Welfare Council Limited	H.K.S.K.H. Cyril and Amy Cheung Aged Care Complex	25	40
	H.K.S.K.H. Centre of Wellness (East Kowloon)	40	40
	H.K.S.K.H. Lady MacLehose Centre Cheung Hing Wah Charitable Foundation Cheung Hang Rehabilitation Centre - Home Care Link	20	90
	H.K.S.K.H. Western District Elderly Community Centre	-	30
Hong Kong Lutheran Social Service, Lutheran Church - Hong Kong Synod Limited	Lutheran Community Care Service Voucher Centre for the Elderly	16	2
	Lutheran Kwai Tsing Community Care Service Voucher Centre for the Elderly	20	15
	HKLSS Community Care Service Voucher Centre for the Elderly (Kowloon City & Yau Tsim Mong) (Mr & Mrs Lawrence Wong Lutheran Rehabilitation and Care Centre)	10	15
	Lutheran Tseung Kwan O Community Care Service Voucher Centre for the Elderly	20	-

Organisation	RSP	Number of service places	
		Day care service	Home care service
Hong Kong Dandelion Association Limited	Hong Kong Dandelion Association Limited	-	100
Hong Kong Alzheimer's Disease Association	Hong Kong Alzheimer's Disease Association Brain Health Centre	20	10
	Hong Kong Alzheimer's Disease Association Tseung Kwan O Integrated Service Centre	30	5
	Hong Kong Alzheimer's Disease Association Jean Wei Centre	25	10
	Hong Kong Alzheimer's Disease Association Gene Hwa Lee Centre	35	5
Hong Kong Employment Development Service Limited	Grace Elderly Care Service	12	20
	Grace Elderly Care Service (Yuen Long)	20	20
Hong Kong Healthcare Market Research and Consulting Limited	Nurse HK Professional Nursing Service	-	100
Supreme Care Limited	Supreme Care Limited	-	10
Rehabvibe Medical Service Company Limited	Rehabvibe	-	50
Grateful Life Experience Centre	Grateful Life Home Care Service Team	-	50
Tri Tech Corporation Ltd.	Yi Wo Yuen Day Care Centre for The Elderly	46	150
Baptist Oi Kwan Social Service	Yee Tsuen Integrated Health Service Centre	35	20
	Yee Wui Integrated Health Service Centre	26	20
	Yee Lok Integrated Health Service Centre	19	20
	Jordan Elderly Centre	28	20
	Yee Chi Home-Based Cognitive Training and Day Care Centre	32	50
Renascence Medical Limited	Renascence Integrated Rehabilitation Centre	-	50
PA Company Limited	Jockey Club CADENZA Hub	50	35
Kin Pak Nursing Home Limited	Kin Pak Nursing Home Limited	-	20
V-Professional Nursing Centre	V-Professional Nursing Centre	-	20
International Church of the Foursquare Gospel Hong Kong District Limited	Care Navigate	-	20
Christian & Missionary Alliance Church Union Hong Kong Limited	C & MA Tsui Lok Good Neighbours Centre for the Elderly	20	10
	C & MA Riviera Gardens Elderly Learning Centre	10	3
Evangelical Lutheran Church Social Service - Hong Kong	ELCHK, Tuen Mun West Day Care Centre for the Elderly	40	40
	ELCHK, Smart Club	33	12
	Grace Court Day Care Centre for the Elderly	25	-
	ELCHK, Lutheran Healthy Aging Club	10	-

Organisation	RSP	Number of service places	
		Day care service	Home care service
The Tsung Tsin Mission of Hong Kong Social Service	Carewell-Home Care Services	24	24
Christian Family Service Centre	Mind Delight Memory and Cognitive Training Centre	33	40
	Lively Elderly Day Training Centre	41	40
	D & O Service - CAPD & Osteoporosis Care	-	30
	Vera R. Desai - Mind Delight Memory & Cognitive Training Centre	8	10
Haven of Hope Christian Service	Haven of Hope Lok Wah Day Care Centre for the Elderly	6	24
	Haven of Hope Day Care Cum Rehabilitation Centre for Elderly (HK East)	40	70
	Haven of Hope Tsui Lam Day Training Centre for the Elderly	42	100
	Haven of Hope Day Memory Care Centre for Elderly (HK West)	20	40
	Haven of Hope Community Care Service Centre for the Elderly	20	40
Professional Physiotherapy and Chinese Medicine Centre Limited	Professional Physiotherapy and Chinese Medicine Centre Limited	-	150
Health & Young (Hong Kong) Limited	The Longevity (HK) Home for the Aged	20	-
	Medipoint (Hong Kong)	50	160
Health & Young Limited	The Longevity Home for the Aged	20	-
	Medipoint	30	120
Healthy Link Corporation Limited	Jubilant	17	17
Care U Professional Nursing Service Limited	Care U Professional Nursing Service Limited	-	50
From Heart Escort Co., Limited	From Heart Professional Services	-	40
The Salvation Army	The Salvation Army Tai Po Community Care Service Voucher Scheme for the Elderly	20	40
	The Salvation Army Mongkok Community Care Service Voucher Scheme for the Elderly	5	-
Prestige Union Care Limited	Prestige Union Care Limited	-	50
Lucky Stable Limited	Neighbourhood Day Care	4	60
Pok Oi Hospital	Pok Oi Hospital Day Care Centre for the Elderly (Tuen Mun)	12	-
	Pok Oi Hospital Day Care Centre for the Elderly (Sham Shui Po)	14	-
	Pok Oi Hospital Day Centre for the Elderly (Yuen Long)	10	5
Senior Care Nursing Home Limited	Senior Care (Tai Wah) Elderly Care Home cum Elderly Day Care Centre	10	20
Senior Care Limited	Senior Care (Man Kee) Elderly Care Home cum Elderly Day Care Centre	10	20

Organisation	RSP	Number of service places	
		Day care service	Home care service
Methodist Epworth Village Community Centre, Social Welfare	Epworth Elderly Day Care Centre	13	30
Methodist Centre	Methodist Community Care Centre (Eastern)	15	40
	Methodist Kin Lok Centre	10	16
	Methodist Rejoice Centre	26	50
	Methodist Ap Lei Chau Centre	-	10
	Methodist Cheer Centre	30	20
	Methodist Agile Mind Centre	20	20
	Methodist Grace Centre	-	50
Yang Memorial Methodist Social Service	East Kowloon Community Care Service	15	30
	West Kowloon Community Care Service	13	30
	Senior Citizen Cognitive Training Centre	40	60
	Oi Man Neighbourhood Elderly Centre	-	20
	Choi Wan Community Care Service	23	5
Wise Creation Holding Limited	Oasis Day Care Centre	40	200
Spark Medical Limited	Spark Medical Limited	-	100
Ho Hok Fong Co. Limited	Paired Community Care Service for the Elderly	-	60
Wah Fung Nursing Centre Limited	Wah Fung Nursing Centre Limited	10	10
CHG Health Service Limited	CHG Health Service Limited	-	50
Alice Ho Miu Ling Nethersole Social Service Limited	Nethersole Outreaching Rehabilitation Mission	-	100
Shun Yan Elderly Centre Limited	Shun Yan Elderly Centre Limited	-	80
Sik Sik Yuen	Ho Hing Health Care Services Centre (Sponsored by Sik Sik Yuen) 'Love@Home' Elderly Community Care Services	26	26
	Ho Ning Health Care Services Centre (Sponsored by Sik Sik Yuen) 'Love@Home' Elderly Community Care Services	26	26
	Ho Yam Care and Attention Home for the Elderly (Sponsored by Sik Sik Yuen) 'Love@Home' Elderly Community Care Services	20	-
Going Home Nursing Care Limited	Going Home Nursing Care Limited	-	100
Home & Hope Services Limited	Home & Hope Services Limited	-	10
Oi Kwan Care for the Aged Home Limited	Oi Kwan Care for the Aged cum Day Care Centre for the Elderly (Branch 1)	5	-
	Oi Kwan Care for the Aged cum Day Care Centre for the Elderly	5	-
Tsz Hong Professional Service Limited	Tsz Hong Professional Service Limited	-	50

Organisation	RSP	Number of service places	
		Day care service	Home care service
Chi Wah Elderly Home Limited	Chi Wah Elderly Home Limited	8	50
New Page Speech Therapy & Rehab Consultancy Ltd	New Page Speech Therapy & Rehab Consultancy Ltd	-	100
N.T. Women & Juveniles Welfare Association Ltd	New Territories Women & Juveniles Welfare Association Community Care Centre for the Elderly	10	40
New Town Medical Care Limited	New Town Medical Care Limited	-	20
Sparkle Healthcare Company Limited	Sparkle Healthcare Company Limited	-	100
St. Paul's Hospital	St. Paul's Hospital Elderly Day Care Centre	40	10
St. James' Settlement	E · Home Plus	20	20
	Joyful Community Care	20	-
	Kin Chi Dementia Care Support Service Centre (Wan Chai)	20	-
Eden Elder Care Specialists Limited	EDEN HOME Professional Care Services	-	100
GC System	Happy Home Support	-	30
Ka Mei Elderly Care Centre Limited	Care Well Day Care Centre	48	100
Kato (Hong Kong) Holdings Limited	Fai-To Sino-West Combined Home for the Aged	20	200
	Ka Shui Garden Day Care Centre (Hung Hom)	20	200
	Kato Home for the Elderly	20	200
	Pine Villa	40	200
	Ka Shui Garden Day Care Centre (Tsuen Wan)	20	200
Fook Yen Home for the Aged Limited	Fook Yen Home for the Aged Limited	-	40
Wai Ying Investment Limited	Evergreen (Tsz Ching) Nursing Home Cum Day Care Centre	20	300
	Evergreen (Pratas Street) Nursing Home	10	150
	Evergreen (Kwai Chung Estate) Nursing Home	20	100
	Evergreen (On Tai) Nursing Home cum Day Care Centre	20	100
Step Forward Para-Medical Services	Step Forward Para-Medical Services	-	100
Devco Technology Limited	Unicare 360	-	300
LHK Social Service Limited	LHK Day Care Centre - Cordial Place	23	50
Shining Social Services Limited	Shining Home Care Service	-	80
	Amity Social Care Services	-	40
	Amity Social Care Services (Sha Tin)	-	40
	Amity Social Care Services (North)	-	40
Walking Easy	Integrated Rehabilitation & Care Centre for Elderly	40	80

Organisation	RSP	Number of service places	
		Day care service	Home care service
The Neighbourhood Advice-Action Council	Shamshuipo District Community Care Service Centre for the Elderly	12	8
	Shatin District Community Care Service Centre for the Elderly	20	-
Hope Worldwide	HOPE Worldwide Elderly Care Service Company Limited	-	50
Chak Oi Company Limited	GY Care (Sham Shui Po)	-	100
Jackson Elderly Care Limited	GY Care (Aberdeen)	-	100
E.T. Investment Limited	Olive Nursing Home cum Day Care Unit for the Elderly	7	100
	Oasis Nursing Home	12	100
	Oasis Home Care Team	-	200
	Hygge Living Rehabilitation Centre	27	100
Treasure Tree Health & Nursing Limited	Treasure Tree Health & Nursing Limited	-	50
Hong Chi Culture & Media Limited	Yi Wo Yuen Day Care Centre for the Elderly(Kowloon)	20	100
Doctor Now Limited	DoctorNow Home	-	100
Caregivers Alliance (Home) Limited	Caregivers Alliance (Home) Limited	-	300
Spark Plus Company Limited	Spark Plus Company Limited	-	100
Total		4 102	13 885

Table 2: Number of service places, number of elderly persons using CCSVs, and numbers of persons using the mixed and single service modes under the CCSV Scheme in 2023-24 by district of RSPs (as at end-December 2023)

District	Number of service places	Number of persons using CCSVs ^{Note}	Number of persons using the mixed service mode	Number of persons using the single service mode
Eastern	1 372	644	144	500
Wan Chai	961	369	6	363
Central & Western	920	800	35	765
Southern	524	264	33	231
Islands	70	19	6	13
Kwun Tong	1 369	902	189	713
Wong Tai Sin	1 114	731	120	611
Sai Kung	657	330	75	255
Sham Shui Po	1 383	525	67	458
Kowloon City	1 840	616	69	547
Yau Tsim Mong	1 949	513	33	480
Sha Tin	1 104	614	103	511
Tai Po	609	435	67	368
North	302	131	21	110
Kwai Tsing	1 085	547	138	409
Tsuen Wan	1 157	649	124	525
Tuen Mun	1 105	562	69	493
Yuen Long	466	146	23	123
Total	17 987	8 797	1 322	7 475

^{Note} Including the number of elderly persons who were receiving services from 2 RSPs at the same time

Table 3: Numbers of RSPs and service places under the CCSV Scheme in 2023-24 by district (as at end-December 2023)

District	Number of RSPs	Number of service places	
		Day care service	Home care service
Eastern	22	291	1 081
Wan Chai	11	161	800
Central & Western	11	80	840
Southern	12	114	410
Islands	2	20	50
Kwun Tong	21	455	914
Wong Tai Sin	16	343	771
Sai Kung	8	192	465
Sham Shui Po	22	265	1 118
Kowloon City	20	290	1 550
Yau Tsim Mong	24	219	1 730
Sha Tin	15	422	682
Tai Po	9	160	449
North	6	92	210
Kwai Tsing	19	324	761
Tsuen Wan	15	239	918
Tuen Mun	17	237	868
Yuen Long	8	198	268
Total	258	4 102	13 885

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(W)265

(Question Serial No. 3566)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (7) Young People

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Charmaine LEE)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

To lift underprivileged students out of intergenerational poverty, the Government is recruiting and pairing mentees and mentors for the second cohort of the Strive and Rise Programme (the Programme). It is mentioned in the Budget Speech that the Government will provide an additional provision of \$73.7 million from 2024-25 to 2029-30 to increase the number of mentees under the second cohort of the Programme to 4 000. In this connection, please inform this Committee of the following:

- 1) Please provide the number of supporting organisations as at March 2024, as well as the estimated total expenditure, the amount of resources required and the staffing establishment involved.
- 2) Has training been provided for participating mentors? Has a performance evaluation and incentive mechanism been established to enhance the performance of the mentors? If so, what are the details? If not, what are the reasons?
- 3) Some members of the local community have observed that certain mentors, due to their busy work schedules, have had fewer meetings with their mentees in the past year relative to the targets set under the Programme. Has the Government formulated targeted measures to improve the situation? If so, what are the details? If not, what are the reasons?
- 4) Has the Government conducted a long-term tracking study on mentees to evaluate the effectiveness of the Programme in alleviating poverty? If so, what are the specific performance indicators and details of the total expenditure involved? If not, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Hei, Edward (LegCo internal reference no.: 8)

Reply:

- 1) As at end-February 2024, there are over 210 supporting organisations in the second cohort of the Programme. The Government has set aside approximately \$117.8 million in 2024-25 for implementing the Programme, including launching the enhanced Programme and organising activities under the Alumni Club established for graduates of the Programme. The manpower involved in the implementation of the Programme is deployed from the Social Welfare Department. As the manpower involved is also responsible for other youth services, the staffing establishment cannot be separately identified.

- 2) & 3) The second cohort of the Programme provides mentors with different kinds of training, including basic and advanced training, skills for interacting with ethnic minority mentees and parents, etc. Enhancement measures have been introduced for the second cohort of the Programme. Each mentee will first be matched with a mentor based on his/her career aspiration or hobbies/interests as indicated in his/her application form. Subsequently, he/she will be placed in a mentoring group consisting of 2 to 3 pairs of mentors and mentees so as to promote interaction, sharing and support during the course of mentorship.
- 4) The evaluation of the Programme is undertaken by a research team from the Hong Kong Polytechnic University. In addition to conducting evaluations throughout the 1-year Programme, a 5-year tracking study on selected mentees will also be conducted to collect data from mentees, mentors and parents, in order to gain a full understanding of the impact of the Programme on mentees. The performance indicator set for the Programme is that over 70% of mentees who completed the 1-year Programme are to achieve improvement in terms of personal development and positive thinking. The total expenditure of the Programme mentioned in Question 1 has already included the expenditure for the evaluation work.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(W)266

(Question Serial No. 3629)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): ()
Programme: Not Specified
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Charmaine LEE)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

In 2019, the Labour and Welfare Bureau launched a 4-year pilot project to provide Wi-Fi services at around 1 350 service units operated by non-governmental organisations (NGOs) subvented by the Social Welfare Department (SWD). The project aimed to facilitate welfare organisations in utilising more efficient and convenient digital equipment, as well as web-based resources to enhance the quality of their services. In this connection, would the Government please inform this Committee of the following:

1. the number of service units operated by SWD-subvented NGOs that have established Wi-Fi service facilities and covered the associated recurrent expenses through the project each year since the commencement of the project, along with the estimated number of beneficiaries each year; and
2. the average cost, including administrative expenses, for each service unit to establish Wi-Fi service facilities;
3. Have inspections been conducted to ensure that the service units subsidised under the project are providing free Wi-Fi services to residents and service users without any additional charges? Are there any instances of service units breaching the rules by imposing charges?
4. Will consideration be given to extend the initial 4-year duration of the pilot project, which had a funding allocation of \$200 million, to continue subsidising the service units to cover the related recurrent expenses? If so, what are the details? If not, please specify when the service units will be required to bear these expenses on their own. Are there any other assistance schemes available for the service units in case they have any financial or technical needs?

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Hei, Edward (LegCo internal reference no.: 142)

Reply:

1. With a funding allocation of \$205 million from the Lotteries Fund, SWD implemented a 4-year pilot project to progressively provide free Wi-Fi services at about 1 350 welfare service units subvented by SWD from January 2020. The pilot project aims to encourage disadvantaged groups to use the services and strengthen their social

connections, while encouraging the social welfare sector to provide technology products in elderly and rehabilitation service units so as to improve the quality of life of service users and alleviate the pressure on care staff and carers. The pilot project covers welfare units that provide elderly services, rehabilitation services, family and child welfare services and services for young people. As at the end of December 2023, SWD has approved funding totalling around \$150 million for some 1 300 eligible service units. SWD does not have information on the number of beneficiaries.

2. The funding for the pilot project consists of a one-off technical set-up and installation cost for establishing new or upgrading of the existing Wi-Fi service, as well as operating expenses during the pilot project period (including the provision of necessary equipment, ongoing Wi-Fi services and operational support services). SWD does not have information on the average cost, as the circumstances regarding the installation of Wi-Fi network facilities vary among different service units.
3. Subvented organisations are required to procure cost-effective Wi-Fi services in accordance with the funding requirements set by the Lotteries Fund and SWD, and submit related financial reports and reports on the effectiveness of such services (including progress updates on the installation of Wi-Fi network infrastructure and service usage) to SWD. They also have to monitor Wi-Fi usage through internet service providers to ensure that the Wi-Fi service meets the required quality standards and remains cost-effective. Since the implementation of the project, no service units have been found to impose additional charges on service users for the free Wi-Fi service provided under the project.
4. The pilot project ended at end-December 2023, and the funding for Wi-Fi services was provided until 31 December 2023. Under the Lump Sum Grant Subvention System, organisations operating subvented welfare services may flexibly deploy resources for information technology projects and facilities, subject to their compliance with the requirements of the Funding and Service Agreements. In addition, in the 2023 Policy Address, the Government announced that it will set up a dedicated fund of \$500 million to help NGOs operating subvented welfare services meet their development needs for staff training and system enhancement, particularly in enhancing professional knowledge of their staff and strengthening awareness of inter-disciplinary collaboration, as well as encouraging and promoting the application of information technology etc, with a view to assisting NGOs in implementing the Government's policies. SWD is currently collecting views from the sector through different channels to formulate the implementation plan.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(W)267

(Question Serial No. 3630)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): ()
Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Charmaine LEE)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

The Social Welfare Department (SWD) launched a 3-year Ethnic Minority (EM) District Ambassador pilot scheme (pilot scheme) in 2020, which has been extended for another 3 years until 2026. The pilot scheme aims to provide additional resources to SWD service units and non-governmental organisations (NGOs) operating subvented welfare services to employ EMs or designated persons to enhance the services for EMs. In this connection, please inform this Committee of the following:

1. the number of EMs contacted each year since the launch of the pilot scheme, and the number of participants;
2. the number of EMs successfully engaged as remunerated EM District Ambassadors in various districts each year since the launch of the pilot scheme;
3. the number of NGOs offering remunerated EM District Ambassador positions each year since the launch of the pilot scheme, as well as the monthly salary range for these positions; and
4. the number of districts currently covered under the pilot scheme, and whether the Government has any plans to expand the scheme to more districts to enable more EMs to access the relevant services.
5. Given that there are quite a number of new policies that would benefit from increased promotion of relevant details among EMs and foreign domestic helpers, such as anti-pandemic measures and municipal solid waste charging, has the Government considered creating additional positions for EM District Ambassadors to assist in promoting these policies within these communities and facilitate their implementation?

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Hei, Edward (LegCo internal reference no.: 143)

Reply:

- 1 to 3. SWD launched the pilot scheme in October 2020 in 9 districts with a higher EM population (i.e. Central and Western, Islands, Wan Chai, Eastern, Yau Tsim Mong, Kowloon City, Kwai Tsing, Yuen Long and Sham Shui Po) to enhance welfare support services for EM communities. From October 2020 to December 2023, the pilot scheme contacted over 27 000 EMs. The number of EMs contacted each

year is set out in Table 1 of Annex. Under the pilot scheme, 46 additional EMs or designated persons have been employed as EM District Ambassadors (ambassadors) in some service units of SWD and subvented NGOs. Apart from the 6 ambassadors employed by SWD, the remaining 40 ambassadors have been employed by service centres operated by subvented NGOs. A breakdown of the number of ambassadors by district is set out in Table 2 of Annex. As at December 2023, a cumulative total of 112 persons have been employed as ambassadors. SWD does not have a breakdown of the number of persons employed for the posts by district. The monthly salary of the ambassadors is set at Master Pay Scale Point 2, which was \$15,665 in 2023-24.

- 4 to 5. The pilot scheme has received positive feedback and support from various stakeholders since its implementation. The Government has extended the pilot scheme for 3 years to 2026 so as to continue strengthening welfare support for EM communities. SWD will keep reviewing the implementation of the pilot scheme and examine the way forward for the services. In addition, the ambassadors will continue to maintain close contact with relevant government departments and teams, including the support service centres for EMs and the EM Care Teams funded by the Home Affairs Department, so as to provide appropriate support for EMs in need.

Table 1: Number of EMs contacted under the pilot scheme

Year	Number of EM contacted under the pilot scheme
2020-21 ^[Note]	2 739
2021-22	7 847
2022-23	9 141
2023-24 (as at end-December 2023)	7 559

[Note] The pilot scheme was launched in October 2020.

Table 2: Number of ambassadors by district

District	Number of ambassadors
Central & Western	5
Islands	4
Wan Chai	5
Eastern	5
Yau Tsim Mong	5
Kowloon City	5
Kwai Tsing	4
Yuen Long	5
Sham Shui Po	6
Tuen Mun	1
Sha Tin	1
Total	46

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(W)268

(Question Serial No. 3866)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): ()
Programme: (2) Social Security
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Charmaine LEE)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

In September 2023, the Home Affairs Department (HAD) set up dedicated help desks in 18 districts across the territory to assist members of the public who were facing financial difficulties caused by Typhoon Saola and heavy rains in filling out application forms for emergency relief funds provided by government departments and major charity organisations. In this connection, please provide the following information:

1. How many applications for the Emergency Relief Fund (ERF) of the Social Welfare Department (SWD) were approved through the dedicated help desks set up on this occasion?
2. What was the amount of assistance granted under ERF of SWD for applications made through the dedicated help desks set up on this occasion?
3. Regarding the applications for emergency relief funds on this occasion, has SWD discovered any suspected fraud cases that required referrals to law enforcement agencies for follow-up?

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Hei, Edward (LegCo internal reference no.: 156)

Reply:

For 2 consecutive days from 12 to 13 September 2023, the Government set up dedicated help desks in 18 districts across the territory to assist members of the public who were facing financial difficulties caused by Typhoon Saola and heavy rains in filling out application forms for emergency relief funds provided by government departments and various charity organisations. SWD and other government departments also deployed staff to support the operation of these help desks. Up to the end of December 2023, SWD approved a total of 4 applications for ERF grants in respect of personal injury or death related to the above incident, including applications received at the dedicated help desks. The grants approved amount to a total of \$270,000. SWD has not discovered any suspected fraud cases that required referrals to law enforcement agencies for follow-up.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(W)269

(Question Serial No. 3522)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Charmaine LEE)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

The Social Welfare Department (SWD) will continue to provide additional places for subsidised day care and residential care services for the elderly (RCS) in 2024-25. In this connection, would the Government please inform this Committee of the following:

1. By what means will the Government increase the number of places for day care service and RCS? What is the estimated expenditure involved?
2. What will be the impact on the waiting time of relevant services?

Asked by: Hon SHIU Ka-fai (LegCo internal reference no.: 49)

Reply:

1. The Government is stepping up its efforts and taking a multi-pronged approach to increase the number of places for subsidised RCS and subsidised day care service for the elderly. The goal is to provide about 6 200 additional subsidised RCS places by the end of 2027. The Government will set up new contract residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs), implement projects that have reached the construction stage under the Special Scheme on Privately Owned Sites for Welfare Uses, implement the Enhanced Bought Place Scheme (EBPS), and increase the number of residential care service vouchers (RCSVs). As the expenditure incurred by the newly-added service places will be calculated based on the time when they are put into service, SWD does not have the information sought for the time being.

The Government will expand the coverage of RCSVs from care-and-attention (C&A) places to nursing home places, starting in the second quarter of 2024. An extra 1 000 RCSVs will also be provided, bringing the total to 5 000. The annual expenditure on RCSV will be about \$1.44 billion.

In addition, the Government will increase the number of places for subsidised day care service for the elderly by about 900 by the end of 2027. It will set up new day care centres/units for the elderly (DEs/DCUs) and increase the number of community care service vouchers (CCSVs). As the expenditure incurred by the newly-added service places will be calculated based on the time when the new DEs/DCUs are put into service, SWD does not have the information sought for the time being.

The Government will increase the number of CCSVs by 1 000 in 2024-25, bringing the total to 11 000, and will further increase the number to 12 000 in 2025-26. The full-year expenditure will be around \$900 million.

2. The waiting time for subsidised residential care places (RCPs) and subsidised DEs is affected by a number of factors, including the growth of the ageing population, the supply of service places, the geographical distribution of RCHEs and DEs/DCUs, and the turnover rate of RCPs and day care service places. It also depends on the personal preferences and choices of elderly persons waitlisted for subsidised services on the central waiting list, such as his/her preferences for location, diet and religious background for RCHEs, whether he/she has opted for a specific RCHE, whether he/she accepts subsidised RCPs provided under the EBPS/Nursing Home Place Purchase Scheme, whether he/she has requested to stay with family members and/or relatives in a particular RCHE, and his/her preferences for specific DEs/DCUs in his/her district of residence, etc.

The average waiting time for subsidised C&A places and NH places has significantly decreased from 21 and 27 months in 2019-20 to 9 and 11 months in 2023-24 (as at end-December 2023), respectively. In addition, the average waiting time for subsidised DEs/DCUs has greatly reduced from 11 months in 2019-20 to 4 months in 2023-24 (as at end-December 2023).

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(W)270

(Question Serial No. 3309)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Charmaine LEE)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Please provide the following information for the past 3 years:

1. the number of Bought Place Scheme (BPS) and non-BPS places of subsidised residential care services (RCS) for the elderly, average waiting time and number of elderly persons freezing their service allocation, broken down by gender, age and 18 District Council (DC) districts;
2. the per capita costs, fees and charges, and total subsidies for BPS and non-BPS places of various subsidised RCS for the elderly;
3. the respective total numbers of elderly persons who passed away or withdrew their applications while waiting for subsidised care-and-attention (C&A) places and nursing home (NH) places, and their number as a percentage of those waitlisted, broken down by age; and
4. the number of elderly persons waitlisted for BPS and non-BPS places of various subsidised RCS for the elderly, broken down by gender, age and 18 DC districts; and

	Aged 60 to 65	Aged 65 to 70	Aged 70 to 75	Aged 76 to 80	Aged 81 or above
Central & Western					
Wan Chai					
Eastern					
Southern					
Sham Shui Po					
Yau Tsim Mong					
Kowloon City					
Wong Tai Sin					
Kwun Tong					
Kwai Tsing					
Tsuen Wan					
Tuen Mun					
Yuen Long					
North					
Tai Po					
Sha Tin					
Sai Kung					
Islands					

5. the number of users of BPS and non-BPS places of various subsidised RCS for the elderly, with a breakdown by gender, age and 18 DC districts.

	Aged 60 to 65	Aged 65 to 70	Aged 70 to 75	Aged 76 to 80	Aged 81 or above
Central & Western					
Wan Chai					
Eastern					
Southern					
Sham Shui Po					
Yau Tsim Mong					
Kowloon City					
Wong Tai Sin					
Kwun Tong					
Kwai Tsing					
Tsuen Wan					
Tuen Mun					
Yuen Long					
North					
Tai Po					
Sha Tin					
Sai Kung					
Islands					

Asked by: Hon TIK Chi-yuen (LegCo internal reference no.: 72)

Reply:

- 1 & 4. The number of various types of subsidised RCS places from 2021-22 to 2023-24, broken down by DC district, is set out at Annexes 1 to 3. The average waiting time for various types of subsidised RCS for the elderly and number of elderly persons waitlisted for the services, broken down by gender and age group, are set out at Annexes 4 and 5, respectively.

Since elderly persons waitlisted for subsidised RCS are not required to update their personal particulars such as their address, with the Social Welfare Department (SWD), SWD has not conducted any statistical analysis on their district of residence.

The number of elderly persons who requested to have their status of subsidised RCS application on the central waiting list changed to “inactive cases” from 2021-22 to 2023-24 is as follows:

2021-22	2022-23	2023-24 (as at end-December 2023)
28 001	31 600	33 362

^{Note} Prior to SWD updating the Standardised Care Need Assessment Mechanism for Elderly Services (SCNAMES) in July 2021, only applicants who were using subsidised community care services (CCS) could have their status of subsidised RCS application changed to “inactive cases”. After SWD updated SCNAMES, those who are waiting for subsidised RCS for the elderly may have their status of subsidised RCS application changed to “inactive cases”, irrespective of whether they are waiting for, using or have already withdrawn from subsidised CCS.

2. The average monthly cost per place, monthly fees and charges, and total expenditure on various types of subsidised RCS for the elderly from 2021-22 to 2023-24 are set out at Annexes 6 to 9.

3. The percentages of elderly persons who passed away or withdrew their applications while waiting for subsidised C&A places are as follows:

	2021	2022	2023
No. of elderly persons who passed away	4 445	4 752	3 089
Percentage of elderly persons who passed away out of the no. of waitlisted applicants	9.0%	13.0%	9.2%
No. of elderly persons who withdrew their applications	2 035	2 148	1 841
Percentage of elderly persons who withdrew their applications out of the no. of waitlisted applicants	4.1%	5.9%	5.5%

The percentages of elderly persons who passed away or withdrew their applications while waiting for subsidised NH places are set out as follows:

	2021	2022	2023
No. of elderly persons who passed away	1 838	1 863	1 299
Percentage of elderly persons who passed away out of the no. of waitlisted applicants	18.1%	23.1%	18.8%
No. of elderly persons who withdrew their applications	513	576	479
Percentage of elderly persons who withdrew their applications out of the no. of waitlisted applicants	5.1%	7.1%	6.9%

SWD has not conducted any statistical analysis on the age distribution of elderly persons who passed away or withdrew their applications while waiting for subsidised residential care places (RCPs).

5. The number of users of various subsidised RCS for the elderly from 2021-22 to 2023-24 is set out at Annex 10. SWD does not have information on the number of elderly persons using subsidised RCS for the elderly broken down by gender, age and DC district.

Number of subsidised RCS places in 2021-22

District	No. of service places					
	Subvented home operated by non-governmental organisations (NGOs) and self-financing home ^{Note 1}	Private residential care home for the elderly (RCHE) under the Enhanced Bought Place Scheme (EBPS) ^{Note 2}	Contract home ^{Note 3}	Residential Care Service Voucher (RCSV) Scheme	Total	
Eastern	448	451	180	N.A.	1 079	
Wan Chai	462	89	60		611	
Central & Western	236	597	212		1 045	
Islands	352	-	145		497	
Southern	1 465	580	-		2 045	
Sham Shui Po	825	438	433		1 696	
Kowloon City	648	1 703	110		2 461	
Yau Tsim Mong	98	866	272		1 236	
Wong Tai Sin	1 342	328	208		1 878	
Sai Kung	1 278	-	-		1 278	
Kwun Tong	1 381	755	284		2 420	
Sha Tin	1 354	117	121		1 592	
Tai Po	1 236	248	-		1 484	
North	1 224	355	-		1 579	
Yuen Long	943	906	149		1 998	
Tuen Mun	1 204	788	60		2 052	
Tsuen Wan	922	1 033	175		2 130	
Kwai Tsing	1 741	1 239	375		3 355	
Total	17 159	10 493	2 784		3 000	33 436

N.A.- Not applicable

Note 1 Including homes for the aged (H/A) places, C&A places, C&A places providing continuum of care (CoC), NH places and places purchased under the Nursing Home Place Purchase Scheme (NHPPS).

Note 2 Excluding designated residential respite places.

Note 3 Including C&A places providing CoC and NH places.

Number of subsidised RCS places in 2022-23

District	No. of service places					
	Subvented home operated by NGOs and self-financing home ^{Note 1}	Private RCHE under EBPS ^{Note 2}	Contract home ^{Note 3}	RCSV Scheme	Total	
Eastern	448	527	180	N.A.	1 155	
Wan Chai	462	224	60		746	
Central & Western	236	637	212		1 085	
Islands	302	-	145		447	
Southern	1 465	617	-		2 082	
Sham Shui Po	825	425	513		1 763	
Kowloon City	648	1 806	110		2 564	
Yau Tsim Mong	98	931	272		1 301	
Wong Tai Sin	1 342	417	208		1 967	
Sai Kung	1 277	-	-		1 277	
Kwun Tong	1 381	791	284		2 456	
Sha Tin	1 354	184	281		1 819	
Tai Po	1 236	288	-		1 524	
North	1 224	355	80		1 659	
Yuen Long	943	975	149		2 067	
Tuen Mun	1 204	848	60		2 112	
Tsuen Wan	922	977	175		2 074	
Kwai Tsing	1 741	1 259	375		3 375	
Total	17 108	11 261	3 104		4 000	35 473

N.A.- Not applicable

Note 1 Including H/A places, C&A places, C&A places providing CoC, NH places and places purchased under NHPPS.

Note 2 Excluding designated residential respite places.

Note 3 Including C&A places providing CoC and NH places.

**Number of subsidised RCS places in 2023-24
(as at end-December 2023)**

District	No. of service places				Total	
	Subvented home operated by NGOs and self-financing home ^{Note 1}	Private RCHE under EBPS ^{Note 2}	Contract home ^{Note 3}	RCSV Scheme		
Eastern	448	539	180	N.A.	1 167	
Wan Chai	462	261	60		783	
Central & Western	236	669	221		1 126	
Islands	302	-	145		447	
Southern	1 466	611	-		2 077	
Sham Shui Po	825	456	513		1 794	
Kowloon City	648	1 822	110		2 580	
Yau Tsim Mong	98	895	272		1 265	
Wong Tai Sin	1 345	429	208		1 982	
Sai Kung	1 277	-	-		1 277	
Kwun Tong	1 383	824	284		2 491	
Sha Tin	1 354	264	281		1 899	
Tai Po	1 236	338	80		1 654	
North	1 224	48	1 172		2 444	
Yuen Long	943	994	149		2 086	
Tuen Mun	1 204	845	60		2 109	
Tsuen Wan	922	911	175		2 008	
Kwai Tsing	1 741	1 234	375		3 350	
Total	17 114	11 140	4 285		4 000	36 539

N.A.- Not applicable

Note 1 Including H/A places, C&A places, C&A places providing CoC, NH places and places purchased under NHPPS.

Note 2 Excluding designated residential respite places.

Note 3 Including C&A places providing CoC and NH places.

Average waiting time for subsidised RCS for the elderly

Average waiting time (in months) ^{Note 1}			
	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24 (as at end-December 2023)
C&A home			
- Subvented/contract home	41	31	18
- Private RCHE under EBPS	8	4	4
- RCSV Scheme	N.A. ^{Note 2}	N.A. ^{Note 2}	N.A. ^{Note 2}
Overall	18	14	9
NH ^{Note 3}	21	18	11

N.A.- Not applicable

Note 1 The figures represent the average waiting time (in months) for elderly persons who applied for subsidised RCPs and were admitted during the last 3 months of the respective year (except for 2023-24).

Note 2 Elderly persons using the RCSVs may be admitted to RCHEs participating in the RCSV Scheme with government subsidies, without having to wait for a vacancy.

Note 3 Including subsidised NH places provided by subvented NHs, as well as self-financing and contract homes.

**Number of elderly persons waitlisted for subsidised RCS for the elderly,
broken down by gender and age group**

Table 1: 2021-22

Age group	Gender		Total
	Male	Female	
60 to 69	1 635	1 144	2 779
70 to 79	2 987	2 761	5 748
80 to 89	4 658	6 736	11 394
90 or above	2 124	4 664	6 788
Total	11 404	15 305	26 709

Table 2: 2022-23

Age group	Gender		Total
	Male	Female	
60 to 69	1 128	698	1 826
70 to 79	2 083	1 772	3 855
80 to 89	2 981	3 809	6 790
90 or above	1 486	2 879	4 365
Total	7 678	9 158	16 836

Table 3: 2023-24 (as at end-December 2023)

Age group	Gender		Total
	Male	Female	
60 to 69	1 117	685	1 802
70 to 79	2 282	1 788	4 070
80 to 89	3 069	3 768	6 837
90 or above	1 375	2 721	4 096
Total	7 843	8 962	16 805

Average monthly cost per place for various types of subsidised RCS for the elderly

	2021-22 (\$)	2022-23 (\$)	2023-24 (Revised estimate) (\$)
NH operated by NGOs ^{Note 1}	25,675	26,025	27,063
Contract home ^{Note 2}	20,795	23,529	23,564
C&A home operated by NGOs	18,126	18,335	18,946
Private RCHE under EBPS	16,171	17,471	16,855
RCSV Scheme	N.A. ^{Note 3}		

N.A.- Not applicable

Note 1 Including subsidised NH places of subvented NHs and NHPPS places.

Note 2 Contract homes provide C&A and NH places. The average monthly costs shown above reflect the average monthly cost of these 2 types of services.

Note 3 SWD pays the balance of service charges to the residential care homes that provide the services based on the co-payment level of individual RCSV users.

Monthly service charges for various types of subsidised RCS for the elderly

	2021-22	2021-22	2023-24 (Revised estimate)
NH operated by NGOs			
- Subvented NH	2,054	2,054	2,054
- NHPPS	2,060	2,060	2,060
Contract home	2,060	2,060	2,060
C&A home operated by NGOs	2,060	2,060	2,060
Private RCHE under EBPS			
- EA1 place	1,763	1,763	1,763
- EA2 place	1,656	1,656	1,656

Co-payment amounts of RCSV users by co-payment level

Co-payment level ^{Note}		0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Co-payment percentage		0.0%	10.0%	20.0%	30.0%	40.0%	50.0%	62.5%	75.0%
Co-payment amount (\$)	2021-22	-	1,591	3,182	4,773	6,364	7,955	9,943	11,932
	2022-23	-	1,604	3,207	4,811	6,414	8,018	10,023	12,027
	2023-24	-	1,616	3,232	4,848	6,464	8,081	10,101	12,121

^{Note} The RCSV Scheme has 8 co-payment levels, ranging from the lowest Level 0 to the highest Level 7. While RCSV holders at Level 0 are fully subsidised by the Government, RCSV holders at Levels 1 to 7 are required to pay for a portion of the voucher value based on their respective co-payment percentages.

Financial expenditure on subsidised RCS for the elderly

Year	Expenditure (\$ billion)
2021-22 (Actual)	7.2653
2022-23 (Actual)	7.4035
2023-24 (Revised estimate)	8.6918

Number of users of various types of RCS for the elderly

	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24 (as at end-December 2023)
C&A home providing CoC ^{Note 1}	13 458	14 484	14 550
NH home ^{Note 2}	1 610	1 757	1 783
Private RCHE under EBPS	8 489	9 827	10 469
Contract home ^{Note 3}	2 427	2 769	3 851

Note 1 Including C&A places and C&A places providing CoC, but excluding places provided under the Residential Care Services Scheme in Guangdong.

Note 2 Including subsidised NH places of subvented NHs and NHPPS places.

Note 3 Offering C&A places providing CoC and NH places.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(W)271

(Question Serial No. 3310)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Charmaine LEE)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Please provide information on the following for the next 3 years with a breakdown by 18 District Council (DC) districts:

1. the estimated number of additional places for various types of residential care services (RCS) for the elderly, broken down by year of service commencement; and
2. the estimated number of additional places for various types of day and community care services for the elderly (including residential and day respite services), broken down by year of service commencement.

Asked by: Hon TIK Chi-yuen (LegCo internal reference no.: 73)

Reply:

1. The number of service places for subsidised RCS for the elderly that are expected to commence operation between 2024-25 and 2026-27, broken down by DC district, is set out at Annex 1. In addition, the number of residential care service vouchers (RCSVs) will be increased from 4 000 to 5 000 in 2024-25. As RCSV adopts the "money-following-the-user" principle, the Social Welfare Department does not have the relevant breakdown figures by DC district or year of service commencement.
2. The number of places for day care service for the elderly that are expected to commence operation between 2024-25 and 2026-27, broken down by DC district, is set out at Annex 2. In addition, the number of community care service vouchers (CCSVs) will be increased by 1 000 to 11 000 in 2024-25, and will be further increased to 12 000 in 2025-26. More eligible elderly persons will be able to flexibly choose their own recognised service providers and service packages based on their needs without having to wait.

Service places for subsidised RCS for the elderly that are expected to commence operation between 2024-25 and 2026-27 by DC district (as at end-December 2023)

District	No. of service places for subsidised RCS	Expected year of service commencement
Eastern	30	2024-25
	135	2025-26
	60	2026-27
Wan Chai	8	2024-25
Central and Western	7	2025-26
Southern	5	2024-25
Sham Shui Po	17	2024-25
Kwun Tong	56	2024-25
	150	2026-27
Sai Kung	60	2024-25
Kowloon City	12	2025-26
	240	2026-27
	120	2026-27
Yau Tsim Mong	14	2024-25
Wong Tai Sin	17	2025-26
Sha Tin	2	2024-25
	60	2025-26
Tai Po	71	2025-26
	60	2026-27
North	90	2026-27
Yuen Long	72	2024-25
	27	2025-26
Tuen Mun	11	2024-25
	64	2025-26
	60	2026-27
Tsuen Wan	19	2026-27
Kwai Tsing	90	2025-26

**Number of places for day care service for the elderly that are expected to commence operation between 2024-25 and 2026-27 by DC district
(as at end-December 2023)**

District	No. of places for day care service for the elderly	Expected year of service commencement
Eastern	60	2025-26
Islands	40	2025-26
Kwun Tong	4	2024-25
	60	2025-26
Sai Kung	78	2024-25
Kowloon City	120	2024-25
	60	2026-27
Yau Tsim Mong	40	2025-26
Tai Po	30	2025-26
	60	2026-27
North	60	2024-25
Kwai Tsing	60	2024-25

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(W)272

(Question Serial No. 3311)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): ()
Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Charmaine LEE)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Please provide the following information for the past 3 years,

- 1) the number of participants in the Navigation Scheme for Young Persons in Care Services (Navigation Scheme);
- 2) the number of participants who graduated from the Navigation Scheme and the number of those who dropped out from it, along with their reasons for dropping out; and
- 3) the per capita cost of the Navigation Scheme.

Asked by: Hon TIK Chi-yuen (LegCo internal reference no.: 76)

Reply:

- 1) & 2) Since the enhancement of the Navigation Scheme in 2020-21, a total of 1 233 trainees have been recruited as at the end of December 2023. Among these trainees, 383 have graduated, 267 are still undergoing training, and 583 have dropped out for various reasons, including pursuing further studies and moving on to other jobs, etc.
- 3) As trainees join the Navigation Scheme at different times, the actual admission capacity of each service operator varies yearly and suitable staffing will be flexibly arranged accordingly. Hence, no information on the per capita cost can be provided.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(W)273

(Question Serial No. 3312)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): ()
Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Charmaine LEE)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Please tabulate the following information for the past 3 years:

- 1) the number of abuse cases involving the elderly, youth, children, women and spouses/cohabitants;
- 2) among these cases, how many were referred by teachers, police officers, medical professionals, relatives or others (please provide a breakdown);
- 3) the age distribution, types of abuse, usual places of occurrence and duration of continued abuse for each type of abuse case.
- 4) an overview of the relationship between the perpetrators and victims of abuse known to the Social Welfare Department (SWD);
- 5) what support services does the Government have in place to support victims of abuse and their families; and
- 6) what is the average waiting time for victims of abuse to receive support services after contacting SWD? What is the per capita cost?

Asked by: Hon TIK Chi-yuen (LegCo internal reference no.: 77)

Reply:

1 to 4) The numbers of newly reported spouse/cohabitant battering cases, child protection cases (including cases with children under high-risk or maltreatment) and elder abuse cases over the past 3 years, with a breakdown by age, gender, and reporting/referring agency, are set out at Annex. SWD does not have information on the duration of continued abuse in respect of these cases. Information on case types, residential districts of the victims/usual places of occurrence and relationships between perpetrators and victims, etc. has been uploaded to SWD's website (addresses as below):

Support for Victims of Child Abuse, Spouse/Cohabitant Battering and Sexual Violence

https://www.swd.gov.hk/vs/index_e.html#s3

Statistics on Elder Abuse Cases

https://www.swd.gov.hk/en/pubsvc/elderly/elderly_info/protectep/stat_eac/

- 5) SWD provides a wide range of preventive, supportive and specialised services to combat domestic violence and support victims of domestic violence and families in need. These services are provided through integrated family service centres (IFSCs)/integrated services centres, Family and Child Protective Services Units (FCPSUs), Clinical Psychology Units, family support networking teams, refuge centres for women, the Family Crisis Support Centre, the Multi-purpose Crisis Intervention and Support Centre, the Victim Support Programme for Victims of Family Violence, residential child care services and child care centres, etc.
- 6) Victims of domestic violence, child maltreatment, spouse/cohabitant battering or elder abuse cases do not have to wait to receive the above emergency support services. SWD does not have information on the per capita cost for handling abuse cases.

Table 1: Newly reported spouse/cohabitant battering cases ^[Note 1]**(1) Age and gender distribution of victims**

Age	2021			2022			2023		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
17-18	2	35	37	1	5	6	1	8	9
19-20	3	20	23	1	11	12	1	10	11
21-25	6	117	123	10	68	78	4	62	66
26-30	24	250	274	15	170	185	12	146	158
31-35	50	368	418	32	310	342	28	256	284
36-40	55	454	509	52	339	391	42	326	368
41-45	38	352	390	32	274	306	45	274	319
46-50	47	275	322	40	216	256	28	201	229
51-55	39	161	200	24	124	148	29	130	159
56-59	24	87	111	26	62	88	19	80	99
60-64	46	78	124	34	70	104	22	63	85
65-69	27	56	83	23	49	72	15	33	48
70-74	24	30	54	17	34	51	20	32	52
75-79	6	16	22	10	10	20	12	17	29
80-84	10	6	16	5	6	11	12	1	13
85 or above	7	2	9	5	2	7	6	3	9
Total	408	2 307	2 715	327	1 750	2 077	296	1 642	1 938

(2) Type of reporting agency ^[Note 2]

Reporting agency	2021	2022	2023
SWD	1 150	963	900
Non-governmental organisation (NGO)	243	218	249
Hospital Authority	72	65	76
Legal Aid Department	-	-	-
Hong Kong Police Force	1 250	831	713
Department of Health	-	-	-
Others	-	-	-
Total	2 715	2 077	1 938

[Note 1] The figures on newly reported spouse/cohabitant battering cases come from the Central Information System on Spouse/Cohabitant Battering Cases and Sexual Violence Cases. If the victim is aged 60 or above, the case is also registered in the Central Information System on Elder Abuse Cases. As such, the number of cases involving victims aged 60 or above in Table 1(1) is also reflected in the figures in Table 3(1).

[Note 2] If more than 1 agency reports the same case, the first agency to provide the information will be recorded as the reporting agency.

Table 2: Child protection cases

(1) Age distribution of newly registered children under high-risk or maltreatment in the Child Protection Registry ^[Note 3]

Age	2021	2022
0 to 2	190	230
3 to 5	148	142
6 to 8	224	200
9 to 11	248	273
12 to 14	351	383
15 to 17	206	211
Total	1 367	1 439

(2) Number of child protection cases newly received by FCPSUs with a breakdown by source of referral

Source of referral	2021	2022	2023
Medical professionals and medical social workers	251	225	207
Schools (including teachers and school social workers)	307	298	323
Police	160	138	163
Social service units (including other service units under SWD, IFSCs and NGOs, etc.)	477	498	458
Members of the public/media/SWD hotlines	9	2	2
Courts/other government departments	6	8	6
Self-approach	7	14	9
Others	10	16	6
Total ^[Note 4]	1 227	1 199	1 174

[Note 3] A breakdown of child protection cases by age in 2023 is currently not available.

[Note 4] As each case may involve more than 1 child under high-risk/maltreatment, the number of child protection cases newly received by FCPSUs does not tally with the total number of newly registered children under high-risk/maltreatment in the Child Protection Registry of the year.

Table 3: Elder abuse cases ^[Note 5]**(1) Age and gender distribution of victims**

Age	2021			2022			2023		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
60 to 64	55	95	150	37	77	114	26	73	99
65 to 69	41	74	115	27	61	88	22	38	60
70 to 74	39	44	83	24	45	69	23	42	65
75 to 79	15	27	42	13	16	29	15	25	40
80 to 84	21	10	31	8	14	22	14	7	21
85 or above	14	16	30	7	11	18	12	21	33
Total	185	266	451	116	224	340	112	206	318

(2) Type of reporting agency

Reporting agency	2021	2022	2023
SWD	158	160	141
NGO	52	64	54
Hospital Authority	12	6	14
Department of Health	-	-	-
Hong Kong Police Force	229	110	109
Housing Department	-	-	-
Total	451	340	318

^[Note 5] The figures on elder abuse cases in Table 3 come from the Central Information System on Elder Abuse Cases. If the relationship between the perpetrator and the victim is spouse/intimate partner, the case is also registered in the Central Information System on Spouse/Cohabitant Battering Cases and Sexual Violence Cases. As such, the number of elder abuse cases in Table 3 also includes the number of cases involving victims aged 60 or above in Table 1(1).

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(W)274

(Question Serial No. 3313)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Charmaine LEE)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Please provide in tabular form the number of persons or families who have successfully resolved their housing issues through Compassionate Rehousing (CR) in the past 3 years, along with their reasons for applying for CR.

Asked by: Hon TIK Chi-yuen (LegCo internal reference no.: 78)

Reply:

The numbers of CR cases recommended by the Social Welfare Department (SWD) to the Housing Department in the past 3 years (2021-22, 2022-23 and 2023-24 (as at December 2023)) were 546, 387 and 199, respectively.

SWD does not have a breakdown of statistics regarding the reasons provided by applicants for seeking a CR recommendation.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(W)275

(Question Serial No. 3314)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Charmaine LEE)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Please provide the following information for the past 3 years:

1. the numbers of Bought Place Scheme (BPS) and non-BPS places of various subsidised residential care services (RCS) for persons with disabilities (PWDs), the average waiting time and the number of persons who applied for a freeze on service allocation, with a breakdown by age and 18 District Council (DC) districts;
2. the per capita costs, fees and charges, and total amount of subsidies as regards BPS and non-BPS places of various subsidised RCS for PWDs;
3. the total number of PWDs who passed away or withdrew their applications during the waiting period and their percentages out of the number of such PWDs, with a breakdown by age;
4. the number of persons waitlisted for BPS and non-BPS places of various subsidised RCS for PWDs, with a breakdown by age and 18 DC districts; and

	Aged 18 to 30	Aged 31 to 40	Aged 41 to 50	Aged 51 to 60	Aged 61 to 70	Aged 71 to 80	Aged 81 or above
Central & Western							
Wan Chai							
Eastern							
Southern							
Sham Shui Po							
Yau Tsim Mong							
Kowloon City							
Wong Tai Sin							
Kwun Tong							
Kwai Tsing							
Tsuen Wan							
Tuen Mun							
Yuen Long							
North							
Tai Po							
Sha Tin							
Sai Kung							
Islands							

5. the number of service users of BPS and non-BPS places of various subsidised RCS for PWDs, with a breakdown by age and 18 DC districts.

	Aged 18 to 30	Aged 31 to 40	Aged 41 to 50	Aged 51 to 60	Aged 61 to 70	Aged 71 to 80	Aged 81 or above
Central & Western							
Wan Chai							
Eastern							
Southern							
Sham Shui Po							
Yau Tsim Mong							
Kowloon City							
Wong Tai Sin							
Kwun Tong							
Kwai Tsing							
Tsuen Wan							
Tuen Mun							
Yuen Long							
North							
Tai Po							
Sha Tin							
Sai Kung							
Islands							

Asked by: Hon TIK Chi-yuen (LegCo internal reference no.: 79)

Reply:

1. The number of service places for various types of residential rehabilitation services(RRS) for PWDs by administrative district of the Social Welfare Department (SWD) in the past 3 years is set out in Tables 1 to 3 of Annex 1, the average waiting time is set out at Annex 2, while the number of applicants on the Inactive Waiting List (IWL) is set out at Annex 3. SWD does not have statistical information on the number of service places, the average waiting time or the number of applicants on IWL by age and district.
2. SWD does not have the information on the average cost of each type of RRS. The average cost per place per month for the overall RRS for PWDs in each of the past 3 years is set out at Annex 4. The fees and charges for various types of subsidised RRS is set out at Annex 5, while the total subsidy amount is set out at Annex 6.
3. The number of persons who passed away or withdrew their applications while waiting for RRS for PWDs, and their percentages out of the number of PWDs waitlisted for RRS in the past 3 years are set out in Tables 1 to 4 of Annex 7. SWD does not have a breakdown of these figures by age or types of disabilities of the applicants.
4. The number of applicants waitlisted for various types of RRS for PWDs by administrative district of SWD and age group in the past 3 years are set out in Tables 1 to 27 of Annex 8. As there is no separate central waiting list for BPS for private residential care homes for persons with disabilities (RCHDs), SWD does not have statistical information on the number of applicants.
5. The numbers of service users of various types of RRS for PWDs by age group in the past 3 years are set out in Tables 1 to 3 of Annex 9. SWD does not have the statistical information on the number of service users by district and age.

**Table 1: Number of service places for various types of RRS in 2021-22
(by administrative district of SWD)**

District	HMMH	HSMH	HSPH	C&A/ SD	C&A/ AB	SGH (MMHC) Note	SHOS	HWH	LSCH	Private RCHD under BPS
Central, Western, Southern and Islands	376	682	109	200	375	0	79	168	170	0
Eastern and Wan Chai	85	158	58	100	0	8	40	144	0	46
Kwun Tong	409	332	165	101	0	3	101	144	0	0
Wong Tai Sin and Sai Kung	188	359	100	88	0	33	96	237	0	0
Kowloon City and Yau Tsim Mong	304	137	20	0	52	0	19	0	0	365
Sham Shui Po	131	257	0	72	78	0	70	169	200	100
Sha Tin	236	520	138	102	0	17	93	206	0	0
Tai Po and North	180	304	0	100	0	64	101	80	0	235
Yuen Long	237	158	50	100	80	0	86	104	80	27
Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing	218	721	25	202	0	3	83	162	525	309
Tuen Mun	436	432	50	67	243	0	36	180	612	182
Total	2 800	4 060	715	1 132	828	128	804	1 594	1 587	1 264

Note SGHs(MMHC) include integrated small group homes (ISGHs).

Legend

HMMH - hostel for moderately mentally handicapped persons

HSMH - hostel for severely mentally handicapped persons

HSPH - hostel for severely physically handicapped persons

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

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

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

SHOS - supported hostel

HWH - halfway house

LSCH - long stay care home

**Table 2: Number of service places for various types of RRS in 2022-23
(by administrative district of SWD)**

District	HMMH	HSMH	HSPH	C&A/ SD	C&A/ AB	SGH (MMHC) Note	SHOS	HWH	LSCH	Private RCHD under BPS
Central, Western, Southern and Islands	376	682	109	200	375	0	79	168	170	0
Eastern and Wan Chai	85	158	58	100	0	8	40	144	0	46
Kwun Tong	409	332	165	101	0	3	101	144	0	0
Wong Tai Sin and Sai Kung	188	359	100	88	0	33	96	237	0	0
Kowloon City and Yau Tsim Mong	304	137	20	0	52	0	19	0	0	365
Sham Shui Po	182	309	0	72	78	0	102	169	200	100
Sha Tin	236	520	138	102	0	17	123	206	0	0
Tai Po and North	180	304	0	100	0	64	101	80	0	235
Yuen Long	237	158	50	100	80	0	86	104	80	27
Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing	218	721	25	202	0	3	83	162	525	424
Tuen Mun	436	432	50	67	243	0	36	180	612	182
Total	2 851	4 112	715	1 132	828	128	866	1 594	1 587	1 379

Note SGHs(MMHC) include ISGHs.

**Table 3: Number of service places for various types of RRS in 2023-24
(by administrative district of SWD)
(as at 31 December 2023)**

District	HMMH	HSMH	HSPH	C&A/ SD	C&A/ AB	SGH (MMHC) Note 1	SHOS	HWH	LSCH	Private RCHD under BPS
Central, Western, Southern and Islands	376	682	109	200	375	0	79	168	170	0
Eastern and Wan Chai	85	158	58	100	0	8	40	144	0	46
Kwun Tong	409	332	165	101	0	3	101	144	0	0
Wong Tai Sin and Sai Kung	188	370	100	88	0	33	96	237	0	0
Kowloon City and Yau Tsim Mong	304	137	20	0	52	0	19	0	0	365
Sham Shui Po	182	309	0	72	78	0	102	169	200	100
Sha Tin	236	520	138	102	0	17	123	206	0	0
Tai Po and North	180	304	0	100	0	64	101	80	0	235
Yuen Long	237	158	50	100	80	0	86	104	80	27
Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing	218	721	25	202	0	3	83	162	525	365
Tuen Mun	511	432	125	67	243	0	36	180	1 012	182
Total	2 926	4 123	790	1 132	828	128	866	1 594	1 987	1 320 Note 2

Note 1 SGHs(MMHC) include ISGHs.

Note 2 Including the reduction of 51 service places due to termination of contract for 1 private RCHD under BPS in September 2023, and the reduction of 8 service places prior to the closure of 1 private RCHD under BPS in December 2023.

**Average waiting time for various types of RRS
from 2021-22 to 2023-24**

Service type	Average waiting time (in months)		
	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24 ^{Note 1}
HMMH	144.8	154.1	Not yet available
HSMH	150.8	171.1	
HSPH	80.9	73	
C&A/SD	65.6	60.6	
C&A/AB	10.7	5.1	
SGH(MMHC) ^{Note 2}	15.1	17.5	
SHOS	63.5	78.8	
HWH	4.2	4.2	
LSCH	57.8	72.3	
Private RCHD under BPS ^{Note 3}	N.A.		

N.A. - Not applicable

^{Note 1} As the average waiting time is compiled on a financial-year basis covering the 1st day of April of a year to the 31st day of March of the next year, the figure for 2023-24 is not yet available.

^{Note 2} SGHs(MMHC) include ISGHs.

^{Note 3} There is no separate central waiting list or statistical information on the waiting time for BPS. For applicants on the waiting list for LSCHs, HMMHs, HWHs and SHOSs under the Central Referral System for Rehabilitation Services, BPS places are allocated by SWD according to the preference of the applicants who have indicated acceptance of BPS.

**Number of applicants on IWL for
various types of RRS from 2021-22 to 2023-24**

Service type	Number of applicants on IWL		
	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24 (as at 31 December 2023)
HMMH	N.A. ^{Note}	61	247
HSMH		250	389
HSPH		25	103
C&A/SD		7	77
SHOS		42	254

N.A. - Not applicable

^{Note} The Inactive Waitlisting Mechanism (IWL) for RCS for PWDs has been implemented since March 2023 for applicants who are waitlisting for RRS for mentally/physically handicapped persons, including HMMHs, HSMHs, HSPHs, C&A/SDs and SHOSs.

**Average cost per place per month for RRS
from 2021-22 to 2023-24**

Year	Average cost per place per month for RRS (\$)	Average cost per place per month for private RCHDs under BPS (\$)
2021-22 (Actual)	18,011	13,131
2022-23 (Actual)	18,531	13,287
2023-24 (Revised estimate)	19,338	14,464

Fees and charges for various types of RRS

Service type	Monthly fees and charges (\$)	
	Adult with 50% disability	Adult with 100% disability or disability allowance recipient
HMMH	1,481	1,559
HSMH	1,660	1,871
HSPH	1,660	1,871
C&A/SD	1,660	1,871
C&A/AB	1,660	1,871
SGH(MMHC) ^{Note}	Free	
SHOS	897	977
HWH	1,220	
LSCH	1,660	1,871
Private RCHD under BPS	1,079 (moderate level of care)/1,656 (high level of care)	

^{Note} SGHs(MMHC) include ISGHs.

**Total subsidy amount for various types of RRS
from 2021-22 to 2023-24**

Service type	Total subsidy amount per year (\$ million)		
	2021-22 (Actual)	2022-23 (Actual)	2023-24 (Revised estimate)
HMMH	387.6	388.7	443.6
HSMH	999.1	1,018.8	1,135.9
HSPH	204.7	193.8	212.9
C&A/SD	331.2	341.1	391.4
C&A/AB	179.2	182.7	188.7
SGH(MMHC) ^{Note}	34.4	34.3	35.7
SHOS	112.2	120.2	131.6
HWH	229.6	232.7	240.3
LSCH	307.7	319.5	375.9
Private RCHD under BPS	176.5	200.0	226.6

^{Note} SGHs(MMHC) include ISGHs.

Table 1: Number of persons who passed away while waiting for RRS in 2021-22

Service type	Number of waitlisted persons	Number of persons who passed away during the waiting period	Percentage of persons who passed away during the waiting period
HMMH	2 661	11	0.41%
HSMH	2 400	25	1.04%
HSPH	339	8	2.36%
C&A/SD	509	33	6.48%
C&A/AB	57	6	10.53%
SGH(MMHC) ^{Note 1}	104	0	0%
SHOS	2 353	6	0.25%
HWH	616	2	0.32%
LSCH	2 651	18	0.68%
Private RCHD under BPS ^{Note 2}	N.A.		

N.A. - Not applicable

Note 1 SGHs(MMHC) include ISGHs.

Note 2 There is no separate central waiting list or statistical information on the number of persons waitlisted for BPS.

Table 2: Number of persons who passed away while waiting for RRS in 2022-23

Service type	Number of waitlisted persons	Number of persons who passed away during the waiting period	Percentage of persons who passed away during the waiting period
HMMH	2 798	12	0.43%
HSMH	2 417	24	0.99%
HSPH	329	13	3.95%
C&A/SD	438	35	7.99%
C&A/AB	31	15	48.39%
SGH(MMHC) ^{Note 1}	108	0	0%
SHOS	2 370	13	0.55%
HWH	517	1	0.19%
LSCH	2 450	22	0.90%
Private RCHD under BPS ^{Note 2}	N.A.		

N.A. - Not applicable

Note 1 SGHs(MMHC) include ISGHs.

Note 2 There is no separate central waiting list or statistical information on the number of persons waitlisted for BPS.

**Table 3: Number of persons who passed away while waiting for RRS in 2023-24
(as at 31 December 2023)**

Service type	Number of waitlisted persons	Number of persons who passed away during the waiting period	Percentage of persons who passed away during the waiting period
HMMH	2 757	13	0.47%
HSMH	2 294	22	0.96%
HSPH	270	16	5.93%
C&A/SD	363	39	10.74%
C&A/AB	36	6	16.67%
SGH(MMHC) ^{Note 1}	111	0	0%
SHOS	2 326	9	0.39%
HWH	598	1	0.17%
LSCH	2 206	33	1.50%
Private RCHD under BPS ^{Note 2}	N.A.		

N.A. - Not applicable

^{Note 1} SGHs(MMHC) include ISGHs.

^{Note 2} There is no separate central waiting list or statistical information on the number of persons waitlisted for BPS.

**Table 4: Number of persons who withdrew their applications while waiting for RRS
from 2021-22 to 2023-24**

Year	Number of waitlisted persons	Number of persons who withdrew their applications during the waiting period ^{Note}	Percentage of persons who withdrew their applications during the waiting period
2021-22	11 690	803	6.87%
2022-23	11 458	894	7.80%
2023-24 (as at 31 December 2023)	10 961	679	6.19%

^{Note} Including the number of persons who withdrew their applications due to death during the waiting period.

**Table 1: Number of applicants waitlisted for HSMHs in 2021-22
(by administrative district of SWD and age group)**

District	Number of applicants							
	Aged 15 to 19	Aged 20 to 29	Aged 30 to 39	Aged 40 to 49	Aged 50 to 59	Aged 60 to 69	Aged 70 to 79	Aged 80 or above
Central, Western, Southern and Islands	34	57	37	18	18	14	1	1
Eastern and Wan Chai	28	90	48	18	16	10	7	0
Kwun Tong	37	90	56	21	20	12	3	0
Wong Tai Sin and Sai Kung	49	130	59	20	19	21	2	0
Kowloon City and Yau Tsim Mong	37	85	36	19	17	4	3	0
Sham Shui Po	27	59	30	20	14	11	1	0
Sha Tin	30	60	40	9	10	9	4	0
Tai Po and North	38	97	42	8	13	5	4	0
Yuen Long	43	108	44	21	22	18	2	0
Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing	37	86	50	33	29	15	6	0
Tuen Mun	26	53	53	34	21	27	4	0
Total	386	915	495	221	199	146	37	1

**Table 2: Number of applicants waitlisted for HSMHs in 2022-23
(by administrative district of SWD and age group)**

District	Number of applicants							
	Aged 15 to 19	Aged 20 to 29	Aged 30 to 39	Aged 40 to 49	Aged 50 to 59	Aged 60 to 69	Aged 70 to 79	Aged 80 or above
Central, Western, Southern and Islands	36	54	38	15	16	19	2	1
Eastern and Wan Chai	30	90	46	17	18	12	6	0
Kwun Tong	33	91	55	27	20	11	3	0
Wong Tai Sin and Sai Kung	52	127	59	20	22	19	2	0
Kowloon City and Yau Tsim Mong	41	88	36	26	15	1	4	0
Sham Shui Po	29	52	31	25	12	11	1	0
Sha Tin	35	62	35	12	12	12	7	0
Tai Po and North	36	90	45	10	14	4	5	0
Yuen Long	42	107	44	22	21	18	3	0
Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing	35	92	46	33	31	15	4	0
Tuen Mun	28	50	53	35	20	24	2	0
Total	397	903	488	242	201	146	39	1

**Table 3: Number of applicants waitlisted for HSMHs in 2023-24
(by administrative district of SWD and age group)
(as at 31 December 2023)**

District	Number of applicants							
	Aged 15 to 19	Aged 20 to 29	Aged 30 to 39	Aged 40 to 49	Aged 50 to 59	Aged 60 to 69	Aged 70 to 79	Aged 80 or above
Central, Western, Southern and Islands	34	57	33	12	13	20	1	0
Eastern and Wan Chai	38	83	50	17	19	10	1	0
Kwun Tong	32	89	53	20	20	13	2	0
Wong Tai Sin and Sai Kung	57	111	52	16	17	17	4	0
Kowloon City and Yau Tsim Mong	43	78	31	20	15	3	2	0
Sham Shui Po	25	55	27	19	12	8	2	0
Sha Tin	42	56	36	11	14	14	6	1
Tai Po and North	39	86	44	11	13	2	4	0
Yuen Long	46	97	45	19	18	17	4	0
Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing	41	88	42	29	29	14	3	0
Tuen Mun	27	50	46	29	16	20	4	0
Total	424	850	459	203	186	138	33	1

**Table 4: Number of applicants waitlisted for HMMHs in 2021-22
(by administrative district of SWD and age group)**

District	Number of applicants							
	Aged 15 to 19	Aged 20 to 29	Aged 30 to 39	Aged 40 to 49	Aged 50 to 59	Aged 60 to 69	Aged 70 to 79	Aged 80 or above
Central, Western, Southern and Islands	23	73	34	19	19	7	0	0
Eastern and Wan Chai	22	61	63	36	26	12	1	0
Kwun Tong	48	106	53	31	30	10	2	0
Wong Tai Sin and Sai Kung	64	120	65	30	23	13	1	0
Kowloon City and Yau Tsim Mong	49	64	49	27	20	9	1	1
Sham Shui Po	43	59	36	25	12	7	1	0
Sha Tin	38	70	65	39	19	5	2	0
Tai Po and North	42	76	58	26	21	8	1	0
Yuen Long	49	96	54	25	18	5	1	0
Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing	44	101	78	35	29	18	1	0
Tuen Mun	47	94	53	36	8	4	0	0
Total	469	920	608	329	225	98	11	1

**Table 5: Number of applicants waitlisted for HMMHs in 2022-23
(by administrative district of SWD and age group)**

District	Number of applicants							
	Aged 15 to 19	Aged 20 to 29	Aged 30 to 39	Aged 40 to 49	Aged 50 to 59	Aged 60 to 69	Aged 70 to 79	Aged 80 or above
Central, Western, Southern and Islands	18	75	39	22	17	9	0	0
Eastern and Wan Chai	18	69	64	35	26	10	3	0
Kwun Tong	49	115	46	36	25	16	2	0
Wong Tai Sin and Sai Kung	65	132	68	32	25	15	1	0
Kowloon City and Yau Tsim Mong	37	77	52	23	21	8	1	0
Sham Shui Po	47	67	36	24	15	7	1	0
Sha Tin	50	77	71	41	19	6	4	0
Tai Po and North	47	83	62	28	22	10	1	0
Yuen Long	56	102	62	28	16	6	2	0
Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing	45	93	86	30	32	18	2	0
Tuen Mun	47	92	59	41	7	5	0	0
Total	479	982	645	340	225	110	17	0

**Table 6: Number of applicants waitlisted for HMMHs in 2023-24
(by administrative district of SWD and age group)
(as at 31 December 2023)**

District	Number of applicants							
	Aged 15 to 19	Aged 20 to 29	Aged 30 to 39	Aged 40 to 49	Aged 50 to 59	Aged 60 to 69	Aged 70 to 79	Aged 80 or above
Central, Western, Southern and Islands	22	75	34	19	13	8	0	0
Eastern and Wan Chai	19	59	72	34	25	9	1	0
Kwun Tong	53	104	45	26	26	14	1	0
Wong Tai Sin and Sai Kung	76	122	72	28	25	18	0	0
Kowloon City and Yau Tsim Mong	49	75	50	18	18	5	0	0
Sham Shui Po	44	69	42	26	15	6	2	0
Sha Tin	58	77	74	40	17	6	3	0
Tai Po and North	46	87	62	27	23	9	1	0
Yuen Long	61	107	64	27	18	7	2	0
Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing	47	79	83	23	29	16	0	0
Tuen Mun	44	93	59	37	8	4	0	0
Total	519	947	657	305	217	102	10	0

**Table 7: Number of applicants waitlisted for HSPHs in 2021-22
(by administrative district of SWD and age group)**

District	Number of applicants							
	Aged 15 to 19	Aged 20 to 29	Aged 30 to 39	Aged 40 to 49	Aged 50 to 59	Aged 60 to 69	Aged 70 to 79	Aged 80 or above
Central, Western, Southern and Islands	4	6	3	4	13	5	0	0
Eastern and Wan Chai	4	10	3	4	9	2	0	0
Kwun Tong	1	5	1	6	8	4	1	0
Wong Tai Sin and Sai Kung	2	4	4	9	16	3	1	0
Kowloon City and Yau Tsim Mong	2	2	4	4	14	1	0	0
Sham Shui Po	1	3	2	1	10	2	0	0
Sha Tin	3	2	5	12	12	2	0	0
Tai Po and North	1	5	2	3	6	0	0	0
Yuen Long	0	5	1	5	9	2	0	0
Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing	4	6	5	6	19	4	0	0
Tuen Mun	4	8	6	10	6	8	0	0
Total	26	56	36	64	122	33	2	0

**Table 8: Number of applicants waitlisted for HSPHs in 2022-23
(by administrative district of SWD and age group)**

District	Number of applicants							
	Aged 15 to 19	Aged 20 to 29	Aged 30 to 39	Aged 40 to 49	Aged 50 to 59	Aged 60 to 69	Aged 70 to 79	Aged 80 or above
Central, Western, Southern and Islands	3	5	3	4	6	4	0	0
Eastern and Wan Chai	4	6	4	3	11	0	0	0
Kwun Tong	1	5	3	8	11	3	1	0
Wong Tai Sin and Sai Kung	2	7	3	8	11	5	0	0
Kowloon City and Yau Tsim Mong	2	2	4	2	14	1	0	0
Sham Shui Po	3	3	2	1	7	2	0	0
Sha Tin	4	3	5	12	16	1	0	0
Tai Po and North	2	5	2	4	11	0	0	0
Yuen Long	0	5	1	4	11	2	1	0
Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing	2	6	5	5	21	3	0	0
Tuen Mun	3	3	5	12	2	8	1	0
Total	26	50	37	63	121	29	3	0

**Table 9: Number of applicants waitlisted for HSPHs in 2023-24
(by administrative district of SWD and age group)
(as at 31 December 2023)**

District	Number of applicants							
	Aged 15 to 19	Aged 20 to 29	Aged 30 to 39	Aged 40 to 49	Aged 50 to 59	Aged 60 to 69	Aged 70 to 79	Aged 80 or above
Central, Western, Southern and Islands	2	7	2	3	5	4	0	0
Eastern and Wan Chai	2	3	3	3	11	0	0	0
Kwun Tong	1	2	2	7	12	4	1	0
Wong Tai Sin and Sai Kung	1	12	3	5	9	5	0	0
Kowloon City and Yau Tsim Mong	2	1	2	3	11	2	0	0
Sham Shui Po	4	2	3	1	6	2	0	0
Sha Tin	4	2	3	10	10	2	0	0
Tai Po and North	4	2	3	5	7	2	0	0
Yuen Long	1	2	1	2	8	0	1	0
Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing	1	7	2	4	14	3	0	0
Tuen Mun	1	1	4	8	3	5	0	0
Total	23	41	28	51	96	29	2	0

**Table 10: Number of applicants waitlisted for C&A/SDs in 2021-22
(by administrative district of SWD and age group)**

District	Number of applicants							
	Aged 15 to 19	Aged 20 to 29	Aged 30 to 39	Aged 40 to 49	Aged 50 to 59	Aged 60 to 69	Aged 70 to 79	Aged 80 or above
Central, Western, Southern and Islands	5	6	4	6	22	11	0	0
Eastern and Wan Chai	9	4	0	12	8	1	0	0
Kwun Tong	8	4	3	6	18	3	1	0
Wong Tai Sin and Sai Kung	14	7	5	4	14	9	1	0
Kowloon City and Yau Tsim Mong	9	4	2	9	14	6	0	0
Sham Shui Po	9	1	4	1	12	1	0	0
Sha Tin	10	3	3	5	15	7	0	0
Tai Po and North	17	5	4	8	13	5	1	1
Yuen Long	12	11	3	5	12	2	1	0
Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing	11	10	5	8	25	8	5	0
Tuen Mun	6	6	1	4	12	7	1	0
Total	110	61	34	68	165	60	10	1

**Table 11: Number of applicants waitlisted for C&A/SDs in 2022-23
(by administrative district of SWD and age group)**

District	Number of applicants							
	Aged 15 to 19	Aged 20 to 29	Aged 30 to 39	Aged 40 to 49	Aged 50 to 59	Aged 60 to 69	Aged 70 to 79	Aged 80 or above
Central, Western, Southern and Islands	4	8	3	2	18	10	0	0
Eastern and Wan Chai	8	4	1	10	4	3	1	0
Kwun Tong	7	3	3	7	15	1	0	0
Wong Tai Sin and Sai Kung	10	5	7	2	10	8	1	0
Kowloon City and Yau Tsim Mong	11	1	1	5	8	2	2	0
Sham Shui Po	10	1	5	0	11	1	0	0
Sha Tin	6	3	4	8	14	6	0	0
Tai Po and North	13	6	3	7	10	5	1	0
Yuen Long	10	11	3	3	11	2	1	0
Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing	9	6	6	4	23	7	6	0
Tuen Mun	6	7	2	4	12	4	2	0
Total	94	55	38	52	136	49	14	0

**Table 12: Number of applicants waitlisted for C&A/SDs in 2023-24
(by administrative district of SWD and age group)
(as at 31 December 2023)**

District	Number of applicants							
	Aged 15 to 19	Aged 20 to 29	Aged 30 to 39	Aged 40 to 49	Aged 50 to 59	Aged 60 to 69	Aged 70 to 79	Aged 80 or above
Central, Western, Southern and Islands	4	4	4	1	11	7	0	0
Eastern and Wan Chai	8	1	1	6	3	2	2	0
Kwun Tong	6	3	2	8	20	1	0	0
Wong Tai Sin and Sai Kung	9	2	2	2	9	6	1	1
Kowloon City and Yau Tsim Mong	9	4	0	2	6	3	1	0
Sham Shui Po	11	2	2	0	10	2	0	0
Sha Tin	4	3	3	5	11	5	0	0
Tai Po and North	10	4	6	4	7	6	2	0
Yuen Long	12	6	1	1	10	1	0	0
Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing	7	6	4	4	16	4	5	0
Tuen Mun	7	2	3	6	10	8	2	0
Total	87	37	28	39	113	45	13	1

**Table 13: Number of applicants waitlisted for C&A/ABs in 2021-22
(by administrative district of SWD and age group)**

District	Number of applicants							
	Aged 15 to 19	Aged 20 to 29	Aged 30 to 39	Aged 40 to 49	Aged 50 to 59	Aged 60 to 69	Aged 70 to 79	Aged 80 or above
Central, Western, Southern and Islands	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
Eastern and Wan Chai	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	3
Kwun Tong	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	4
Wong Tai Sin and Sai Kung	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	9
Kowloon City and Yau Tsim Mong	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	8
Sham Shui Po	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	5
Sha Tin	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Tai Po and North	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2
Yuen Long	0	0	0	0	0	3	1	9
Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing	0	0	0	0	0	1	3	9
Tuen Mun	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0	0	0	5	14	57

**Table 14: Number of applicants waitlisted for C&A/ABs in 2022-23
(by administrative district of SWD and age group)**

District	Number of applicants							
	Aged 15 to 19	Aged 20 to 29	Aged 30 to 39	Aged 40 to 49	Aged 50 to 59	Aged 60 to 69	Aged 70 to 79	Aged 80 or above
Central, Western, Southern and Islands	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	7
Eastern and Wan Chai	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	3
Kwun Tong	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1
Wong Tai Sin and Sai Kung	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kowloon City and Yau Tsim Mong	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	4
Sham Shui Po	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Sha Tin	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Tai Po and North	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Yuen Long	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	2
Tuen Mun	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0	0	0	4	5	22

**Table 15: Number of applicants waitlisted for C&A/ABs in 2023-24
(by administrative district of SWD and age group)
(as at 31 December 2023)**

District	Number of applicants							
	Aged 15 to 19	Aged 20 to 29	Aged 30 to 39	Aged 40 to 49	Aged 50 to 59	Aged 60 to 69	Aged 70 to 79	Aged 80 or above
Central, Western, Southern and Islands	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Eastern and Wan Chai	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	0
Kwun Tong	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Wong Tai Sin and Sai Kung	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Kowloon City and Yau Tsim Mong	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2
Sham Shui Po	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1
Sha Tin	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Tai Po and North	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0
Yuen Long	0	0	0	0	0	4	5	3
Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tuen Mun	0	0	0	0	0	3	1	1
Total	0	0	0	0	0	10	12	14

**Table 16: Number of applicants waitlisted for SHOSs in 2021-22
(by administrative district of SWD and age group)**

District	Number of applicants							
	Aged 15 to 19	Aged 20 to 29	Aged 30 to 39	Aged 40 to 49	Aged 50 to 59	Aged 60 to 69	Aged 70 to 79	Aged 80 or above
Central, Western, Southern and Islands	10	43	60	45	49	15	1	0
Eastern and Wan Chai	4	33	32	45	27	9	1	0
Kwun Tong	34	63	55	35	34	15	1	0
Wong Tai Sin and Sai Kung	28	66	89	63	49	21	0	0
Kowloon City and Yau Tsim Mong	10	27	21	18	18	9	1	0
Sham Shui Po	13	28	43	21	27	8	1	0
Sha Tin	18	42	62	62	22	8	1	0
Tai Po and North	17	76	78	44	28	5	0	0
Yuen Long	27	51	62	35	30	2	0	0
Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing	26	61	85	52	42	14	1	0
Tuen Mun	26	50	65	52	26	11	0	0
Total	213	540	652	472	352	117	7	0

**Table 17: Number of applicants waitlisted for SHOs in 2022-23
(by administrative district of SWD and age group)**

District	Number of applicants							
	Aged 15 to 19	Aged 20 to 29	Aged 30 to 39	Aged 40 to 49	Aged 50 to 59	Aged 60 to 69	Aged 70 to 79	Aged 80 or above
Central, Western, Southern and Islands	10	46	57	48	41	20	2	0
Eastern and Wan Chai	3	35	36	41	27	11	1	0
Kwun Tong	38	65	54	39	36	14	2	0
Wong Tai Sin and Sai Kung	25	71	93	57	34	26	0	0
Kowloon City and Yau Tsim Mong	11	31	24	18	14	8	2	0
Sham Shui Po	19	34	43	29	26	8	2	0
Sha Tin	16	43	67	57	30	7	1	0
Tai Po and North	12	87	66	50	25	4	0	0
Yuen Long	19	51	62	41	31	4	0	0
Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing	25	60	81	51	41	17	1	0
Tuen Mun	20	51	59	53	26	11	0	0
Total	198	574	642	484	331	130	11	0

**Table 18: Number of applicants waitlisted for SHOs in 2023-24
(by administrative district of SWD and age group)
(as at 31 December 2023)**

District	Number of applicants							
	Aged 15 to 19	Aged 20 to 29	Aged 30 to 39	Aged 40 to 49	Aged 50 to 59	Aged 60 to 69	Aged 70 to 79	Aged 80 or above
Central, Western, Southern and Islands	8	41	57	53	45	19	1	0
Eastern and Wan Chai	5	36	40	35	25	14	1	0
Kwun Tong	40	68	50	39	31	13	2	0
Wong Tai Sin and Sai Kung	30	61	91	54	31	24	0	0
Kowloon City and Yau Tsim Mong	11	31	22	13	14	6	2	0
Sham Shui Po	21	39	38	32	27	8	1	0
Sha Tin	12	44	63	51	35	4	0	0
Tai Po and North	18	74	69	51	24	4	1	0
Yuen Long	21	55	58	45	28	6	0	0
Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing	27	63	78	54	43	12	0	0
Tuen Mun	21	50	51	50	23	12	0	0
Total	214	562	617	477	326	122	8	0

**Table 19: Number of applicants waitlisted for LSCHs in 2021-22
(by administrative district of SWD and age group)**

District	Number of applicants							
	Aged 15 to 19	Aged 20 to 29	Aged 30 to 39	Aged 40 to 49	Aged 50 to 59	Aged 60 to 69	Aged 70 to 79	Aged 80 or above
Central, Western, Southern and Islands	0	5	6	50	104	86	20	6
Eastern and Wan Chai	0	3	7	22	83	72	19	3
Kwun Tong	0	5	10	31	76	55	5	2
Wong Tai Sin and Sai Kung	1	3	14	39	78	59	13	1
Kowloon City and Yau Tsim Mong	1	1	12	52	85	51	13	3
Sham Shui Po	0	3	9	32	63	50	7	0
Sha Tin	0	4	31	64	112	107	24	1
Tai Po and North	0	0	17	32	78	75	13	1
Yuen Long	0	5	13	30	59	41	8	0
Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing	0	10	31	68	142	76	13	0
Tuen Mun	2	10	18	66	115	112	12	1
Total	4	49	168	486	995	784	147	18

**Table 20: Number of applicants waitlisted for LSCHs in 2022-23
(by administrative district of SWD and age group)**

District	Number of applicants							
	Aged 15 to 19	Aged 20 to 29	Aged 30 to 39	Aged 40 to 49	Aged 50 to 59	Aged 60 to 69	Aged 70 to 79	Aged 80 or above
Central, Western, Southern and Islands	0	6	11	43	94	82	23	5
Eastern and Wan Chai	0	4	5	17	70	76	17	2
Kwun Tong	0	4	7	28	81	58	7	1
Wong Tai Sin and Sai Kung	0	1	12	33	63	57	11	0
Kowloon City and Yau Tsim Mong	0	2	10	39	81	50	13	2
Sham Shui Po	0	4	7	34	58	51	6	0
Sha Tin	0	5	25	61	110	121	19	1
Tai Po and North	0	1	19	25	65	68	11	1
Yuen Long	0	4	10	26	50	28	9	0
Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing	0	6	28	64	117	79	10	0
Tuen Mun	1	9	18	50	113	107	13	1
Total	1	46	152	420	902	777	139	13

**Table 21: Number of applicants waitlisted for LSCHs in 2023-24
(by administrative district of SWD and age group)
(as at 31 December 2023)**

District	Number of applicants							
	Aged 15 to 19	Aged 20 to 29	Aged 30 to 39	Aged 40 to 49	Aged 50 to 59	Aged 60 to 69	Aged 70 to 79	Aged 80 or above
Central, Western, Southern and Islands	0	6	9	39	86	71	22	3
Eastern and Wan Chai	0	2	6	13	66	73	15	3
Kwun Tong	0	3	8	25	74	58	9	2
Wong Tai Sin and Sai Kung	0	3	11	30	60	59	11	0
Kowloon City and Yau Tsim Mong	0	1	8	36	88	53	13	1
Sham Shui Po	0	4	8	23	53	45	9	0
Sha Tin	0	3	18	56	90	97	17	0
Tai Po and North	0	0	12	29	58	63	4	0
Yuen Long	0	3	11	23	40	23	7	0
Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing	0	6	19	63	124	61	9	0
Tuen Mun	1	4	18	40	96	91	11	0
Total	1	35	128	377	835	694	127	9

**Table 22: Number of applicants waitlisted for HWHs in 2021-22
(by administrative district of SWD and age group)**

District	Number of applicants							
	Aged 15 to 19	Aged 20 to 29	Aged 30 to 39	Aged 40 to 49	Aged 50 to 59	Aged 60 to 69	Aged 70 to 79	Aged 80 or above
Central, Western, Southern and Islands	1	14	7	12	11	3	0	0
Eastern and Wan Chai	2	9	17	18	20	12	0	0
Kwun Tong	1	12	11	15	15	6	0	0
Wong Tai Sin and Sai Kung	4	5	13	5	15	5	0	0
Kowloon City and Yau Tsim Mong	3	13	8	12	18	4	0	0
Sham Shui Po	3	9	8	12	10	3	0	0
Sha Tin	1	16	12	23	8	5	0	0
Tai Po and North	2	10	13	22	9	4	1	0
Yuen Long	2	7	12	6	4	3	1	0
Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing	1	14	19	20	17	5	1	0
Tuen Mun	0	12	13	9	7	1	0	0
Total	20	121	133	154	134	51	3	0

**Table 23: Number of applicants waitlisted for HWHs in 2022-23
(by administrative district of SWD and age group)**

District	Number of applicants							
	Aged 15 to 19	Aged 20 to 29	Aged 30 to 39	Aged 40 to 49	Aged 50 to 59	Aged 60 to 69	Aged 70 to 79	Aged 80 or above
Central, Western, Southern and Islands	1	11	9	8	6	6	2	0
Eastern and Wan Chai	1	12	12	15	15	5	1	0
Kwun Tong	2	11	11	3	5	3	0	0
Wong Tai Sin and Sai Kung	2	15	10	5	10	3	0	0
Kowloon City and Yau Tsim Mong	2	5	10	18	13	4	0	0
Sham Shui Po	3	2	9	7	6	1	0	0
Sha Tin	1	5	12	8	9	2	1	0
Tai Po and North	1	5	8	16	11	2	0	0
Yuen Long	1	10	7	8	5	2	0	0
Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing	0	17	25	30	14	5	0	0
Tuen Mun	2	10	12	14	5	4	1	0
Total	16	103	125	132	99	37	5	0

**Table 24: Number of applicants waitlisted for HWHs in 2023-24
(by administrative district of SWD and age group)
(as at 31 December 2023)**

District	Number of applicants							
	Aged 15 to 19	Aged 20 to 29	Aged 30 to 39	Aged 40 to 49	Aged 50 to 59	Aged 60 to 69	Aged 70 to 79	Aged 80 or above
Central, Western, Southern and Islands	1	6	7	12	16	4	0	0
Eastern and Wan Chai	2	12	8	7	15	10	0	0
Kwun Tong	4	7	15	9	7	4	0	0
Wong Tai Sin and Sai Kung	4	20	21	10	2	6	0	0
Kowloon City and Yau Tsim Mong	1	10	10	17	9	0	0	0
Sham Shui Po	3	2	16	8	3	2	0	0
Sha Tin	0	4	13	28	12	4	0	0
Tai Po and North	0	8	18	19	13	7	0	0
Yuen Long	0	6	14	10	7	3	0	0
Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing	4	20	22	25	28	5	0	0
Tuen Mun	0	7	5	13	9	4	0	0
Total	19	102	149	158	121	49	0	0

**Table 25: Number of applicants waitlisted for SGHs(MMHC)^{Note} in 2021-22
(by administrative district of SWD and age group)**

District	Number of applicants			
	Aged 6 to 8	Aged 9 to 11	Aged 12 to 15	Aged 16 or above
Central, Western, Southern and Islands	0	0	2	0
Eastern and Wan Chai	0	1	1	2
Kwun Tong	1	5	15	1
Wong Tai Sin and Sai Kung	4	5	2	0
Kowloon City and Yau Tsim Mong	0	0	4	2
Sham Shui Po	3	2	6	0
Sha Tin	1	6	8	2
Tai Po and North	5	2	2	2
Yuen Long	1	5	4	0
Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing	2	0	3	2
Tuen Mun	0	3	0	0
Total	17	29	47	11

Note SGHs(MMHC) include ISGHs.

**Table 26: Number of applicants waitlisted for SGHs(MMHC)^{Note} in 2022-23
(by administrative district of SWD and age group)**

District	Number of applicants			
	Aged 6 to 8	Aged 9 to 11	Aged 12 to 15	Aged 16 or above
Central, Western, Southern and Islands	0	1	2	0
Eastern and Wan Chai	1	0	1	0
Kwun Tong	1	5	11	4
Wong Tai Sin and Sai Kung	4	7	2	0
Kowloon City and Yau Tsim Mong	2	0	5	1
Sham Shui Po	4	5	2	1
Sha Tin	1	6	8	2
Tai Po and North	3	7	4	1
Yuen Long	2	2	1	1
Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing	2	2	2	2
Tuen Mun	0	3	0	0
Total	20	38	38	12

Note SGHs(MMHC) include ISGHs.

**Table 27: Number of applicants waitlisted for SGHs(MMHC)^{Note} in 2023-24
(by administrative district of SWD and age group)
(as at 31 December 2023)**

District	Number of applicants			
	Aged 6 to 8	Aged 9 to 11	Aged 12 to 15	Aged 16 or above
Central, Western, Southern and Islands	0	0	3	0
Eastern and Wan Chai	1	0	3	0
Kwun Tong	0	3	10	6
Wong Tai Sin and Sai Kung	2	5	2	1
Kowloon City and Yau Tsim Mong	2	0	5	1
Sham Shui Po	4	2	1	1
Sha Tin	4	4	8	1
Tai Po and North	3	8	7	0
Yuen Long	2	2	5	1
Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing	2	4	3	2
Tuen Mun	1	1	1	0
Total	21	29	48	13

Note SGHs(MMHC) include ISGHs.

Table 1: Age distribution of service users of various types of RRS in 2021-22

Service type	Number of service users										
	Aged 6 to 8	Aged 9 to 11	Aged 12 to 14	Aged 15 to 19	Aged 20 to 29	Aged 30 to 39	Aged 40 to 49	Aged 50 to 59	Aged 60 to 69	Aged 70 to 79	Aged 80 or above
HMMH	N.A.			17	159	513	702	789	487	99	2
HSMH	N.A.			11	321	959	1 043	930	606	143	10
HSPH	N.A.			1	59	120	200	185	104	21	0
C&A/SD	N.A.			2	240	229	184	192	161	76	16
C&A/AB	N.A.								64	124	531
SGH(MMHC) Note	5	19	36	67	N.A.						
SHOS	N.A.			4	59	178	220	231	78	5	0
HWH	N.A.			13	192	405	380	358	108	2	0
LSCH	N.A.			0	2	23	112	353	626	343	75
Private RCHD under BPS	N.A.			2	31	104	273	390	281	49	1

N.A.- Not applicable

Note SGHs(MMHC) include ISGHs whose service targets are mildly mentally handicapped children aged 6 to 18.

Table 2: Age distribution of service users of various types of RRS in 2022-23

Service type	Number of service users										
	Aged 6 to 8	Aged 9 to 11	Aged 12 to 14	Aged 15 to 19	Aged 20 to 29	Aged 30 to 39	Aged 40 to 49	Aged 50 to 59	Aged 60 to 69	Aged 70 to 79	Aged 80 or above
HMMH	N.A.			11	139	490	729	752	543	117	1
HSMH	N.A.			9	295	901	1 084	930	643	172	10
HSPH	N.A.			0	58	104	207	191	117	24	1
C&A/SD	N.A.			9	222	244	177	202	168	81	17
C&A/AB	N.A.								69	128	524
SGH(MMHC) Note	7	18	49	52	N.A.						
SHOS	N.A.			5	58	197	223	237	90	9	0
HWH	N.A.			7	189	414	392	356	127	2	0
LSCH	N.A.			0	2	24	112	366	640	351	76
Private RCHD under BPS	N.A.			2	28	106	290	410	320	60	2

N.A.- Not applicable

Note SGHs(MMHC) include ISGHs whose service targets are mildly mentally handicapped children aged 6 to 18.

Table 3: Age distribution of service users of various types of RRS in 2023-24 (as at 31 December 2023)

Service type	Number of service users										
	Aged 6 to 8	Aged 9 to 11	Aged 12 to 14	Aged 15 to 19	Aged 20 to 29	Aged 30 to 39	Aged 40 to 49	Aged 50 to 59	Aged 60 to 69	Aged 70 to 79	Aged 80 or above
HMMH	N.A.			9	136	480	751	744	554	135	1
HSMH	N.A.			7	282	890	1 109	943	665	197	11
HSPH	N.A.			0	57	101	214	182	131	22	1
C&A/SD	N.A.			9	215	248	171	207	169	84	17
C&A/AB	N.A.								71	146	523
SGH(MMHC) Note	9	21	51	42	N.A.						
SHOS	N.A.			7	52	199	226	232	108	10	0
HWH	N.A.			12	204	415	404	365	123	1	0
LSCH	N.A.			0	2	24	107	348	647	373	72
Private RCHD under BPS	N.A.			2	29	93	302	430	351	66	4

N.A.- Not applicable

Note SGHs(MMHC) include ISGHs whose service targets are mildly mentally handicapped children aged 6 to 18.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(W)276

(Question Serial No. 3315)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Charmaine LEE)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Please provide the following information for the past 3 years:

1. the quota for various day care and community care services for persons with disabilities (PWDs) (including residential respite, day respite and home-based support services) and the average waiting time, with a breakdown by age and 18 District Council (DC) districts;
2. the per capita costs, fees and charges, and total amount of subsidies as regards various day care and community care services for PWDs (including residential respite, day respite and home-based support services);
3. the number of users of various day care and community care services for PWDs (including residential respite, day respite and home-based support services), with a breakdown by gender, age and 18 DC districts; and

	Aged under 18	Aged 18 to 30	Aged 31 to 40	Aged 41 to 50	Aged 51 to 60	Aged 61 to 70	Aged 71 to 80	Aged 81 or above
Central & Western								
Wan Chai								
Eastern								
Southern								
Sham Shui Po								
Yau Tsim Mong								
Kowloon City								
Wong Tai Sin								
Kwun Tong								
Kwai Tsing								
Tsuen Wan								
Tuen Mun								
Yuen Long								
North								
Tai Po								
Sha Tin								
Sai Kung								
Islands								

4. the number of persons waitlisted for various day care and community care services for PWDs (including residential respite, day respite and home-based support services), with a breakdown by gender, age and 18 DC districts.

	Aged under 18	Aged 18 to 30	Aged 31 to 40	Aged 41 to 50	Aged 51 to 60	Aged 61 to 70	Aged 71 to 80	Aged 81 or above
Central & Western								
Wan Chai								
Eastern								
Southern								
Sham Shui Po								
Yau Tsim Mong								
Kowloon City								
Wong Tai Sin								
Kwun Tong								
Kwai Tsing								
Tsuen Wan								
Tuen Mun								
Yuen Long								
North								
Tai Po								
Sha Tin								
Sai Kung								
Islands								

Asked by: Hon TIK Chi-yuen (LegCo internal reference no.: 80)

Reply:

1. The numbers of service places and number of attendances of service users of day and residential respite services for PWDs in the past 3 years are set out in Tables 1 and 2 of Annex 1, respectively, whereas the numbers of service places of integrated support service for persons with severe physical disabilities (ISS) and home care service for persons with severe disabilities (HCS) are set out in Table 3 of Annex 1. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) does not have information on the average waiting time for day and residential respite services, ISS or HCS by age and 18 DC districts.
2. The charges for day and residential respite services for PWDs, HCS and ISS are set out in Tables 1 and 2 of Annex 2. The respective total amount of subsidies for day respite services for PWDs, ISS and HCS is set out in Table 3 of Annex 2. As residential respite services for PWDs is part of the residential care services for PWDs, SWD does not independently calculate and maintain separate records regarding the total amount of subsidies for residential respite services for PWDs or per capita costs of various services.
- 3 & 4. SWD does not have information on the number of users of or persons waiting for various day care and community care services for PWDs (including day and residential respite services, ISS and home-based support services) by gender, age and 18 DC districts.

Table 1: Numbers of places for day and residential respite services for PWDs from 2021-22 to 2023-24

Year	No. of places ^{Note}	
	Day respite service	Residential respite service
2021-22	164	390
2022-23	172	403
2023-24 (as at 31 December 2023)	235	422

^{Note} Including designated day/residential respite service places under the Bought Place Scheme (BPS) for private residential care homes for persons with disabilities (RCHDs).

Table 2: Number of attendances of day and residential respite services for PWDs from 2021-22 to 2023-24

Year	Number of attendances ^{Note}	
	Day respite service	Residential respite service
2021-22	1 324	428
2022-23	1 221	578
2023-24 (as at 31 December 2023)	1 500	1 193

^{Note} 1 service user may use day or residential respite services multiple times in the same year. For example, he/she may use the designated day/residential respite service under BPS for private RCHDs.

Table 3: Numbers of service places for ISS and HCS from 2021-22 to 2023-24

Year	No. of service places	
	ISS	HCS
2021-22	900	3 550
2022-23	900	3 550
2023-24 (as at 31 December 2023)	900	3 550

**Table 1: Charges for day and residential respite services for PWDs
from 2021-22 to 2023-24**

Day respite service	Hourly charge (\$)	
	Service user receiving Disability Allowance (DA)	Service user not receiving DA
Day activity centre	5.1	
District support centre for PWDs	5.1	
Care-and-attention (C&A) home for severely disabled persons	5.1	
Private RCHD under BPS (providing medium level of care)	5.1 ^{Note 1}	5.1 ^{Note 2}
Private RCHD under BPS (providing high level of care)	5.1 ^{Note 3}	5.1 ^{Note 4}
Type of residential care places	Daily charge ^{Note 5} (\$)	
	Service user receiving DA	Service user not receiving DA
Hostel for moderately mentally handicapped persons	52	49
Private RCHD under BPS (providing medium level of care)		
Hostel for severely mentally handicapped persons		
Hostel for severely physically handicapped persons		
Hostel for severely physically handicapped persons with mental handicap	62	55
C&A home for severely disabled persons		
Private RCHD under BPS (providing high level of care)		
Supported hostel	33	30

Note 1 The daily charge is capped at \$52.

Note 2 The daily charge is capped at \$49.

Note 3 The daily charge is capped at \$62.

Note 4 The daily charge is capped at \$55.

Note 5 With prior approval from SWD, individual service units may charge higher rates under individual circumstances.

Table 2: Charges for HCS and ISS from 2021-22 to 2023-24

Charge category of HCS and ISS services	Service charge
<i>Full service package</i> ^{Note 1}	\$1,002 (monthly charge ceiling)
<i>Individual service</i>	
Personal care service	\$33/hour
Escort service	\$33/hour
Home respite service	\$33/hour
Rehabilitation training	\$33/hour
Nursing care (provided by health worker)	\$33/session ^{Note 2}
Home visit by occupational therapist/ physiotherapist/speech therapist	\$52/session ^{Note 2}
Home visit by nurse	\$43/session ^{Note 2}
<i>Other service</i>	
Transportation service	\$10/trip

Note 1 The full service package includes personal care service, escort service, home respite service, rehabilitation service, nursing care (provided by health workers), home visits by occupational therapists/physiotherapists/speech therapists and home visits by nurses.

Note 2 Each session lasts at least 45 minutes.

Table 3: Total amount of subsidies for various day care and community care services for PWDs

Service type	2021-22 (Actual) (\$ million)	2022-23 (Actual) (\$ million)	2023-24 (Revised estimate) (\$ million)
Day respite service	7.8	8.2	9.0
HCS	329.7	336.5	351.6
ISS	72.6	74.4	77.3

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(W)277

(Question Serial No. 3316)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Charmaine LEE)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

For each of the next 3 years, please provide:

1. the estimated number of additional places for various types of residential care homes for persons with disabilities (RCHDs), broken down by year of service commencement and 18 District Council (DC) districts; and
2. the estimated number of additional places for various types of day care and community care services (including residential and day respite services) for persons with disabilities (PWDs), broken down by year of service commencement and 18 DC districts.

Asked by: Hon TIK Chi-yuen (LegCo internal reference no.: 81)

Reply:

1. The total estimated number of additional places for various residential rehabilitation services in the next 3 years (i.e. from 2024-25 to 2026-27) is 1 434. The details, broken down by DC district, are provided at Annex 1.
2. The total estimated number of additional places for residential respite service for PWDs in the next 3 years is 31. The details, broken down by DC district, are provided at Annex 2.

**Estimated number of additional service places for
various residential rehabilitation services from 2024-25 to 2026-27 (by DC district)**

Service type	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
Hostel for moderately mentally handicapped persons	-	50 (Southern)	50 (Kowloon City)
Hostel for severely mentally handicapped persons	400 (Tuen Mun) ^{Note} 50 (North)	50 (Tuen Mun)	50 (Kwun Tong) 60 (Tai Po)
Care and attention home for severely disabled persons	200 (Tuen Mun) ^{Note} 40 (North)	-	-
Supported hostel	30 (Sai Kung) 30 (Sha Tin)	40 (Eastern) 110 (Tuen Mun)	-
Private RCHD participating in the Bought Place Scheme (BPS)	274 (locations to be determined)	-	-
Total	1 024	250	160

^{Note} Since the figures for 2023-24 are calculated as at 31 December 2023, for the convenience and uniformity of calculation, the estimated number of additional service places in 2024-25 also include the 200 places of the care and attention home for severely disabled persons that commenced operation in February 2024, and the 400 places of the day activity centre cum hostel for severely mentally handicapped persons that commenced operation in March 2024.

**Estimated number of additional places for residential respite service for PWDs
from 2024-25 to 2026-27
(by DC district)**

District	2024-25 ^{Note 1}	2025-26	2026-27
Southern	-	2	-
Eastern	-	1	-
Kwun Tong	-	-	2
Sai Kung	1	-	-
Kowloon City	-	-	2
Sha Tin	1	-	-
Tai Po	-	-	2
North	8	-	-
Tuen Mun	-	6	-
Others ^{Note2}	6	-	-
Total	16	9	6

Note 1 The numbers of residential respite places and service places provided are preliminary estimates only and will be subject to adjustment based on further details of the projects that are yet to be confirmed.

Note 2 Including 6 designated residential respite places to be provided by private RCHDs under the BPS.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(W)278

(Question Serial No. 3317)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Charmaine LEE)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the Integrated Support Service for Persons with Severe Physical Disabilities (ISS), please provide the following information for the past 3 years:

- a) the respective numbers of applications received and approved for the 2 cash assistance programmes under ISS, and a breakdown of the approved applications by the amount of subsidy granted;
- b) the age distribution of applicants (in ten-year bands);
- c) the amount involved; and
- d) the estimated total number of eligible applicants.

Asked by: Hon TIK Chi-yuen (LegCo internal reference no.: 82)

Reply:

Launched in November 2014, ISS is comprised of 2 parts: cash subsidy and integrated home-based support service. There are 2 types of cash subsidies, namely the Special Subsidy for Renting Respiratory Support Medical Equipment (subsidy for RSME) and Special Subsidy for Purchasing Medical Consumables Related to Respiratory Support Medical Equipment (subsidy for Consumables). The numbers of applicants and recipients of these 2 subsidies from 2021-22 to 2023-24 are set out in Table 1 of Annex, while the annual expenditure on these 2 subsidies is set out in Table 2 of Annex. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) does not have a breakdown of the amount of subsidy granted, age distribution of applicants or estimated total number of eligible applicants.

Table 1: Numbers of applicants and recipients of subsidies for RSME and Consumables

Year Type of subsidy	2021-22		2022-23		2023-24 (as at end-December 2023)	
	No. of new applicants Note 1	No. of recipients	No. of new applicants Note 1	No. of recipients	No. of new applicants Note 1	No. of recipients
RSME subsidy	62	253	58	232	68	226
Consumables subsidy		268		249		241
Total	62	268 Note 2	58	249 Note 2	68	241 Note 2

Note 1 SWD does not have the respective numbers of applicants for these 2 subsidies.

Note 2 The total number includes recipients of only subsidy for RSME, recipients of only subsidy for Consumables, and recipients of both subsidies.

Table 2: Annual expenditure on subsidies for RSME and Consumables

Year	Expenditure (\$ million)
2021-22	6.61
2022-23	6.34
2023-24 (as at end-December 2023)	4.73

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(W)279

(Question Serial No. 3318)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Charmaine LEE)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Please provide the following information for each of the past 3 years by District Council (DC) district:

- 1) the number of invitation letters issued to carers of elderly persons and carers of persons with disabilities (PWDs) by the Social Welfare Department (SWD); the number of carers whose applications for allowance were successful in the previous financial year; the number of carers who received the invitation letters but had unsuccessful applications, along with the reasons for that; the age of recipients of the 2 living allowances and the amount of allowance granted;
- 2) the number and age of recipients under the Special Care Subsidy for the Severely Disabled (Special Care Subsidy) launched by the Community Care Fund (CCF), as well as the amount of subsidy granted;
- 3) the number and age of recipients under the Pilot Scheme on Providing Subsidy for Higher Disability Allowance Recipients in Paid Employment to Hire Carers (Pilot Scheme to Hire Carers) launched by CCF, as well as the amount of subsidy granted;
- 4) the number of persons benefitting from the Pilot Scheme on Raising the Maximum Level of Disregarded Earnings (DE) for Recipients with Disabilities under the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) Scheme (Pilot Scheme on Raising the Maximum Level of DE) under CCF; and
- 5) the number of carers receiving the allowance under the Scheme on Living Allowance for Low-income Carers of PWDs (Scheme for Carers of PWDs) for taking care of persons with one or more of the 10 major types of disabilities covered in the Hong Kong Rehabilitation Programme Plan.

Asked by: Hon TIK Chi-yuen (LegCo internal reference no.: 83)

Reply:

- 1) The Scheme on Living Allowance for Carers of Elderly Persons from Low-income Families (Scheme for Carers of Elderly Persons) and the Scheme for Carers of PWDs have been incorporated into the Government's regular assistance programmes in October 2023. As at the end of December 2023, the number of carers being invited to

join the 2 schemes, the number of carers assessed as eligible and granted the allowances, and the amount of annual funding involved are set out at Annex 1. A total of 548 persons have been assessed as ineligible under the 2 allowance schemes. The main reasons for ineligibility include applicants currently receiving the Old Age Living Allowance or CSSA, self-withdrawal of applications, incapability of taking up the care-giving role, or exceeding the household income limits, etc. The number of carers assessed as eligible and granted the allowances under the Scheme for Carers of Elderly Persons and the Scheme for Carers of PWDs, broken down by DC district and age, are set out at Annexes 2 and 3, respectively.

- 2) The Special Care Subsidy was launched from September 2011 to September 2023 with funding from CCF and has been incorporated into the Government's regular assistance programme in October 2023. As at the end of December 2023, a total of 5 441 persons have received the subsidy. The total amount of subsidy granted was about \$547 million. The age distribution of the beneficiaries is set out at Annex 4. SWD does not have statistic on the number of beneficiaries by DC district or year.
- 3) The Pilot Scheme to Hire Carers was launched from October 2016 to September 2023 and has been incorporated into the Government's regular assistance programme in October 2023. As at the end of December 2023, a total of 41 persons have received the subsidy. The total amount of subsidy granted was about \$11.36 million. The age distribution of the beneficiaries is set out at Annex 5. SWD does not have statistic on the number of beneficiaries by DC district or year.
- 4) The Pilot Scheme on Raising the Maximum Level of DE was launched in 2016 and has been incorporated into the Government's regular assistance programme in February 2021. A total of 9 820 beneficiaries have received the allowance under the pilot scheme.
- 5) SWD does not have statistics on the types of disabilities of the PWDs under the Scheme for Carers of PWDs.

Number of carers invited to join the Scheme for Carers of Elderly Persons and the Scheme for Carers of PWDs, number of carers assessed as eligible and granted the allowances and the amount of annual funding involved

(as at end-December 2023)

	Scheme for Carers of Elderly Persons	Scheme for Carers of PWDs
No. of carers invited to join the scheme	37 634	15 254
No. of carers assessed as eligible and granted the allowance	3 489	2 896
Amount of annual funding involved ^{Note} (\$ million)	215.8	215.8

^{Note} Including service fees for recognised service providers

**Number of carers assessed as eligible and granted the allowance
under the Scheme for Carers of Elderly Persons by DC district and age
(as at end-December 2023)**

	Aged below 18	Aged 19 to 29	Aged 30 to 39	Aged 40 to 49	Aged 50 to 59	Aged 60 to 64	Aged 65 or above
Central & Western	0	1	1	3	27	13	20
Wan Chai	0	0	1	4	13	15	22
Eastern	0	4	9	27	84	72	77
Southern	0	2	2	14	53	20	36
Sham Shui Po	0	1	6	33	68	50	42
Yau Tsim Mong	0	1	4	10	44	19	35
Kowloon City	0	1	5	16	49	33	45
Wong Tai Sin	0	4	14	45	156	131	61
Kwun Tong	0	2	14	61	177	100	76
Kwai Tsing	0	3	7	49	117	70	53
Tsuen Wan	0	2	3	18	51	29	42
Tuen Mun	1	5	18	32	55	51	39
Yuen Long	0	3	6	18	58	40	33
North	0	1	4	13	41	31	25
Tai Po	0	0	8	19	34	35	37
Sha Tin	0	7	10	52	123	96	69
Sai Kung	0	1	10	31	84	50	48
Islands	0	1	2	4	12	9	6
Total	1	39	124	449	1 246	864	766

**Number of carers assessed as eligible and granted the allowance
under the Scheme for Carers of PWDs by DC district and age
(as at end-December 2023)**

	Aged below 18	Aged 19 to 29	Aged 30 to 39	Aged 40 to 49	Aged 50 to 59	Aged 60 to 64	Aged 65 or above
Central & Western	1	3	4	17	7	6	10
Wan Chai	0	0	5	10	2	1	3
Eastern	0	4	42	56	36	21	30
Southern	0	4	11	21	22	10	8
Sham Shui Po	0	8	46	58	47	22	13
Yau Tsim Mong	0	1	26	18	17	10	10
Kowloon City	0	3	33	33	24	8	14
Wong Tai Sin	0	5	42	76	55	28	15
Kwun Tong	0	9	76	107	76	43	28
Kwai Tsing	0	4	47	75	49	25	14
Tsuen Wan	0	2	15	15	14	14	6
Tuen Mun	0	7	58	74	51	35	25
Yuen Long	0	12	75	99	76	33	20
North	0	5	37	54	46	23	12
Tai Po	0	1	27	25	20	28	17
Sha Tin	0	4	47	91	47	31	31
Sai Kung	0	7	43	36	40	24	9
Islands	0	2	23	19	9	6	2
Total	1	81	657	884	638	368	267

**Age distribution of beneficiaries of the Special Care Subsidy launched by CCF
(as at end-December 2023)**

Age	No. of beneficiaries
Aged 18 or below	1 058
Aged 19-29	792
Aged 30-39	524
Aged 40-49	732
Aged 50-59	2 335
Total	5 441

**Age distribution of beneficiaries under the Pilot Scheme to Hire Carers
launched by CCF
(as at end-December 2023)**

Age	No. of beneficiaries
Aged 19-29	7
Aged 30-39	14
Aged 40-49	7
Aged 50-59	9
Aged 60-69	3
Aged 70 or above	1
Total	41

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(W)280

(Question Serial No. 3319)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): ()
Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Charmaine LEE)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Please provide the location and number of service places for facilities other than Siu Lam Hospital that offer residential care service, day care service, residential respite service and day respite service to individuals with intellectual disabilities who have stomach stomas or require respiratory support equipment.

Asked by: Hon TIK Chi-yuen (LegCo internal reference no.: 84)

Reply:

As at 31 December 2023, care and attention homes for severely disabled persons (list: https://www.swd.gov.hk/en/pubsvc/rehab/cat_residcare/resserphymenthandi/careattcasd/) provided 1 132 residential care service places and 37 respite service places (including 14 day respite service places and 23 residential respite service places) for eligible persons with disabilities (PWDs) requiring intensive nursing care (including persons with intellectual disability who require tube feeding or oxygen therapy). Day care service for persons with severe disabilities (list: https://www.swd.gov.hk/en/pubsvc/rehab/cat_supportcom/centrebase/dcsd/) also offers 245 day care service places to the aforementioned eligible PWDs. Moreover, the Transitional Care and Support Centre for Tetraplegic Patients, located in Ma On Shan in the New Territories, provides 2 transitional residential care service places for eligible PWDs who need to use respiratory support equipment.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(W)281

(Question Serial No. 3324)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Charmaine LEE)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the Social Security Allowance Scheme, please provide the following information for the past 3 years, with a breakdown by district:

1) the number of Old Age Allowance (OAA) applicants:

	Aged 70 to 75	Aged 76 to 80	Aged 81 or above
Central & Western			
Wan Chai			
Eastern			
Southern			
Sham Shui Po			
Yau Tsim Mong			
Kowloon City			
Wong Tai Sin			
Kwun Tong			
Kwai Tsing			
Tsuen Wan			
Tuen Mun			
Yuen Long			
North			
Tai Po			
Sha Tin			
Sai Kung			
Islands			

2) the number of Old Age Living Allowance (OALA) applicants:

	Aged 65 to 70	Aged 70 to 75	Aged 76 to 80	Aged 81 or above
Central & Western				
Wan Chai				
Eastern				
Southern				
Sham Shui Po				
Yau Tsim Mong				
Kowloon City				
Wong Tai Sin				
Kwun Tong				
Kwai Tsing				
Tsuen Wan				
Tuen Mun				
Yuen Long				
North				
Tai Po				
Sha Tin				
Sai Kung				
Islands				

3) the number of OAA applicants under the Guangdong Scheme (GD Scheme):

Aged 70 to 75	Aged 76 to 80	Aged 81 or above

4) the number of OALA applicants under the GD Scheme:

Aged 65 to 70	Aged 70 to 75	Aged 76 to 80	Aged 81 or above

5) the number of OAA applicants under the Fujian Scheme (FJ Scheme):

Aged 70 to 75	Aged 76 to 80	Aged 81 or above

6) the number of OALA applicants under the FJ Scheme:

Aged 65 to 70	Aged 70 to 75	Aged 76 to 80	Aged 81 or above

Asked by: Hon TIK Chi-yuen (LegCo internal reference no.: 93)

Reply:

From 2021-22 to 2023-24, the numbers of OAA and OALA recipients (excluding those under the GD Scheme and the FJ Scheme), broken down by age group and district, are set out in Tables 1 and 2 of Annex, respectively; while the numbers of OAA and OALA recipients under the GD Scheme and the FJ Scheme, broken down by age group, are set out in Tables 3 and 4 of Annex, respectively.

Table 1 Number of OAA recipients (excluding those under the GD Scheme and the FJ Scheme) from 2021-22 to 2023-24 by age group and district

District ^{Note}	2021-22			
	Number of OAA recipients			
	Aged 70 to 74	Aged 75 to 79	Aged 80 or above	Total
Central & Western	7 259	3 668	5 772	16 699
Eastern	18 243	9 136	13 457	40 836
Islands	2 895	1 278	1 373	5 546
Kowloon City	9 706	5 429	8 589	23 724
Kwai Tsing	7 729	4 131	4 428	16 288
Kwun Tong	9 506	4 866	6 597	20 969
North	4 972	2 082	2 490	9 544
Sai Kung	8 142	3 712	3 840	15 694
Sha Tin	14 901	6 342	6 767	28 010
Sham Shui Po	7 255	3 911	5 688	16 854
Southern	6 554	3 138	4 167	13 859
Tai Po	6 022	2 540	2 668	11 230
Tsuen Wan	6 818	3 559	3 905	14 282
Tuen Mun	8 572	3 477	2 872	14 921
Wan Chai	5 045	2 750	5 129	12 924
Wong Tai Sin	6 412	3 258	4 788	14 458
Yau Tsim Mong	7 279	4 283	6 129	17 691
Yuen Long	9 269	4 140	4 510	17 919
Total	146 579	71 700	93 169	311 448

^{Note} The boundaries of the 18 districts in the table may differ from those of the 18 District Council (DC) districts.

District ^{Note}	2022-23			
	Number of OAA recipients			
	Aged 70 to 74	Aged 75 to 79	Aged 80 or above	Total
Central & Western	7 464	4 343	5 610	17 417
Eastern	18 537	10 708	13 017	42 262
Islands	3 104	1 502	1 404	6 010
Kowloon City	9 971	6 139	8 461	24 571
Kwai Tsing	7 762	4 453	4 203	16 418
Kwun Tong	9 733	5 328	6 286	21 347
North	5 567	2 449	2 406	10 422
Sai Kung	8 728	4 333	3 876	16 937
Sha Tin	15 691	7 452	6 711	29 854
Sham Shui Po	7 594	4 300	5 454	17 348
Southern	6 688	3 739	4 069	14 496
Tai Po	6 747	3 079	2 620	12 446
Tsuen Wan	7 047	3 990	3 852	14 889
Tuen Mun	9 329	3 923	2 937	16 189
Wan Chai	5 170	3 156	5 046	13 372
Wong Tai Sin	6 496	3 568	4 398	14 462
Yau Tsim Mong	7 443	4 804	5 971	18 218
Yuen Long	10 110	4 832	4 455	19 397
Total	153 181	82 098	90 776	326 055

^{Note} The boundaries of the 18 districts in the table may differ from those of the 18 DC districts.

District ^{Note}	2023-24 (as at end-December 2023)			
	Number of OAA recipients			
	Aged 70 to 74	Aged 75 to 79	Aged 80 or above	Total
Central & Western	7 520	4 857	5 643	18 020
Eastern	18 742	11 794	13 118	43 654
Islands	3 203	1 719	1 448	6 370
Kowloon City	10 111	6 680	8 582	25 373
Kwai Tsing	7 789	4 798	4 275	16 862
Kwun Tong	10 014	5 748	6 320	22 082
North	6 009	2 806	2 476	11 291
Sai Kung	9 136	4 900	4 035	18 071
Sha Tin	16 201	8 585	6 797	31 583
Sham Shui Po	7 718	4 611	5 501	17 830
Southern	6 814	4 151	4 180	15 145
Tai Po	7 290	3 468	2 761	13 519
Tsuen Wan	7 260	4 368	3 936	15 564
Tuen Mun	9 743	4 472	3 086	17 301
Wan Chai	5 173	3 612	5 095	13 880
Wong Tai Sin	6 753	3 815	4 368	14 936
Yau Tsim Mong	7 464	5 224	6 045	18 733
Yuen Long	10 744	5 432	4 612	20 788
Total	157 684	91 040	92 278	341 002

Note The boundaries of the 18 districts in the table may differ from those of the 18 DC districts.

Table 2 Number of OALA recipients (excluding those under the GD Scheme and the FJ Scheme) from 2021-22 to 2023-24 by age group and district

District ^{Note}	2021-22				
	Number of OALA recipients				
	Aged 65 to 69	Aged 70 to 74	Aged 75 to 79	Aged 80 or above	Total
Central & Western	1 908	2 475	1 524	3 576	9 483
Eastern	10 165	12 483	7 737	15 273	45 658
Islands	3 494	3 096	1 702	2 539	10 831
Kowloon City	6 582	7 375	5 108	9 365	28 430
Kwai Tsing	16 655	16 574	11 474	15 980	60 683
Kwun Tong	21 000	21 604	14 053	23 131	79 788
North	9 073	7 229	3 863	5 943	26 108
Sai Kung	10 303	9 624	5 787	8 622	34 336
Sha Tin	18 955	19 757	11 100	15 875	65 687
Sham Shui Po	10 856	9 951	5 617	10 757	37 181
Southern	5 153	5 861	3 888	7 975	22 877
Tai Po	9 042	7 611	3 784	6 002	26 439
Tsuen Wan	5 325	5 869	4 299	7 046	22 539
Tuen Mun	17 224	16 184	7 606	9 015	50 029
Wan Chai	874	1 095	702	1 988	4 659
Wong Tai Sin	13 269	12 651	8 139	16 922	50 981
Yau Tsim Mong	4 232	4 570	2 795	5 234	16 831
Yuen Long	16 013	12 429	6 363	9 256	44 061
Total	180 123	176 438	105 541	174 499	636 601

Note The boundaries of the 18 districts in the table may differ from those of the 18 DC districts.

District ^{Note}	2022-23				
	Number of OALA recipients				
	Aged 65 to 69	Aged 70 to 74	Aged 75 to 79	Aged 80 or above	Total
Central & Western	2 155	2 520	1 784	3 516	9 975
Eastern	11 246	12 864	9 037	15 085	48 232
Islands	4 060	3 418	2 019	2 594	12 091
Kowloon City	7 059	7 719	5 727	9 504	30 009
Kwai Tsing	18 405	17 450	12 593	16 377	64 825
Kwun Tong	22 803	22 828	15 673	23 145	84 449
North	10 788	8 436	4 466	6 011	29 701
Sai Kung	11 632	10 436	6 592	8 810	37 470
Sha Tin	20 653	21 106	13 097	16 203	71 059
Sham Shui Po	12 232	11 124	6 532	10 772	40 660
Southern	5 722	6 128	4 488	7 862	24 200
Tai Po	10 123	8 481	4 368	6 033	29 005
Tsuen Wan	5 863	6 228	4 700	7 139	23 930
Tuen Mun	18 861	17 899	9 103	9 278	55 141
Wan Chai	987	1 193	838	1 954	4 972
Wong Tai Sin	14 817	13 504	8 998	16 562	53 881
Yau Tsim Mong	4 765	4 814	3 204	5 201	17 984
Yuen Long	18 792	14 045	7 334	9 391	49 562
Total	200 963	190 193	120 553	175 437	687 146

Note The boundaries of the 18 districts in the table may differ from those of the 18 DC districts.

District ^{Note}	2023-24 (as at end-December 2023)				
	Number of OALA recipients				
	Aged 65 to 69	Aged 70 to 74	Aged 75 to 79	Aged 80 or above	Total
Central & Western	2 243	2 604	1 974	3 477	10 298
Eastern	11 593	12 943	10 009	15 075	49 620
Islands	4 427	3 695	2 255	2 681	13 058
Kowloon City	7 265	7 892	6 128	9 738	31 023
Kwai Tsing	19 242	18 110	13 388	16 989	67 729
Kwun Tong	23 764	23 436	16 896	23 392	87 488
North	11 621	9 228	4 949	6 237	32 035
Sai Kung	12 296	10 952	7 262	9 046	39 556
Sha Tin	21 349	22 018	14 467	16 699	74 533
Sham Shui Po	12 874	11 860	7 168	10 999	42 901
Southern	5 851	6 330	4 745	7 887	24 813
Tai Po	10 501	9 055	4 997	6 143	30 696
Tsuen Wan	5 937	6 362	4 980	7 312	24 591
Tuen Mun	19 497	18 954	10 296	9 765	58 512
Wan Chai	1 001	1 241	929	1 993	5 164
Wong Tai Sin	15 477	14 082	9 655	16 565	55 779
Yau Tsim Mong	4 940	5 078	3 526	5 327	18 871
Yuen Long	20 058	15 166	8 146	9 628	52 998
Total	209 936	199 006	131 770	178 953	719 665

Note The boundaries of the 18 districts in the table may differ from those of the 18 DC districts.

Table 3 Number of OAA and OALA recipients under the GD Scheme from 2021-22 to 2023-24 by age group

Year	OAA				OALA				
	Aged 70 to 74	Aged 75 to 79	Aged 80 or above	Total	Aged 65 to 69	Aged 70 to 74	Aged 75 to 79	Aged 80 or above	Total
2021-22	2 575	2 036	2 985	7 596	2 507	3 434	2 169	3 803	11 913
2022-23	2 850	2 234	2 924	8 008	3 503	4 001	2 612	3 910	14 026
2023-24 (as at end-December 2023)	3 195	2 308	2 900	8 403	4 390	4 629	3 174	4 286	16 479

Table 4 Number of OAA and OALA recipients under the FJ Scheme from 2021-22 to 2023-24 by age group

Year	OAA				OALA				
	Aged 70 to 74	Aged 75 to 79	Aged 80 or above	Total	Aged 65 to 69	Aged 70 to 74	Aged 75 to 79	Aged 80 or above	Total
2021-22	199	178	217	594	218	281	237	633	1 369
2022-23	220	204	212	636	277	280	284	639	1 480
2023-24 (as at end-December 2023)	246	230	207	683	340	351	333	725	1 749

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(W)282

(Question Serial No. 3325)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Charmaine LEE)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the Scheme on Living Allowance for Low-Income Carers of Persons with Disabilities (Scheme for Carers of PWDs), please provide the following information for the past 3 years:

- 1) the current number of persons receiving the allowance under the Scheme for Carers of PWDs;

	Aged 16 to 18	Aged 19 to 20	Aged 21 to 29	Aged 30 to 39	Aged 40 to 49	Aged 50 to 59	Aged 60 to 64	Aged 65 or above
Central & Western								
Wan Chai								
Eastern								
Southern								
Sham Shui Po								
Yau Tsim Mong								
Kowloon City								
Wong Tai Sin								
Kwun Tong								
Kwai Tsing								
Tsuen Wan								
Tuen Mun								
Yuen Long								
North								
Tai Po								
Sha Tin								
Sai Kung								
Islands								

- 2) the current number of cases broken down by duration of continuous receipt of the allowance under the Scheme for Carers of PWDs; and

	0 to 2 years	3 to 4 years	5 to 6 years	7 years or above
Central & Western				
Wan Chai				
Eastern				
Southern				
Sham Shui Po				
Yau Tsim Mong				
Kowloon City				
Wong Tai Sin				
Kwun Tong				
Kwai Tsing				
Tsuen Wan				
Tuen Mun				
Yuen Long				
North				
Tai Po				
Sha Tin				
Sai Kung				
Islands				

- 3) the reasons for carers to leave the Scheme for Carers of PWDs in the past and the number of cases involved.

Asked by: Hon TIK Chi-yuen (LegCo internal reference no.: 95)

Reply:

- 1) The Scheme for Carers of PWDs was incorporated into the Government's regular assistance programme in October 2023. As at the end of December 2023, 2 896 carers were assessed as eligible and granted the allowance. The number of carers assessed as eligible and granted the allowance, broken down by District Council (DC) district and age, is set out at Annex 1.
- 2) The number of cases under the Scheme for Carers of PWDs, broken down by duration of continuous receipt of the allowance, is set out at Annex 2.
- 3) The numbers of persons withdrawn from the Scheme for Carers of PWDs and the reasons for their withdrawal are set out at Annex 3.

**Number of carers assessed as eligible and granted the allowance
under the Scheme for Carers of PWDs by DC district and age
(as at end-December 2023)**

	Aged 16 to 18	Aged 19 to 20	Aged 21 to 29	Aged 30 to 39	Aged 40 to 49	Aged 50 to 59	Aged 60 to 64	Aged 65 or above
Central & Western	1	0	3	4	17	7	6	10
Wan Chai	0	0	0	5	10	2	1	3
Eastern	0	0	4	42	56	36	21	30
Southern	0	0	4	11	21	22	10	8
Sham Shui Po	0	0	8	46	58	47	22	13
Yau Tsim Mong	0	0	1	26	18	17	10	10
Kowloon City	0	0	3	33	33	24	8	14
Wong Tai Sin	0	0	5	42	76	55	28	15
Kwun Tong	0	0	9	76	107	76	43	28
Kwai Tsing	0	0	4	47	75	49	25	14
Tsuen Wan	0	0	2	15	15	14	14	6
Tuen Mun	0	0	7	58	74	51	35	25
Yuen Long	0	0	12	75	99	76	33	20
North	0	0	5	37	54	46	23	12
Tai Po	0	0	1	27	25	20	28	17
Sha Tin	0	0	4	47	91	47	31	31
Sai Kung	0	0	7	43	36	40	24	9
Islands	0	0	2	23	19	9	6	2
Total	1	0	81	657	884	638	368	267

**Number of cases under the Scheme for Carers of PWDs
broken down by duration of continuous receipt of the allowance
(as at end-December 2023)**

	0-2 years	3-4 years ^{Note}	5-6 years ^{Note}	7 years or above ^{Note}
Central & Western	48	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
Wan Chai	21			
Eastern	189			
Southern	76			
Sham Shui Po	194			
Yau Tsim Mong	82			
Kowloon City	115			
Wong Tai Sin	221			
Kwun Tong	339			
Kwai Tsing	214			
Tsuen Wan	66			
Tuen Mun	250			
Yuen Long	315			
North	177			
Tai Po	118			
Sha Tin	251			
Sai Kung	159			
Islands	61			
Total	2 896			

N.A. – Not applicable

^{Note} Since the Scheme for Carers of PWDs was incorporated into the Government's regular assistance programme in October 2023, all cases under the scheme have received the allowance for less than a year.

**Number of persons withdrawn from the Scheme for Carers of PWDs and
the reasons for their withdrawal
(as at end-December 2023)**

Reason for withdrawal	Scheme for Carers of PWDs (No. of persons)
The person under care has been admitted to residential care services	13
The person under care passed away	1
The carer has been granted the Old Age Living Allowance/Comprehensive Social Security Assistance	10
Changes in circumstances of the carer/person under care (e.g. emigrated to other places; the carer exceeded the household income limits, or the carer was granted the Disability Allowance, etc.)	16
Other reasons (e.g. consolidation of cases, or reason not provided, etc.)	43
Total	83

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(W)283

(Question Serial No. 3326)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Charmaine LEE)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the Scheme on Living Allowance for Carers of Elderly Persons from Low-Income Families (Allowance for Carers of the Elderly), please provide the following information for the past 3 years:

- 1) The number of persons receiving the Allowance for Carers of the Elderly; and

	Aged 16 to 18	Aged 19 to 20	Aged 21 to 29	Aged 30 to 39	Aged 40 to 49	Aged 50 to 59	Aged 60 to 64	Aged 65 or above
Central & Western								
Wan Chai								
Eastern								
Southern								
Sham Shui Po								
Yau Tsim Mong								
Kowloon City								
Wong Tai Sin								
Kwun Tong								
Kwai Tsing								
Tsuen Wan								
Tuen Mun								
Yuen Long								
North								
Tai Po								
Sha Tin								
Sai Kung								
Islands								

- 2) The number of cases, broken down by the duration of continuous receipt of the allowance under the Allowance for Carers of the Elderly.

	0 to 2 years	3 to 4 years	5 to 6 years	7 to 8 years	9 years or above
Central & Western					
Wan Chai					
Eastern					
Southern					
Sham Shui Po					
Yau Tsim Mong					
Kowloon City					
Wong Tai Sin					
Kwun Tong					
Kwai Tsing					
Tsuen Wan					
Tuen Mun					
Yuen Long					
North					
Tai Po					
Sha Tin					
Sai Kung					
Islands					

Asked by: Hon TIK Chi-yuen (LegCo internal reference no.: 96)

Reply:

- 1) The Scheme on Living Allowance for Carers of Elderly Persons from Low-Income Families (Allowance for Carers of the Elderly) became a regular measure in October 2023. As at the end of December 2023, 3 489 carers were assessed as eligible and granted the allowance. The number of carers assessed as eligible and granted the allowance, broken down by District Council (DC) district and age, is set out at Annex.
- 2) The Social Welfare Department does not have statistics on the duration of continuous receipt of the allowance for each case under the Allowance for Carers of the Elderly.

**Number of carers assessed as eligible and granted the allowance under
the Allowance for Carers of the Elderly by DC district and age
(as at end-December 2023)**

	Aged 16 to 18	Aged 19 to 20	Aged 21 to 29	Aged 30 to 39	Aged 40 to 49	Aged 50 to 59	Aged 60 to 64	Aged 65 or above
Central & Western	0	0	1	1	3	27	13	20
Wan Chai	0	0	0	1	4	13	15	22
Eastern	0	0	4	9	27	84	72	77
Southern	0	0	2	2	14	53	20	36
Sham Shui Po	0	0	1	6	33	68	50	42
Yau Tsim Mong	0	0	1	4	10	44	19	35
Kowloon City	0	0	1	5	16	49	33	45
Wong Tai Sin	0	0	4	14	45	156	131	61
Kwun Tong	0	0	2	14	61	177	100	76
Kwai Tsing	0	1	2	7	49	117	70	53
Tsuen Wan	0	0	2	3	18	51	29	42
Tuen Mun	1	0	5	18	32	55	51	39
Yuen Long	0	0	3	6	18	58	40	33
North	0	0	1	4	13	41	31	25
Tai Po	0	0	0	8	19	34	35	37
Sha Tin	0	0	7	10	52	123	96	69
Sai Kung	0	0	1	10	31	84	50	48
Islands	0	0	1	2	4	12	9	6
Total	1	1	38	124	449	1 246	864	766

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(W)284

(Question Serial No. 3360)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): ()
Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Charmaine LEE)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

The Social Welfare Department (SWD) launched a 3-year Ethnic Minority (EM) District Ambassador pilot scheme (the pilot scheme) in 9 districts with a higher EM population. Please advise the number of EM District Ambassadors in each of these 9 districts in the last financial year. Which service units have they been assigned to? How is the manpower distribution between SWD and non-governmental organisations (NGOs)? What are the number of needy EM families contacted and the number of cases referred each year?

Asked by: Hon TIK Chi-yuen (LegCo internal reference no.: 132)

Reply:

SWD launched the pilot scheme in 9 districts with a higher EM population in October 2020. Under the pilot scheme, an additional 46 EMs or designated persons have been employed as EM District Ambassadors (ambassadors). Apart from the 6 ambassadors employed by the medical social services units of SWD, the remaining 40 ambassadors have been employed by welfare service units operated by subvented NGOs, including integrated family service centres/integrated services centres, district support centres for persons with disabilities, district elderly community centres, parents/relatives resource centres and integrated service centres for ex-offenders and their families. A breakdown of the number of ambassadors by district is set out at Annex.

In 2023-24 (as at the end of December 2023), the pilot scheme contacted 7 559 EMs. The services provided by ambassadors do not include making case referrals.

Number of ambassadors by district

District	Number of ambassadors
Central & Western	5
Islands	4
Wan Chai	5
Eastern	5
Yau Tsim Mong	5
Kowloon City	5
Kwai Tsing	4
Yuen Long	5
Sham Shui Po	6
Tuen Mun	1
Sha Tin	1
Total	46

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(W)285

(Question Serial No. 3361)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Charmaine LEE)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Please advise whether service units assigned with Ethnic Minority (EM) District Ambassadors provide cultural sensitivity training. What is the content and format of the training? What is the number of training hours involved? What are the ranks and number of staff who received the training?

Asked by: Hon TIK Chi-yuen (LegCo internal reference no.: 133)

Reply:

The Social Welfare Department (SWD) has all along been organising training courses related to EMs for staff of different grades and ranks from SWD and non-governmental organisations to enhance their knowledge and sensitivity to the culture, lifestyle and service needs of EMs, thus enabling them to conduct comprehensive assessments and provide services tailored to the needs of EMs. In 2023-24, SWD organised 21 training courses related to EMs, with about 920 participants. SWD does not have information on the training format, number of training hours, or the ranks of staff who received the training.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(W)286

(Question Serial No. 3362)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Charmaine LEE)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Please provide the number of times service units assigned with Ethnic Minority (EM) District Ambassadors have used translation and interpretation services. How many EM cases required translation and interpretation services, and what percentage do they represent in the total number of EM cases?

Asked by: Hon TIK Chi-yuen (LegCo internal reference no.: 134)

Reply:

The Social Welfare Department (SWD) launched the EM District Ambassador pilot scheme (pilot scheme) in October 2020. As at the end of December 2023, translation and interpretation services were rendered for EMs under the pilot scheme for a total of 20 294 times. SWD does not have information on the percentage of cases that required translation and interpretation services out of the total number of cases under the pilot scheme.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(W)287****(Question Serial No. 3363)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ()Programme: (1) Family and Child WelfareControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Charmaine LEE)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

Please provide the number of cases involving ethnic minorities (EMs) handled by Integrated Family Service Centres (IFSCs) in each of the past 5 years.

Asked by: Hon TIK Chi-yuen (LegCo internal reference no.: 135)

Reply:

The number of cases involving EMs handled by IFSCs in the past 5 years is tabulated as follows:

Year	Number of cases ^[Note]
2019-20	596
2020-21	717
2021-22	672
2022-23	607
2023-24 (as at 31 December 2023)	710

^[Note] The number of cases reflects the situation of IFSCs operated by the Social Welfare Department and non-governmental organisations at the end of the designated year. Each case involved at least 1 family member of Indonesian, Filipino, Indian, Pakistani, Nepali or Thai ethnicity.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(W)288****(Question Serial No. 3364)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ()Programme: (1) Family and Child WelfareControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Charmaine LEE)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

Please advise the number of ethnic minority (EM) cases handled by the Family and Child Protective Services Units (FCPSUs) in the past 5 years. How many of these cases involve sexual abuse? Is the proportion significantly lower than that among ethnic Chinese individuals?

Asked by: Hon TIK Chi-yuen (LegCo internal reference no.: 136)Reply:

Among cases of domestic violence (including spouse/cohabitant battering and child abuse) handled by FCPSUs of the Social Welfare Department (SWD) in the past 5 years, the number of cases involving EM victims is tabulated as follows:

Year	Number of cases ^[Note]
2019	126
2020	137
2021	147
2022	152
2023	138

[Note] Including cases involving individuals of Indonesian, Filipino, Indian, Pakistani, Nepalese and Thai ethnicities. In this statistic, each case involves at least 1 EM individual.

SWD does not have statistical information on the number of above cases that involve sexual violence.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(W)289

(Question Serial No. 3365)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Charmaine LEE)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Please provide statistics on the use of translation and interpretation services by the Integrated Family Service Centres (IFSCs) and the Social Security Field Units (SSFUs) of the Social Welfare Department (SWD) for each of the past 5 years. How many cases involving ethnic minorities (EM) required translation and interpretation services, and what percentage do they represent in the total number of EM cases?

Asked by: Hon TIK Chi-yuen (LegCo internal reference no.: 137)

Reply:

Statistics on the use of translation and interpretation services by IFSCs and SSFUs of SWD in the past 5 years are tabulated as follows:

Year	IFSC	SSFU	Total
2019-20	67	18	85
2020-21	135	15	150
2021-22	113	28	141
2022-23	26	10	36
2023-24 (as at end-December 2023)	31	5	36

SWD does not have information on the percentage of cases that required translation and interpretation services out of the total number of cases handled by IFSCs and SSFUs.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(W)290

(Question Serial No. 3366)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: Not Specified

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Charmaine LEE)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Please advise how much resources have the Social Welfare Department (SWD) earmarked for interpretation and translation services for the next 5 years.

Asked by: Hon TIK Chi-yuen (LegCo internal reference no.: 138)

Reply:

When providing services for ethnic minorities (EMs), SWD and subvented non-governmental organisations (NGOs) may arrange interpretation services as appropriate through various means, such as the CHEER Support Service Centre for EMs operated by the Hong Kong Christian Service, which provides translation and interpretation services with funding from the Home Affairs Department. If necessary, NGOs have the flexibility to use the funding allocation from SWD to arrange/provide interpretation services to meet service needs and ensure service quality.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(W)291****(Question Serial No. 3367)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ()Programme: (1) Family and Child WelfareControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Charmaine LEE)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

Regarding the Outreaching Teams for Ethnic Minorities (OTEMs), please provide the staffing establishment of OTEMs, as well as the number of cases handled, the number of groups and programmes organised, the number of needy ethnic minority (EM) families contacted and the number of families referred to mainstream services in the last financial year.

Further to the above, what are the number, format and number of hours of cultural sensitivity training provided by OTEMs for providers of mainstream services? What are the ranks and number of staff who received this training?

Asked by: Hon TIK Chi-yuen (LegCo internal reference no.: 139)

Reply:

The Social Welfare Department (SWD) has commissioned non-governmental organisations (NGOs) to set up 3 OTEMs on Hong Kong Island, in Kowloon and the New Territories. The key service statistics of OTEMs in 2023-24 (as at the end of December 2023) are tabulated as follows:

Service item	Statistics
Number of new/reactivated cases handled	457
Number of groups and programs organised	424
Number of EMs newly contacted	1 648
Number of referrals to mainstream welfare services/mainstream services made	794
Number of training organised for providers of mainstream services/welfare services (including cultural sensitivity training) ^[Note]	41

^[Note] SWD does not have information on the training format and, number of training hours, or the ranks and number of staff who received the training.

NGOs are subsidised by SWD under the Lump Sum Grant Subvention System to set up OTEMs to provide support services for EMs. Subject to their compliance with the requirements of the Funding and Service Agreements, NGOs may determine their staffing establishment in accordance with their human resources policies, and flexibly deploy

resources and employ staff to achieve the service output and outcomes required. SWD does not have information on the actual number of staff in OTEMs.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(W)292

(Question Serial No. 3368)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): ()
Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Charmaine LEE)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Has the Social Welfare Department (SWD) earmarked funds for providing mainstream services to ethnic minorities (EMs), such as employing EM staff, procuring interpretation and translation services and providing training for frontline workers, etc.? If yes, what is the estimated expenditure for the next 3 financial years? What support measures will be provided?

Asked by: Hon TIK Chi-yuen (LegCo internal reference no.: 140)

Reply:

SWD launched the EM District Ambassador pilot scheme (pilot scheme) in October 2020 in 9 districts with a higher EM population. The pilot scheme aims to enhance welfare support services for EM communities by employing an additional 46 EMs or designated persons as EM District Ambassadors in some SWD and subvented non-governmental organisations (NGOs). The Government has extended the pilot scheme for 3 years to 2026. SWD will keep reviewing the implementation of the pilot scheme and examine the way forward for the services. In addition, SWD has consistently organised training courses related to EMs for staff of different grades and ranks from both SWD and NGOs. These courses aim to enhance participants' knowledge and sensitivity towards the culture, lifestyle and service needs of EMs, thus enabling them to conduct comprehensive assessments and provide services tailored to the needs of EMs.

When providing services for EMs, SWD and subvented NGOs may arrange interpretation services as appropriate through various means. For example, the CHEER Support Service Centre for EMs, operated by the Hong Kong Christian Service, offers translation and interpretation services with funding from the Home Affairs Department. If necessary, NGOs can flexibly allocate the funding provided by SWD to arrange/provide interpretation services, so as to meet service needs and ensure service quality.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(W)293

(Question Serial No. 3369)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Charmaine LEE)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

There are 5 parents/relatives resource centres (PRCs) with specialised ethnic minorities (EM) units. How does the staffing establishment differ for these PRCs compared to those without specialised EM units? Moreover, how many EM families have these PRCs contacted, and how many groups and activities do they organise on an annual basis?

Further to the question above, what is the proportion of EM families, groups, and activities in relation to the overall numbers of specialised EM units?

Asked by: Hon TIK Chi-yuen (LegCo internal reference no.: 141)

Reply:

Regarding PRCs with specialised EM units, additional social workers and supporting staff have been added to their staffing establishment. Details are provided in Table 1 of Annex. For these PRCs, the number of registered EM family memberships and the number of EM groups and activities organised in the past year, along with their proportions to the overall figures, are set out in Tables 2 and 3 of Annex, respectively.

Table 1: Staffing establishment of PRCs ^[Note]

Rank/post	PRC	PRC with specialized EM unit
Social Work Officer	0.125	0.25
Assistant Social Work Officer	2	3
Social Work Assistant	1	1
Welfare Worker/ Special Child Care Worker	1	1
Welfare Worker	1	2
Clerical Assistant	1	1
Workman II	0.667	1

[Note] The Social Welfare Department calculates the amount of subventions based on the staffing establishment. Subject to their compliance with the requirements of the Funding and Service Agreements, service operators may flexibly deploy resources and arrange suitable staffing.

Table 2: Number of registered family memberships ^[Note] **and the proportion of EM family memberships to the overall number of family memberships in PRCs with specialised EM units in 2022-23**

Overall number of family memberships	Number of EM family memberships	Proportion of EM family memberships to the overall number
4 142	274	7%

[Note] Including persons with disabilities and their parents/relatives or carers.

Table 3: Number of groups and activities and the proportion of EM groups and activities to the overall number of groups and activities in PRCs with specialised EM units in 2022-23

Overall number of groups and activities	Number of EM groups and activities	Proportion of EM groups and activities to the overall number
2 952	357	12%

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(W)294

(Question Serial No. 3370)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Charmaine LEE)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Please provide the number of day respite service places provided by day care centres/units for the elderly (DEs/DCUs) and the utilisation rate of day respite service of each DE/DCU in the past 5 years (with a breakdown by District Council (DC) district), as well as the method for calculating the utilisation rates.

Asked by: Hon TIK Chi-yuen (LegCo internal reference no.: 142)

Reply:

The number of day respite service places provided by DEs/DCUs by DC district and their overall utilisation rates from 2019-20 to 2023-24 are set out at Annexes 1 and 2, respectively. The Social Welfare Department does not have information on the utilisation rate of day respite service provided by individual service units.

The utilisation rate of day respite service for the elderly is calculated based on the total attendance of day respite service users, total number of working days provided by DEs/DCUs and total number of day respite service places.

**Number of designated day respite service places provided by
DEs/DCUs by district**

District	No. of service places				
	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24 (as at end- December 2023)
Central & Western	13	13	13	13	11
Eastern	3	3	3	3	3
Wan Chai	3	3	3	3	3
Southern	2	2	2	2	2
Islands	2	2	2	2	2
Kwun Tong	36	36	36	41	41
Wong Tai Sin	6	14	14	14	15
Sai Kung	13	13	13	16	16
Kowloon City	-	-	-	-	-
Sham Shui Po	26	26	26	29	34
Yau Tsim Mong	5	5	5	5	3
Sha Tin	20	20	25	28	31
Tai Po	2	2	12	12	12
North	-	-	5	10	16
Yuen Long	13	13	13	13	13
Tsuen Wan	18	18	18	18	18
Kwai Tsing	12	15	15	15	15
Tuen Mun	15	23	23	28	28
Total	189	208	228	252	263

Utilisation rate of day respite service of DEs/DCUs

Year	Utilisation rate
2019-20	45.78%
2020-21	18.10% ^{Note}
2021-22	27.09% ^{Note}
2022-23	29.87% ^{Note}
2023-24 (as at end-December 2023)	56.35%

^{Note} Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, some elderly persons/carers avoided going out or participating in group activities. As a result, the utilisation rate of day respite service was lower from 2020-21 to 2022-23.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(W)295****(Question Serial No. 3371)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ()Programme: (3) Services for The ElderlyControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Charmaine LEE)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

Please provide the number of waitlisted persons, average waiting time and average monthly cost per case for day care centres/units for the elderly (DEs/DCUs) in the past 5 years.

	No. of waitlisted persons	Average waiting time	Average monthly cost per case
2018-19			
2019-20			
2020-21			
2021-22			
2022-23			

Asked by: Hon TIK Chi-yuen (LegCo internal reference no.: 143)Reply:

The number of persons waitlisted for DEs/DCUs and average waiting time from 2018-19 to 2022-23 are as follows:

Year ^{Note 1}	No. of waitlisted persons ^{Note 2}	Average waiting time (in months) (average of the past 3 months)
2018-19	4 370	12
2019-20	4 519	11
2020-21	3 410	13
2021-22	2 371	8
2022-23	1 581	4

Note 1 The figure refers to the number of persons waitlisting for services at the end of March in the year concerned.

Note 2 The number of waitlisted persons exclude elderly persons classified as inactive cases because of their participation in the Pilot Scheme on Community Care Service Voucher for the Elderly.

The average monthly cost per service place for DEs/DCUs from 2018-19 to 2022-23 is as follows:

Year	Average monthly cost per service place (\$)
2018-19 (Actual)	9,942
2019-20 (Actual)	10,721
2020-21 (Actual)	12,260
2021-22 (Actual)	12,083
2022-23 (Actual)	12,346

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(W)296

(Question Serial No. 3372)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Charmaine LEE)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Please provide the numbers of service units of district elderly community centres (DECCs) and neighbourhood elderly centres (NECs), as well as the respective numbers of counselling cases, cases of hidden or vulnerable elderly persons, and Minimum Data Set - Home Care (MDS-HC) assessments (or "interRAI-HC version 9.3 assessments" since August 2021) handled by DECCs and NECs in the past 5 years.

Asked by: Hon TIK Chi-yuen (LegCo internal reference no.: 144)

Reply:

The number of service units of DECCs and NECs in Hong Kong, the respective numbers of counselling cases and cases of hidden or vulnerable elderly persons handled, as well as the number of cases undergoing MDS-HC assessments in the past 5 years are set out at Annex.

Number of service units of DECCs and NECs in Hong Kong, the respective numbers of counselling cases and cases of hidden or vulnerable elderly persons handled, as well as the number of cases undergoing MDS-HC assessments in the past 5 years

	DECC	NEC
2019-20		
No. of service units	41	170
Counselling cases ^{Note}	12 613	19 550
Cases of hidden or vulnerable elderly persons	1 995	8 723
Cases undergoing MDS-HC assessments	3 201	8 163
2020-21		
No. of service units	41	170
Counselling cases ^{Note}	12 672	20 702
Cases of hidden or vulnerable elderly persons	1 978	8 718
Cases undergoing MDS-HC assessments	3 059	8 117
2021-22		
No. of service units	41	171
Counselling cases ^{Note}	13 015	21 712
Cases of hidden or vulnerable elderly persons	2 016	8 936
Cases undergoing MDS-HC assessments	2 984	8 388
2022-23		
No. of service units	41	172
Counselling cases ^{Note}	12 812	22 473
Cases of hidden or vulnerable elderly persons	1 923	6 633
Cases undergoing MDS-HC assessments	3 429	10 534
2023-24 (as at end-December 2023)		
No. of service units	41	173
Counselling cases ^{Note}	12 805	22 598
Cases of hidden or vulnerable elderly persons	1 829	6 852
Cases undergoing MDS-HC assessments	2 532	8 182

^{Note} The figures exclude the counselling cases handled by individual integrated services centres that adopt an integrated approach in providing services for various types of users (including families, children and youths and elderly persons, etc.).

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(W)297

(Question Serial No. 3373)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Charmaine LEE)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

There were 20 recommendations in the Elderly Services Programme Plan (ESPP) announced by the Elderly Commission in 2017. Could the Government please provide information regarding the financial expenditure incurred thus far in implementing these recommendations? Please provide a breakdown of the financial expenditure and expenditure items associated with the implementation of each recommendation.

Asked by: Hon TIK Chi-yuen (LegCo internal reference no.: 145)

Reply:

The ESPP has put forward a total of 20 short-term and medium to long-term recommendations for the future development of elderly services. The follow-up work on the recommendations is undertaken by the Labour and Welfare Bureau (LWB), Social Welfare Department and other relevant bureaux/departments according to their respective purviews. LWB is also responsible for the overall coordination and monitoring of the progress of the follow-up work on various recommendations in the ESPP. Work has been initiated to implement all 20 recommendations in the ESPP, with some projects already completed and others on-going. Since the follow-up work is carried out to strengthen and enhance existing elderly services, or is part of the regular work of the bureaux/departments concerned, the financial expenditure involved cannot be separately calculated.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(W)298

(Question Serial No. 3374)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Charmaine LEE)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Please provide the respective numbers of service teams, service places and persons waitlisted for Integrated Home Care Services (Frail Cases) [IHCS(FC)] and Enhanced Home and Community Care Services (EHCCS) in various districts in 2021-22, 2022-23 and 2023-24 (as at December 2023), broken down by District Council (DC) district.

Asked by: Hon TIK Chi-yuen (LegCo internal reference no.: 146)

Reply:

The list of service teams providing IHCS(FC) and EHCCS in various districts and the number of service places they provide from 2021-22 to 2023-24, broken down by DC district, are set out at Annexes 1 and 2, respectively.

The numbers of persons waitlisted for IHCS(FC) and EHCCS in various districts from 2021-22 to 2023-24 are set out at Annex 3.

The number of Community Care Service Vouchers (CCSVs) will be increased by 1 000 in 2024-25, bringing the total to 11 000, and will be further increased to 12 000 in 2025-26. More eligible elderly persons will have the flexibility to choose recognised service providers and service packages based on their needs without having to wait.

**List of IHCS(FC) operators and number of service places by district
from 2021-22 to 2023-24 (as at end-December 2023)**

District	Name of service operator	No. of service places
Central & Western	St. James' Settlement	45
	Hong Kong Family Welfare Society	30
	Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui Welfare Council Limited	35
Islands	Hong Kong Family Welfare Society	25
	Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui Welfare Council Limited	20
Wan Chai	St. James' Settlement	45
	Methodist Centre	50
Eastern	Hong Kong Society for the Aged (The)	100
	Tung Wah Group of Hospitals	60
	Methodist Epworth Village Community Centre, Social Welfare	70
	Hong Kong Family Welfare Society	60
	Hong Kong Young Women's Christian Association	70
Southern	Aberdeen Kai-fong Welfare Association Social Service Centre	105
	Caritas - Hong Kong	85
Wong Tai Sin	Association for Engineering and Medical Volunteer Services	70
	Caritas - Hong Kong	70
	Christian Family Service Centre	70
	Neighbourhood Advice-Action Council (The)	70
	Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui Welfare Council Limited	70
	Yang Memorial Methodist Social Service	70
Sai Kung	Caritas - Hong Kong	70
	Hong Kong Family Welfare Society	70
	Salvation Army (The)	35
Kwun Tong	Christian Family Service Centre	165
	Hong Kong Christian Service	120
	Hong Kong Family Welfare Society	145
	Salvation Army (The)	145
Yau Tsim Mong	Yang Memorial Methodist Social Service	45
	Salvation Army (The)	45
	Mongkok Kai-Fong Association Limited (The)	20
Kowloon City	Tung Wah Group of Hospitals	35
	Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui Welfare Council Limited	60
	Hong Kong Young Women's Christian Association	60
Sham Shui Po	Hong Kong Young Women's Christian Association	30
	Hong Kong Christian Service	20
	Hong Kong Family Welfare Society	20
	Caritas - Hong Kong	25
	Sik Sik Yuen	50
	Neighbourhood Advice-Action Council (The)	25
	Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui Welfare Council Limited	40

District	Name of service operator	No. of service places
Sha Tin	Caritas - Hong Kong	80
	Evangelical Lutheran Church Social Service - Hong Kong	85
	Hong Kong Children & Youth Services	105
	Tung Wah Group of Hospitals	80
Tai Po	Hong Kong Children & Youth Services	50
	Salvation Army (The)	50
	United Christian Nethersole Community Health Service	70
North	Caritas - Hong Kong	60
	Hong Kong Evangelical Church Social Service Limited	70
	Hong Kong Young Women's Christian Association	60
Yuen Long	Caritas - Hong Kong	40
	Neighbourhood Advice-Action Council (The)	35
	Pok Oi Hospital	60
	Yan Oi Tong	40
Tsuen Wan	Hong Kong Society for the Aged (The)	90
	Hong Kong Family Welfare Society	110
Kwai Tsing	Hong Kong Family Welfare Society	145
	Hong Kong Society for the Aged (The)	120
	Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui Welfare Council Limited	120
Tuen Mun	Yan Oi Tong	105
	Neighbourhood Advice-Action Council (The)	100
Total		4 120

**List of EHCCS operators and number of service places by district
from 2021-22 to 2023-24 (as at end-December 2023)**

District	Name of service operator	No. of service places
Central & Western	St. James' Settlement	242
Wan Chai	St. James' Settlement	226
Eastern	St. James' Settlement	192
	Methodist Centre	235
	Tung Wah Group of Hospitals	250
Southern	Aberdeen Kai-fong Welfare Association Social Service Centre	200
Islands	Hong Kong Family Welfare Society	105
Yau Tsim Mong	Po Leung Kuk	210
	Tung Wah Group of Hospitals	129
Kowloon City	Tung Wah Group of Hospitals	554
Sham Shui Po	Caritas - Hong Kong	325
	Hong Kong Family Welfare Society	190
	Tung Wah Group of Hospitals	132
Wong Tai Sin	Christian Family Service Centre	505
	Haven of Hope Christian Service	668
Sai Kung	Haven of Hope Christian Service	552
Kwun Tong	Christian Family Service Centre	430
	Haven of Hope Christian Service	245
	Hong Kong Family Welfare Society	535
Sha Tin	Evangelical Lutheran Church Social Service – Hong Kong	520
	Tung Wah Group of Hospitals	275
Tai Po	The Tsung Tsin Mission of Hong Kong Social Service	175
North	Heung Hoi Ching Kok Lin Association	190
Yuen Long	Po Leung Kuk	101
	Yan Oi Tong	225
Tuen Mun	Evangelical Lutheran Church Social Service – Hong Kong	200
	Po Leung Kuk	201
Tsuen Wan	Hong Kong Family Welfare Society	280
	Po Leung Kuk	183
Kwai Tsing	Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui Welfare Council Limited	450
	Po Leung Kuk	520
Total		9 245

Number of persons waitlisted for IHCS(FC) and EHCCS

District	No. of waitlisted persons ^{Note}		
	2021-22 (as at end-March 2022)	2022-23 (as at end-March 2023)	2023-24 (as at end-December 2023)
Central & Western	141	161	233
Eastern	373	455	484
Wan Chai	101	114	126
Southern	181	232	361
Islands	68	97	115
Kwun Tong	431	503	686
Wong Tai Sin	280	274	330
Sai Kung	116	168	287
Kowloon City	118	134	237
Sham Shui Po	180	210	249
Yau Tsim Mong	117	93	154
Sha Tin	489	487	682
Tai Po	188	238	334
North	129	98	168
Yuen Long	163	189	251
Tsuen Wan	152	233	301
Kwai Tsing	458	337	523
Tuen Mun	295	318	318
Total	3 980	4 341	5 839

^{Note} Frail elderly persons who are assessed as suitable for community care services or residential care services under the Standardised Care Need Assessment Mechanism for Elderly Services can be waitlisted for IHCS(FC) and/or EHCCS. The number of waitlisted persons excludes elderly persons classified as inactive cases because of their participation in the CCSV Scheme for the Elderly.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(W)299

(Question Serial No. 3375)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Charmaine LEE)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

The average monthly cost per case for Integrated Home Care Services (IHCS) (Frail Cases) [IHCS(FC)] in 2021-22, 2022-23 and 2023-24.

Asked by: Hon TIK Chi-yuen (LegCo internal reference no.: 147)

Reply:

The average monthly costs per case served for IHCS from 2021-22 to 2023-24 are set out below:

Year	Average monthly cost per case served (\$) ^{Note 1}
2021-22 (Actual)	3,133
2022-23 (Actual) ^{Note 2}	2,931
2023-24 (Revised estimate) ^{Note 2}	3,319

^{Note 1} The Social Welfare Department does not keep separate records of the average monthly cost per case served for IHCS (Ordinary Cases) [IHCS(OC)] and IHCS(FC).

^{Note 2} Starting from January 2023, the average monthly cost of IHCS includes the costs for IHCS(FC), IHCS(OC) and Home Care and Support Services for Elderly Persons with Mild Impairment, which has been converted into a regular measure since January 2023. The above mentioned services are all rendered by IHCS teams.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(W)300

(Question Serial No. 3376)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Charmaine LEE)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

The average monthly cost per case for Enhanced Home and Community Care Services (EHCCS) in 2021-22, 2022-23 and 2023-24.

Asked by: Hon TIK Chi-yuen (LegCo internal reference no.: 148)

Reply:

The average monthly costs per case served for EHCCS from 2021-22 to 2023-24 are set out below:

Year	Average monthly cost per case served (\$)
2021-22 (Actual)	9,398
2022-23 (Actual)	9,597
2023-24 (Revised estimate)	9,984

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(W)301

(Question Serial No. 3377)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): ()
Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Charmaine LEE)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Starting from October 2020, the Government has allocated supervisory manpower resources for allied health professionals (including occupational therapists, physiotherapists, speech therapists, etc.), in relation to Integrated Home Care Services (Frail Cases) and Enhanced Home and Community Care Services. In this connection, please provide:

- i. the ratio of supervisory staff to allied health professionals; and
- ii. The amount of resources allocated for 2021-22, 2022-23, and 2023-24 (as at December 2023).

Asked by: Hon TIK Chi-yuen (LegCo internal reference no.: 149)

Reply:

- i & ii. Since December 2019, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) has increased the recurrent allocation to non-governmental organisations (NGOs) operating subvented welfare services by about \$104 million for the creation of about 94 positions equivalent to the ranks of senior occupational therapists and senior physiotherapists, in order to provide professional supervision and support for frontline therapists. The increased allocation has now been included in NGOs' recurrent subvention. Under the Lump Sum Grant Subvention System, NGOs may, subject to their compliance with the requirements of the Funding and Service Agreement and the relevant statutory staffing requirements, determine their staffing establishment in accordance with their own human resources policies and flexibly deploy resources and employ staff. SWD does not have information on the ratio of supervisory staff to allied health professionals of NGOs.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(W)302

(Question Serial No. 3378)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): ()
Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Charmaine LEE)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Supplementary information sheets (SISs) for Integrated Home Care Services (IHCS) (Ordinary Cases) [IHCS(OC)] have been introduced since 2015 to assist the IHCS teams in processing applications according to consistent standards. Would the Government please provide the following information:

- i. the number of cases where individuals have been assessed by the IHCS teams using the SISs in each quarter of the past 5 years;
- ii. the respective numbers of applicants who have been provided with immediate services, registered on the waiting list, and turned down in each quarter of the past 3 years;
- iii. the respective numbers of cases where elderly persons, persons with disabilities (PWDs), and individuals and families with social needs have been provided with services in each quarter of the past 5 years;
- iv. the respective numbers of service places, service users and persons waitlisted for IHCS(OC) in each quarter of the past 5 years, with a breakdown by District Council (DC) district;
- v. the number of persons waitlisted for various types of primary services in each quarter of the past 5 years;
- vi. the number of persons using meal service, household cleaning service and both services under IHCS(OC) in the past 5 years; and
- vii. the average monthly cost per case for IHCS(OC) in the past 5 years.

Asked by: Hon TIK Chi-yuen (LegCo internal reference no.: 150)

Reply:

The information sought is set out at Annexes 1 to 9.

**Number of cases assessed by IHCS teams using SISs
(from April 2019 to December 2023)**

Quarter	No. of cases
April to June 2019	3 396
July to September 2019	3 143
October to December 2019	2 921
January to March 2020	2 266
April to June 2020	3 004
July to September 2020	2 954
October to December 2020	3 303
January to March 2021	3 435
April to June 2021	3 756
July to September 2021	3 867
October to December 2021	3 724
January to March 2022	2 366
April to June 2022	3 683
July to September 2022	3 991
October to December 2022	3 975
January to March 2023	4 243
April to June 2023	4 041
July to September 2023	4 153
October to December 2023	3 980

**Number of applicants for IHCS(OC) in each quarter by assessment result
(from April 2021 to December 2023)**

Quarter	No. of applicants by assessment result				
	Provided with immediate services	Registered on the waiting list	Application turned down	Application withdrawn by applicant	Total
April to June 2021	1 025	1 967	86	678	3 756
July to September 2021	1 060	1 983	100	724	3 867
October to December 2021	975	1 924	117	708	3 724
January to March 2022	514	1 342	64	446	2 366
April to June 2022	906	1 841	51	885	3 683
July to September 2022	903	2 222	64	802	3 991
October to December 2022	756	2 192	134	893	3 975
January to March 2023	662	2 416	57	871	4 006
April to June 2023	678	2 193	62	924	3 857
July to September 2023	777	2 190	94	908	3 969
October to December 2023	614	2 229	80	850	3 773

**Number of cases of IHCS(OC)
(from April 2019 to December 2023)**

Quarter	No. of cases ^{Note}		
	Elderly persons	PWDs	Individuals and families with social needs
April to June 2019	16 521	1 058	227
July to September 2019	16 552	1 053	244
October to December 2019	16 307	1 040	240
January to March 2020	15 740	999	241
April to June 2020	15 815	990	244
July to September 2020	15 846	979	228
October to December 2020	15 593	962	224
January to March 2021	15 680	959	236
April to June 2021	15 514	954	240
July to September 2021	15 678	933	240
October to December 2021	15 748	919	224
January to March 2022	15 628	888	236
April to June 2022	15 368	839	227
July to September 2022	15 391	827	233
October to December 2022	15 187	828	242
January to March 2023	14 775	818	238
April to June 2023	14 203	826	220
July to September 2023	14 006	817	215
October to December 2023	13 903	832	205

^{Note} The target group of IHCS(OC) includes elderly persons, PWDs and individuals and families with social needs. The above case figures represent the number of persons using the services at the end of each quarter.

Number of service places of IHCS(OC)
(from 2019-20 to 2023-24)

District	No. of service places ^{Note}				
	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24 (as at end- December 2023)
Central & Western	506	507	509	485	479
Eastern	1 414	1 438	1 446	1 332	1 268
Wan Chai	406	367	375	356	342
Southern	850	914	909	900	819
Islands	213	297	299	252	250
Kwun Tong	1 704	1 703	1 714	1 660	1 709
Wong Tai Sin	1 409	1 330	1 330	1 312	1 350
Sai Kung	425	412	368	351	398
Kowloon City	1 235	1 180	1 164	1 130	1 009
Yau Tsim Mong	879	867	815	829	763
Sham Shui Po	1 474	1 494	1 520	1 433	1 452
Sha Tin	1 296	1 235	1 285	1 155	1 043
Tai Po	548	543	505	440	429
North	1 124	1 085	1 002	916	662
Yuen Long	1 041	1 031	1 026	947	844
Tuen Mun	1 028	974	934	854	648
Tsuen Wan	361	412	413	393	418
Kwai Tsing	1 067	1 086	1 138	1 086	1 057
Total	16 980	16 875	16 752	15 831	14 940

^{Note} Non-governmental organisations (NGOs) operating IHCS(OC) set their own service quotas. The figures represent the number of persons receiving the services at the end of the year concerned except for 2023-24. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) does not have a breakdown of the figures by quarter.

Full-year number of service users of IHCS(OC)
(from 2019-20 to 2023-24)

District	Full-year no. of service users ^{Note}				
	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24 (as at end- December 2023)
Central & Western	717	682	696	646	613
Eastern	1 970	1 956	1 994	1 857	1 664
Wan Chai	562	481	481	491	454
Southern	1 196	1 242	1 272	1 271	1 114
Islands	316	384	394	380	351
Kwun Tong	2 256	2 261	2 302	2 327	2 144
Wong Tai Sin	1 826	1 719	1 755	1 762	1 678
Sai Kung	571	538	525	504	495
Kowloon City	1 612	1 509	1 571	1 470	1 305
Yau Tsim Mong	1 235	1 148	1 141	1 132	1 014
Sham Shui Po	1 968	1 945	2 044	1 995	1 785
Sha Tin	1 724	1 674	1 719	1 787	1 408
Tai Po	761	765	707	667	545
North	1 553	1 453	1 407	1 240	1 002
Yuen Long	1 413	1 369	1 415	1 297	1 098
Tuen Mun	1 369	1 276	1 249	1 097	902
Tsuen Wan	572	589	631	593	572
Kwai Tsing	1 769	1 617	1 742	1 698	1 536
Total	23 390	22 608	23 045	22 214	19 680

^{Note} SWD does not have a breakdown of the figures by quarter.

Number of persons waitlisted for IHCS(OC)
(from 2019-20 to 2023-24)

District	No. of waitlisted persons ^{Note}				
	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24 (as at end- December 2023)
Central & Western	47	30	118	103	123
Eastern	146	172	271	239	240
Wan Chai	69	128	129	65	47
Southern	85	140	115	142	220
Islands	-	89	52	74	22
Kwun Tong	861	869	931	693	657
Wong Tai Sin	609	693	677	596	490
Sai Kung	125	155	171	191	193
Kowloon City	104	99	112	138	214
Yau Tsim Mong	82	94	39	17	11
Sham Shui Po	292	325	363	287	308
Sha Tin	506	582	600	555	760
Tai Po	140	181	246	183	312
North	61	114	96	38	61
Yuen Long	151	157	211	229	166
Tuen Mun	261	394	443	411	323
Tsuen Wan	5	8	7	3	-
Kwai Tsing	70	57	40	60	11
Total	3 614	4 287	4 621	4 024	4 158

^{Note} The waiting list is kept and managed by NGOs currently operating IHCS(OC). The above figures represent the number of persons waitlisted for the services at the end of the year concerned except for 2023-24. SWD does not have a breakdown of the figures by quarter.

**Headcount^{Note} of persons waitlisted for
various types of primary services under IHCS(OC)
(from April 2019 to December 2023)**

Quarter	Headcount of persons waitlisted for various types of primary services				
	General household or domestic duties	Meal service	Escort	Personal care	Purchase and delivery of daily necessities
April to June 2019	1 236	1 844	1 176	169	57
July to September 2019	1 209	1 829	1 204	157	62
October to December 2019	1 195	1 771	1 190	145	61
January to March 2020	1 337	2 063	1 294	166	63
April to June 2020	1 280	1 854	1 258	171	63
July to September 2020	1 482	2 179	1 369	209	86
October to December 2020	2 537	1 584	1 522	236	96
January to March 2021	1 605	2 418	1 557	248	101
April to June 2021	1 528	2 441	1 522	205	93
July to September 2021	1 515	2 370	1 522	195	104
October to December 2021	2 514	1 551	1 749	197	119
January to March 2022	1 482	2 558	1 750	236	108
April to June 2022	1 242	2 178	1 624	207	124
July to September 2022	1 427	2 528	1 835	216	135
October to December 2022	1 479	2 532	1 908	195	113
January to March 2023	1 386	2 230	1 764	214	123
April to June 2023	1 428	2 131	1 744	219	116
July to September 2023	1 523	2 193	1 844	215	117
October to December 2023	1 497	2 153	1 773	201	109

^{Note} Elderly persons may be waitlisted for more than 1 service based on their needs. The above figures represent the number of persons waitlisting for the services at the end of each quarter.

Number of persons using meal service under IHCS(OC)
(from 2019-20 to 2023-24)

Year	No. of persons using meal service ^{Note}
2019-20	11 008
2020-21	9 213
2021-22	8 371
2022-23	8 485
2023-24 (as at end-December 2023)	7 923

^{Note} The target group of IHCS(OC) include elderly persons, PWDs and individuals and families with social needs. Therefore, users of meal service include the above target groups. The figures represent the number of persons using meal service at the end of the year concerned except for 2023-24. SWD does not have information on the number of persons using the household cleaning service or the number of persons using the meal service and household cleaning service at the same time.

Average monthly cost per case served for IHCS

Year	Average monthly cost per case served ^{Note 1} (\$)
2019-20 (Actual)	2,453
2020-21 (Actual)	2,735
2021-22 (Actual)	3,133
2022-23 (Actual) ^{Note 2}	2,931
2023-24 (Revised estimate) ^{Note 2}	3,319

Note 1 SWD does not maintain separate records of the average monthly cost per case served for IHCS(OC) or IHCS(Frail Cases)[IHCS(FC)].

Note 2 Starting from January 2023, the average monthly cost for IHCS includes the monthly costs for IHCS(FC), IHCS(OC) and Home Care and Support Services for Elderly Persons with Mild Impairment, which was converted into a regular measure in January 2023. The above mentioned services are all rendered by IHCS teams.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(W)303

(Question Serial No. 3379)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): ()
Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Charmaine LEE)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Please provide the average waiting time for various types of residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs) in the past 5 years using the following table:

	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
Average waiting time (in months)					
Care-and-attention (C&A) place					
Subvented/contract home					
Private RCHE participating in the Enhanced Bought Place Scheme (EBPS)					
Nursing home (NH) place as a whole					
Total					

Asked by: Hon TIK Chi-yuen (LegCo internal reference no.: 151)

Reply:

The average waiting time for various types of subsidised residential care places (RCPs) for the elderly from 2019-20 to 2023-24 is set out below:

	Average waiting time (in months) ^{Note 1}				
	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24 (as at end-December 2023)
C&A home					
- Subvented/contract home	41	42	41	31	18
- Private home under EBPS	9	8	8	4	4
Overall	21	19	18	14	9
NH home ^{Note 2}	27	22	21	18	11

Note 1 It is the average number of months taken for cases to be admitted to subsidised RCPs for the elderly in the last 3 months of the year concerned (except for 2023-24).

Note 2 Including subsidised NH places provided by subvented NHs, self-financing homes and contract homes.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(W)304

(Question Serial No. 3380)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): ()
Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Charmaine LEE)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Please provide the number of elderly persons waitlisted for Integrated Home Care Services (Frail Cases) [IHCS(FC)] and their waiting time, as well as the latest application dates with turn for placement offer, with a breakdown by administrative district of the Social Welfare Department, over the past 5 years.

Asked by: Hon TIK Chi-yuen (LegCo internal reference no.: 152)

Reply:

Both Enhanced Home and Community Care Services (EHCCS) and IHCS(FC) provide home-based community care services for frail elderly persons. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) currently processes the allocation of these 2 services together.

SWD records the number of elderly persons waitlisted for these 2 services by 18 District Council (DC) districts. The related information from 2019-20 to 2023-24 is set out at Annex 1.

The average waiting time for these 2 services from 2019-20 to 2023-24 is set out at Annex 2.

SWD has neither a breakdown of the above statistics by administrative district of SWD, nor information on the latest application dates with turn for placement offer broken down by DC district or administrative district of SWD.

Number of persons waitlisted for IHCS(FC) and EHCCS

District	Number of persons waitlisted ^{Note}				
	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24 (as at end- December 2023)
Central & Western	140	143	141	161	233
Eastern	495	440	373	455	484
Wan Chai	148	95	101	114	126
Southern	235	192	181	232	361
Islands	55	21	68	97	115
Kwun Tong	788	514	431	503	686
Wong Tai Sin	529	343	280	274	330
Sai Kung	292	203	116	168	287
Kowloon City	241	189	118	134	237
Sham Shui Po	218	211	180	210	249
Yau Tsim Mong	131	127	117	93	154
Sha Tin	416	320	489	487	682
Tai Po	247	173	188	238	334
North	303	243	129	98	168
Yuen Long	175	84	163	189	251
Tsuen Wan	286	147	152	233	301
Kwai Tsing	550	468	458	337	523
Tuen Mun	346	330	295	318	318
Total	5 595	4 243	3 980	4 341	5 839

^{Note} Frail elderly persons who are assessed as suitable for Community Care Services (CCS) or Residential Care Services (RCS) under the Standardised Care Need Assessment Mechanism for Elderly Services (SCNAMES) can be waitlisted for IHCS(FC) and/or EHCCS. The number of persons waitlisted does not include elderly persons classified as inactive cases because of their participation in the Community Care Service Voucher (CCSV) Scheme for the Elderly. Except for 2023-24, the figures represent the number of persons waitlisted for services as at the end of March in the year concerned.

Average waiting time for IHCS(FC) and EHCCS

Year	Average waiting time (in months) ^{Note 1} ^{Note 2} (average of the past 3 months)
2019-20	12
2020-21	9
2021-22	6
2022-23	6
2023-24 (as at end-December 2023)	7

Note 1 Frail elderly persons who are assessed as suitable for CCS or RCS under the SCNAMES can be waitlisted for IHCS(FC) and/or EHCCS. Except for 2023-24, the figures represent the average waiting time as at the end of March in the year concerned.

Note 2 In addition, the number of CCSVs will be increased by 1 000 in 2024-25, bringing the total to 11 000, and will be further increased to 12 000 in 2025-26. This allows more eligible elderly persons to have the flexibility to choose recognised service providers and service packages based on their needs without having to wait.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(W)305

(Question Serial No. 3381)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): ()
Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Charmaine LEE)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Please provide the number of elderly persons waitlisted for Enhanced Home and Community Care Services (EHCCS) and their waiting time, as well as the latest application dates with turn for placement offer, with a breakdown by administrative district of the Social Welfare Department, over the past 5 years.

Asked by: Hon TIK Chi-yuen (LegCo internal reference no.: 153)

Reply:

Both EHCCS and Integrated Home Care Services (Frail Cases) [IHCS(FC)] provide home-based community care services for frail elderly persons. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) currently processes the allocation of these 2 services together.

SWD records the number of elderly persons waitlisted for these 2 services by 18 District Council (DC) districts. The related information from 2019-20 to 2023-24 is set out at Annex 1.

The average waiting time for these 2 services from 2019-20 to 2023-24 is set out at Annex 2.

SWD has neither a breakdown of the above statistics by administrative district of SWD, nor information on the latest application dates with turn for placement offer broken down by DC district or administrative district of SWD.

Number of persons waitlisted for IHCS(FC) and EHCCS

District	Number of persons waitlisted ^{Note}				
	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24 (as at end- December 2023)
Central & Western	140	143	141	161	233
Eastern	495	440	373	455	484
Wan Chai	148	95	101	114	126
Southern	235	192	181	232	361
Islands	55	21	68	97	115
Kwun Tong	788	514	431	503	686
Wong Tai Sin	529	343	280	274	330
Sai Kung	292	203	116	168	287
Kowloon City	241	189	118	134	237
Sham Shui Po	218	211	180	210	249
Yau Tsim Mong	131	127	117	93	154
Sha Tin	416	320	489	487	682
Tai Po	247	173	188	238	334
North	303	243	129	98	168
Yuen Long	175	84	163	189	251
Tsuen Wan	286	147	152	233	301
Kwai Tsing	550	468	458	337	523
Tuen Mun	346	330	295	318	318
Total	5 595	4 243	3 980	4 341	5 839

^{Note} Frail elderly persons who are assessed as suitable for Community Care Services (CCS) or Residential Care Services (RCS) under the Standardised Care Need Assessment Mechanism for Elderly Services (SCNAMES) can be waitlisted for IHCS(FC) and/or EHCCS. The number of persons waitlisted does not include elderly persons classified as inactive cases because of their participation in the Community Care Service Voucher (CCSV) Scheme for the Elderly. Except for 2023-24, the figures represent the number of persons waitlisted for services as at the end of March in the year concerned.

Average waiting time for IHCS(FC) and EHCCS

Year	Average waiting time (in months) ^{Note 1} ^{Note 2} (average of the past 3 months)
2019-20	12
2020-21	9
2021-22	6
2022-23	6
2023-24 (as at end-December 2023)	7

Note 1 Frail elderly persons who are assessed as suitable for CCS or RCS under the SCNAMES can be waitlisted for IHCS(FC) and/or EHCCS. Except for 2023-24, the figures represent the average waiting time as at the end of March in the year concerned.

Note 2 The number of CCSVs will be increased by 1 000 in 2024-25, bringing the total to 11 000, and will be further increased to 12 000 in 2025-26. This allows more eligible elderly persons to have the flexibility to choose recognised service providers and service packages based on their needs without having to wait.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(W)306

(Question Serial No. 3382)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (3) Service for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Charmaine LEE)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Please provide the number of elderly persons waitlisted for day care centres/units for the elderly (DEs/DCUs) and their waiting time, as well as the latest application dates with turn for placement offer, with a breakdown by administrative district of the Social Welfare Department (SWD), over the past 5 years.

Asked by: Hon TIK Chi-yuen (LegCo internal reference no.: 154)

Reply:

SWD records the number of elderly persons waitlisted for DEs/DCUs by 18 District Council (DC) districts. The related information from 2019-20 to 2023-24 is set out at Annex 1.

The average waiting time for DEs/DCUs from 2019-20 to 2023-24 is set out at Annex 2.

SWD does not have information on the waiting time broken down by DC district or administrative district of SWD or the latest application dates with turn for placement offer.

Number of persons waitlisted for DEs/DCUs

District	No. of waitlisted persons ^{Note}				
	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24 (as at end- December 2023)
Central & Western	129	95	63	39	32
Eastern	609	539	301	247	225
Wan Chai	77	45	22	26	29
Southern	257	195	143	138	149
Islands	24	25	19	23	21
Kwun Tong	414	179	169	90	132
Wong Tai Sin	515	352	324	179	183
Sai Kung	242	226	127	119	116
Kowloon City	223	172	106	87	107
Sham Shui Po	136	115	83	43	51
Yau Tsim Mong	115	150	82	39	44
Sha Tin	685	622	399	212	355
Tai Po	156	131	96	17	17
North	161	164	99	36	37
Yuen Long	179	44	54	101	130
Tsuen Wan	155	96	73	55	81
Kwai Tsing	237	69	77	35	63
Tuen Mun	205	191	134	95	125
Total	4 519	3 410	2 371	1 581	1 897

^{Note} The number of waitlisted persons exclude elderly persons classified as inactive cases because of their participation in the Community Care Service Voucher Scheme for the Elderly. Except for 2023-24, the figures represent the number of persons waitlisted for services as at the end of March in the year concerned.

Average waiting time for DEs/DCUs

Year	Average waiting time (in months)^{Note} (average of the past 3 months)
2019-20	11
2020-21	13
2021-22	8
2022-23	4
2023-24 (as at end-December 2023)	4

^{Note} Except for 2023-24, the figures represent the average waiting time as at the end of March in the year concerned.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(W)307

(Question Serial No. 3383)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Charmaine LEE)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the third phase of the Pilot Scheme on Community Care Service Voucher (CCSV) for the Elderly (Pilot Scheme on CCSV), please indicate in the table below the number of CCSV holders, the number of persons who withdrew and the financial expenditure involved, with a breakdown by district:

	2021-2022	2022-2023	2023-2024
No. of eligible applicants			
No. of participants			
No. of CCSV recipients			
No. of CCSV holders			
No. of persons who withdrew from the Pilot Scheme			
Amount of annual expenditure involved			
No. of persons who have used their CCSVs			
No. of persons who have not used their CCSVs			

Asked by: Hon TIK Chi-yuen (LegCo internal reference no.: 155)

Reply:

The Government made CCSV permanent in September 2023. Information on the third phase of the Pilot Scheme on CCSV is set out at Annex. The Social Welfare Department does not have statistics on the number of persons who withdrew from the Pilot Scheme, the amount of CCSV subsidy and the number of CCSV holders who have yet to use their CCSVs by district.

Table 1: Statistics on the third phase of the Pilot Scheme on CCSV from 2021-22 to 2023-24

	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24 ^{Note 1}
Cumulative no. of eligible participants	13 148	17 523	19 923
Cumulative no. of participants/CCSV recipients	12 998	17 394	19 820
No. of CCSV holders	8 855	10 184	11 228
No. of persons who have withdrawn from the scheme	3 035	3 067	1 382
CCSV subsidy (\$ million)	314.4	361.7	266.1 ^{Note 2}
No. of CCSV users	6 276	6 933	7 557
No. of CCSV holders who have yet to use their CCSVs	2 579	3 251	3 671

Note 1 The Pilot Scheme on CCSV ended in August 2023 and CCSV was made permanent in September 2023. The figures for 2023-24 were as at end-August 2023.

Note 2 Revised estimate for the third phase of the Pilot Scheme on CCSV for 2023-24.

Table 2: Cumulative number of eligible participants under the third phase of the Pilot Scheme on CCSV from 2021-22 to 2023-24

District	Cumulative no. of eligible participants		
	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24 ^{Note}
Eastern	1 425	2 034	2 335
Wan Chai	123	197	236
Central & Western	263	377	433
Southern	402	624	755
Islands	70	138	164
Kwun Tong	1 598	2 030	2 276
Wong Tai Sin	1 369	1 740	1 970
Sai Kung	653	881	995
Sham Shui Po	515	725	838
Kowloon City	629	800	923
Yau Tsim Mong	403	517	579
Sha Tin	1 524	1 968	2 236
Tai Po	655	819	912
North	485	592	651
Kwai Tsing	1 256	1 598	1 775
Tsuen Wan	535	705	821
Tuen Mun	874	1 233	1 397
Yuen Long	369	545	627
Total	13 148	17 523	19 923

Note The Pilot Scheme on CCSV ended in August 2023 and CCSV was made permanent in September 2023. The figures for 2023-24 were as at end-August 2023.

Table 3: Cumulative number of participants/CCSV recipients under the third phase of the Pilot Scheme on CCSV from 2021-22 to 2023-24

District	Cumulative no. of participants/CCSV recipients		
	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24 ^{Note}
Eastern	1 413	2 012	2 322
Wan Chai	121	197	234
Central & Western	256	373	431
Southern	397	618	751
Islands	70	136	164
Kwun Tong	1 579	2 018	2 266
Wong Tai Sin	1 349	1 728	1 960
Sai Kung	650	871	989
Sham Shui Po	512	718	833
Kowloon City	620	799	918
Yau Tsim Mong	396	515	579
Sha Tin	1 502	1 955	2 221
Tai Po	651	813	909
North	480	591	645
Kwai Tsing	1 245	1 591	1 770
Tsuen Wan	532	699	818
Tuen Mun	866	1 220	1 389
Yuen Long	359	540	621
Total	12 998	17 394	19 820

^{Note} The Pilot Scheme on CCSV ended in August 2023 and CCSV was made permanent in September 2023. The figures for 2023-24 were as at end-August 2023.

Table 4: Number of CCSV holders under the third phase of the Pilot Scheme on CCSV from 2021-22 to 2023-24

District	No. of CCSV holders		
	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24 ^{Note}
Eastern	973	1 245	1 365
Wan Chai	76	126	141
Central & Western	193	242	264
Southern	265	383	457
Islands	47	78	91
Kwun Tong	1 064	1 156	1 270
Wong Tai Sin	903	952	1 047
Sai Kung	447	528	586
Sham Shui Po	319	419	467
Kowloon City	426	462	510
Yau Tsim Mong	281	295	314
Sha Tin	1 028	1 092	1 213
Tai Po	447	454	504
North	316	321	322
Kwai Tsing	882	978	1 046
Tsuen Wan	370	394	464
Tuen Mun	589	756	822
Yuen Long	229	303	345
Total	8 855	10 184	11 228

^{Note} The Pilot Scheme on CCSV ended in August 2023 and CCSV was made permanent in September 2023. The figures for 2023-24 were as at end-August 2023.

Table 5: Number of CCSV users under the third phase of the Pilot Scheme on CCSV from 2021-22 to 2023-24

District	No. of CCSV users ^{Note 1}		
	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24 ^{Note 2}
Eastern	487	551	590
Wan Chai	447	602	230
Central & Western	117	157	670
Southern	200	209	234
Islands	22	25	20
Kwun Tong	802	767	786
Wong Tai Sin	651	638	668
Sai Kung	237	279	304
Sham Shui Po	333	331	407
Kowloon City	362	437	511
Yau Tsim Mong	248	379	429
Sha Tin	525	526	568
Tai Po	330	351	382
North	137	115	115
Kwai Tsing	456	489	496
Tsuen Wan	483	515	549
Tuen Mun	337	452	489
Yuen Long	102	110	109
Total	6 276	6 933	7 557

Note 1 Broken down by district of recognised service provider.

Note 2 The Pilot Scheme on CCSV ended in August 2023 and CCSV was made permanent in September 2023. The figures for 2023-24 were as at end-August 2023.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(W)308****(Question Serial No. 3384)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ()Programme: (3) Services for The ElderlyControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Charmaine LEE)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

Please provide the number of community care service voucher (CCSV) holders under the third phase of the Pilot Scheme on CCSV for the Elderly (Pilot Scheme on CCSV) in different districts by co-payment level using the table below.

Service district	Co-payment level						Total
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4	Level 5	Level 6	
Eastern							
Wan Chai							
Central & Western							
Southern							
Islands							
Kwun Tong							
Wong Tai Sin							
Sai Kung							
Sham Shui Po							
Kowloon City							
Yau Tsim Mong							
Sha Tin							
Tai Po							
North							
Kwai Tsing							
Tsuen Wan							
Tuen Mun							
Yuen Long							
Total							

Asked by: Hon TIK Chi-yuen (LegCo internal reference no.: 156)Reply:

The Government has made the CCSV permanent since September 2023. The number of CCSV users under the third phase of the Pilot Scheme on CCSV as at the end of August 2023 by district of recognised service providers and co-payment level is set out below:

District	No. of CCSV users						
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4	Level 5	Level 6	Total
Eastern	36	344	55	67	11	77	590
Wan Chai	14	121	24	29	1	41	230
Central & Western	65	348	60	63	18	116	670
Southern	26	122	21	25	4	36	234
Islands	7	7	1	1	0	4	20
Kwun Tong	148	403	73	76	15	77	792
Wong Tai Sin	89	356	69	67	14	50	645
Sai Kung	21	153	35	42	8	45	304
Sham Shui Po	82	213	26	41	5	40	407
Kowloon City	77	292	36	58	14	57	534
Yau Tsim Mong	39	244	36	43	4	52	418
Sha Tin	63	332	51	56	11	55	568
Tai Po	51	207	38	35	5	40	376
North	19	67	8	12	2	7	115
Kwai Tsing	112	263	43	45	8	25	496
Tsuen Wan	70	312	59	53	8	58	560
Tuen Mun	93	281	40	42	10	23	489
Yuen Long	21	55	3	9	4	17	109
Total	1 033	4 120	678	764	142	820	7 557

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(W)309

(Question Serial No. 3385)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Charmaine LEE)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

What is the Government's timetable for evaluating the effectiveness of the third phase of the Community Care Service Voucher (CCSV) for the Elderly (CCSV Scheme)?

Asked by: Hon TIK Chi-yuen (LegCo internal reference no.: 157)

Reply:

To gauge the implementation and assess the effectiveness of the third phase of the Pilot Scheme on CCSV, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) conducted an online questionnaire survey from July to August 2022 to collect feedback from stakeholders, including recognised service providers (RSPs), service users and carers, and visited the management and frontline staff of service operators. The survey revealed that the Pilot Scheme was well-received by service users and their carers. Most respondents reported that CCSVs helped address the caring needs of elderly persons, improve their physical conditions and enhance their quality of life while effectively alleviating the stress of carers. Most respondents were also satisfied with the service quality of RSPs. The Government has made the CCSV permanent since September 2023, and will increase the number of CCSVs by 1 000 in 2024-25, bringing the total to 11 000, and will further increase the number to 12 000 in 2025-26.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(W)310

(Question Serial No. 3386)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Charmaine LEE)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

What is the total subvention for residential child care services (RCCS) at present? How much subvention is granted to each service operator? Please provide a detailed breakdown of the total allocation for each service operator.

Asked by: Hon TIK Chi-yuen (LegCo internal reference no.: 158)

Reply:

At present, there are 21 non-governmental organisations (NGOs) funded by the Social Welfare Department (SWD) under the Lump Sum Grant Subvention System (LSGSS) to operate RCCS, including foster care service, small group homes and residential homes for children (i.e. residential child care centres, children's homes and boys'/girls' homes/hostels). The provisional allocation for each NGO in 2024-25, which involves a total sum of about \$953 million, is set out at Annex.

Under the LSGSS, subject to their compliance with the requirements of the Funding and Service Agreements and the relevant statutory staffing requirements, NGOs operating subvented welfare services may determine their staffing establishment in accordance with their own human resources policies, and flexibly deploy resources and employ staff to achieve the service output and outcome required. Therefore, SWD does not have a detailed breakdown of the funding allocated to each service operator.

NGOs operating subvented RCCS and their provisional allocations in 2024-25

Name of NGO	Provisional allocation in 2024-25 ^[Note] (\$ million)
1. Caritas - Hong Kong	40.1
2. Evangelical Free Church of China - Evangel Children's Home	15.1
3. Hong Kong Children and Youth Services	34.8
4. Hong Kong Christian Service	85.6
5. Hong Kong Juvenile Care Centre	23.1
6. Hong Kong Family Welfare Society	51.8
7. Hong Kong Society for the Protection of Children	53.0
8. The Hong Kong Student Aid Society Limited	76.3
9. International Social Service Hong Kong Branch	68.5
10. Hong Kong Lutheran Social Service, the Lutheran Church - Hong Kong Synod Limited	16.4
11. Mother's Choice Limited	12.2
12. The Mother Superior of the Congregation of Our Lady of Charity of the Good Shepherd of Angers at Hong Kong	27.3
13. Po Leung Kuk	166.8
14. Project Care	12.1
15. Sheng Kung Hui St. Christopher's Home Limited	68.9
16. Society of Boys' Centres	71.6
17. The Boys' and Girls' Clubs Association of Hong Kong	26.8
18. The Salvation Army	27.9
19. The Superioress of the Sisters of the Precious Blood	17.6
20. Tung Wah Group of Hospitals	42.8
21. Yan Chai Hospital	14.0

[Note] The above allocations do not include agency-based subventions (e.g. subventions for central administration).

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(W)311

(Question Serial No. 3387)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Charmaine LEE)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Please provide the unit cost (average cost per place per month) of the following service types for the past 5 financial years: residential crèche, residential nursery, children's home, boys'/girls' home, boys'/girls' hostel, children's reception centre, small group home (SGH) and foster care service.

Asked by: Hon TIK Chi-yuen (LegCo internal reference no.: 159)

Reply:

The average cost per place per month for foster care service, SGH and residential home for children (RHC) (including residential crèche, residential nursery, children's home, boys'/girls' home, boys/girls' hostel and children's reception centre) for the past 5 financial years by type of service is tabulated as follows:

Year	Average cost per place per month (\$)		
	Foster care service	SGH	RHC
2019-20 (Actual)	18,772	27,333	22,769
2020-21 (Actual)	18,948	27,263	23,612
2021-22 (Actual)	19,252	27,240	22,819
2022-23 (Actual)	20,578	28,134	23,544
2023-24 (Revised estimate)	22,748	29,765	25,708

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(W)312****(Question Serial No. 3388)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ()Programme: (1) Family and Child WelfareControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Charmaine LEE)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

Please provide the annual funding amount and the corresponding calculation method for the following services:

- i. Agency-based Enhancement of Professional Staff Support Services in Residential Care Homes (since 2014); and
- ii. Agency-based Enhancement of Clinical Psychological Support Services for Children under Foster Care (since 2020).

Asked by: Hon TIK Chi-yuen (LegCo internal reference no.: 160)Reply:

The Social Welfare Department determines the funding amounts for Agency-based Enhancement of Professional Staff Support Services in Residential Care Homes and Agency-based Enhancement of Clinical Psychological Support Services for Children under Foster Care according to the staffing establishments set out in the relevant Funding and Service Agreements (FSAs) and operational needs.

The annual funding for Agency-based Enhancement of Professional Staff Support Services in Residential Care Homes in the past 5 financial years is tabulated as follows:

Year	Amount (\$ million)
2019-20 (Actual)	29.6
2020-21 (Actual)	29.8
2021-22 (Actual)	29.4
2022-23 (Actual)	29.8
2023-24 (Revised estimate)	31.5

The annual funding for Agency-based Enhancement of Clinical Psychological Support Services for Children under Foster Care in the past 4 financial years is tabulated as follows:

Year	Amount (\$ million)
2020-21 (Actual)	1.9
2021-22 (Actual)	3.7
2022-23 (Actual)	3.8
2023-24 (Revised estimate)	4.0

Under the Lump Sum Grant Subvention System, non-governmental organisations operating subvented welfare services may, subject to their compliance with the requirements of the FSAs and the relevant statutory staffing requirements, determine the staffing establishment and remuneration of their staff in accordance with their own human resources policies, and flexibly deploy resources and employ staff to achieve the service output and outcome required.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(W)313

(Question Serial No. 3389)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Charmaine LEE)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

What was the number of reported cases of suspected/confirmed abuse regarding users of residential child care service (RCCS) received under the Social Welfare Department (SWD)'s mechanism of Special Incident Report over the past 5 financial years? Please set out the numbers of suspected and confirmed cases by identity of the suspected perpetrator.

Asked by: Hon TIK Chi-yuen (LegCo internal reference no.: 161)

Reply:

The number of special incident reports received by SWD from 2019 to 2023 in respect of suspected abuse of RCCS users, the figures on the identity of the suspected perpetrator and the number of confirmed cases are set out as follows:

Year	Identity of suspected perpetrator		Total number of cases
	Staff member/Carer (cases)	Resident (cases)	
2019	4 (1 case was confirmed)	4 (1 case was confirmed)	8
2020	-	4 (3 cases were confirmed)	4
2021	13 (8 cases were confirmed)	9 (5 cases were confirmed)	22
2022	16 (3 cases were confirmed)	5 (3 cases were confirmed)	21
2023	14 (10 cases were confirmed)	5 (5 cases were confirmed)	19

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(W)314

(Question Serial No. 3390)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Charmaine LEE)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

What were the numbers of children who withdrew from residential child care services (RCCS) for reasons such as independent living, adoption, family reunion, transfer to other types of care services or others, their average length of stay in days and their average age at which they withdrew from RCCS over the past 5 financial years?

Asked by: Hon TIK Chi-yuen (LegCo internal reference no.: 162)

Reply:

Reasons for children to withdraw from RCCS and other information sought for the past 5 years are set out at Annex.

Reasons for children to withdraw from RCCS, number of children withdrawn, average length of stay in months and average age of withdrawal

Year	2019			2020			2021			2022			2023		
	Number of children withdrawn	Average length of stay (month) <small>[Note]</small>	Average age of withdrawal	Number of children withdrawn	Average length of stay (month) <small>[Note]</small>	Average age of withdrawal	Number of children withdrawn	Average length of stay (month) <small>[Note]</small>	Average age of withdrawal	Number of children withdrawn	Average length of stay (month) <small>[Note]</small>	Average age of withdrawal	Number of children withdrawn	Average length of stay (month) <small>[Note]</small>	Average age of withdrawal
Independent living	20	68.6	17.4	20	66.8	19.1	25	83.1	18.4	20	75.8	19.1	61	63.8	19.1
Adoption	18	16.3	2.6	30	22.1	2.7	34	14.7	2.4	32	26.4	3.4	34	30.0	5.1
Family reunion	775	26.1	12	692	28.2	12.4	733	29.0	12.6	782	28.8	12.6	654	19.8	12.9
Transfer to other types of care services	507	22.8	9.0	463	25.6	8.9	536	22.2	9.1	459	24.0	9.4	439	26.2	10.1
Other reasons	81	25.5	15.7	64	24.5	14.3	68	30.4	14.2	51	26.1	13.1	74	17.9	12.8

[Note] The Social Welfare Department usually calculates the average length of stay for children who have withdrawn from RCCS in months. To ensure consistency of information and for ease of cross-referencing, the above figures are also calculated in months.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(W)315

(Question Serial No. 3391)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Charmaine LEE)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

What were the numbers of places and additional places, the average number of children waitlisted and their average waiting time, the enrolment rate, the average length of stay in days, and the average age of children receiving various types of residential child care services (RCCS) for the past 5 financial years?

Asked by: Hon TIK Chi-yuen (LegCo internal reference no.: 163)

Reply:

The numbers of places and additional places of various types of RCCS, the average number of children waitlisted and their average waiting time, the enrolment rate, the average length of stay in days, and the average age of children receiving RCCS for the past 5 financial years are set out at Annex.

Numbers of places and additional places of various types of RCCS, average number of children waitlisted and their average waiting time, enrolment rate, average length of stay in days, and average age of children receiving RCCS

Item	Year	Ordinary service					Emergency service ^[Note 1]				
		Foster care service	Residential crèche/nursery	Small group home (SGH)	Children's home	Boys'/Girls' home/hostel	Foster care service (emergency)	Residential crèche (emergency placement)	Emergency/short-term care in SGH	Children's home (emergency placement)	Children's reception centre
Number of places	2019-20	1 015	192	924	413	1 098	115	20	42	5	95
	2020-21	1 015	192	924	413	1 107	115	20	42	5	95
	2021-22	1 015	192	924	413	1 107	115	20	42	5	95
	2022-23	1 015	192	954	413	1 107	115	20	46	5	95
	2023-24 ^[Note 2]	1 100 ^[Note 3]	192	978	413	1 107	130 ^[Note 3]	20	49	5	95
Number of additional places	2019-20	-	-	30	-	45	-	-	5	-	-
	2020-21	-	-	-	-	9	-	-	-	-	-
	2021-22	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	2022-23	-	-	30	-	-	-	-	4	-	-
	2023-24 ^[Note 2]	85 ^[Note 3]	-	24	-	-	15 ^[Note 3]	-	3	-	-
Number of children waitlisted (monthly average)	2019-20	273	37	257	37	105	N.A.				
	2020-21	249	38	261	33	93					
	2021-22	314	48	363	52	124					
	2022-23	289	50	388	90	156					
	2023-24 ^[Note 4]	292	62	342	78	140					
Average waiting time (day)	2019-20	55	229	153	201	44	N.A.				
	2020-21	56	233	167	164	44					
	2021-22	51	259	140	114	29					
	2022-23	55	266	144	152	43					
	2023-24 ^[Note 4]	63	274	178	186	61					
Enrolment rate ^[Note 5]	2019-20	81%	93%	95%	90%	78%	N.A.				73%
	2020-21	82%	92%	92%	86%	72%					70%
	2021-22	81%	93%	92%	88%	75%					75%
	2022-23	78%	88%	90%	90%	74%					67%
	2023-24 ^[Note 4]	72%	88%	90%	87%	76%					62%
Average length of stay (day) ^[Note 5]	2019-20	860	725	979	1 534	626	N.A.				220
	2020-21	1 233	755	885	1 616	670					208
	2021-22	948	727	1 025	1 430	636					185
	2022-23	1 062	740	982	1 495	653					217
	2023-24 ^[Note 4]	1 294	776	1 101	1 344	618					224
Average age of children (year) ^[Note 5]	As at end-December 2019	7.4	2.7	12.2	13.6	14.7	N.A.				4.2
	As at end-December 2020	7.1	2.8	12.4	14.0	15.1					3.8
	As at end-December 2021	7.0	3.0	12.3	13.5	15.0					4.4
	As at end-December 2022	7.1	3.0	12.4	13.5	15.0					4.3
	As at end-December 2023	7.2	3.0	12.3	13.6	14.8					5.1

N.A. - Not applicable

- [Note 1] Caseworkers may directly enquire with service units that provide emergency services, and arrange for children to be placed as soon as vacancies are available. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) does not have the statistics on the number of children waitlisted and their average waiting time for emergency residential services.
- [Note 2] Statistics as at 31 December 2023.
- [Note 3] In 2023-24, there were a total of 100 additional places for foster care service, including 85 foster care places and 15 foster care (emergency) places.
- [Note 4] Statistics from April to December 2023.
- [Note 5] The figures include both ordinary and emergency services. SWD does not have a breakdown of figures by these 2 types of service.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(W)316

(Question Serial No. 3392)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Charmaine LEE)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

What is the amount of funding allocated to each organisation that operates kindergarten (KG) social work services? What is the total number of service users, and what is the service cost per user?

Asked by: Hon TIK Chi-yuen (LegCo internal reference no.: 164)

Reply:

To facilitate early identification of and assistance to pre-primary children and their families with welfare needs, the Government has regularised the Social Work Service for Pre-primary Institutions (SWSPPI) since 2022-23, currently covering about 120 000 pre-primary children and their families. The revised estimate of expenditure for 2023-24 is about \$450 million. On the basis that each social work team provides service for about 16 pre-primary institutions (including aided child care centres (CCCs), KGs and KG-cum-CCCs), each team can receive an annual funding of about \$8.1 million. As SWSPPI covers various services and target groups, the Social Welfare Department does not have information on the service cost per user.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(W)317

(Question Serial No. 3393)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Charmaine LEE)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

How many kindergarten (KG) students in Hong Kong are covered by KG social work services? How many KG students are not covered? How can we ensure that they and their families receive sufficient protection and support?

Asked by: Hon TIK Chi-yuen (LegCo internal reference no.: 165)

Reply:

To facilitate early identification of and assistance to pre-primary children and their families with welfare needs, the Government has regularised the Social Work Service for Pre-primary Institutions (SWSPPI) since 2022-23, currently covering about 120 000 pre-primary children and their families. According to the information of the Social Welfare Department (SWD) and the Education Bureau as at February 2024, there were a total of 759 aided pre-primary institutions (including aided child care centres (CCCs), KGs and KG-cum-CCCs) in Hong Kong, and 752 of them have received SWSPPI. SWD does not have information on the number of students in respective KGs.

Individuals or families in need, regardless of whether they have benefited from SWSPPI, may seek assistance and support from the respective integrated family service centres serving their localities.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(W)318

(Question Serial No. 3394)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Charmaine LEE)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

What is the annual expenditure for the Family and Child Protective Services Units (FCPSUs)? What are the total number of service users per year and the service cost per user? What are the number of staff members, their lengths of service, and turnover rates in different positions?

Asked by: Hon TIK Chi-yuen (LegCo internal reference no.: 166)

Reply:

The staffing establishment of FCPSUs under the Social Welfare Department (SWD) comprises 14 Senior Social Work Officers, 155 Social Work Officers and 51 Assistant Social Work Officers. The revised estimate of expenditure for FCPSUs in 2023-24 was \$313 million. SWD does not have information on the total number of service users, service cost per user, or the length of service and turnover rate of staff in FCPSUs.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(W)319

(Question Serial No. 3395)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): ()
Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Charmaine LEE)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

What is the estimated expenditure for increasing the manpower of the Family and Child Protective Services Units (FCPSUs) to handle work related to the introduction of the mandatory reporting regime (MRR) for suspected child abuse cases? What is the estimated service volume after enacting the legislation? What is the estimated expenditure for enhancing other related services? What is the estimated corresponding increase in service volume?

Asked by: Hon TIK Chi-yuen (LegCo internal reference no.: 167)

Reply:

With reference to the experiences of overseas jurisdictions, the implementation of MRR would lead to an increase in reported cases. The Government has allocated an additional provision of \$24.1 million in 2023-24 (\$24.2 million additional full-year provision with effect from 2024-25) for creating 41 permanent posts, enhancing the Government's enforcement and support capacity, providing appropriate training to practitioners in the relevant professions and strengthening the promotion and public education work on child protection, with a view to complementing the implementation of MRR. In particular, starting from 2023-24, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) will gradually increase manpower to follow up on the cases of FCPSUs and handle work related to MRR. The addition of 18 officers of the Social Work Officer grade will incur an estimated annual expenditure of about \$18.4 million.

In addition, the Government will allocate an additional provision of \$171.9 million in 2024-25 (additional full-year provision of \$186.5 million from 2025-26) to increase the number of emergency residential care places and strengthen professional support for child abuse victims and their families, so as to make preparations for coping with possible upsurge of reported child abuse cases after the MRR has come into effect.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(W)320

(Question Serial No. 3396)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): ()
Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Charmaine LEE)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Please provide the following information for the past 5 years:

- i. the numbers of Bought Place Scheme (BPS) and non-BPS places of various types of subsidised residential care services (RCS) for persons with disabilities (PWDs), the average and median waiting time, broken down by gender, age and district;
- ii. the per capita cost, fees and charges and total subsidy amount as regards BPS and non-BPS places of various types of subsidised RCS for PWDs;
- iii. the total number of PWDs who passed away or withdrew their applications while waiting for residential places, and their percentages out of the number of waitlisted persons, broken down by age;
- iv. the number of persons having left residential care homes for persons with disabilities (RCHDs) and their reasons for leaving, broken down by type of residential care homes; and
- v. the number of surprise inspections of private RCHDs under the Enhanced Bought Place Scheme conducted by the Licensing Office of Residential Care Homes for the Elderly of the Social Welfare Department (SWD).

Asked by: Hon TIK Chi-yuen (LegCo internal reference no.: 168)

Reply:

- i. The number of places for various types of residential rehabilitation services for PWDs in each of the past 5 years, with a breakdown by SWD's administrative district, is set out in Tables 1 to 5 of Annex 1. The average waiting time is set out at Annex 2. The number of applicants for admission to various types of residential rehabilitation services for PWDs, with a breakdown by SWD's administrative district and age group, is set out in Tables 1 to 45 of Annex 3. SWD does not have statistical information on the median waiting time. As services are allocated to applicants on the Central Referral System for Rehabilitation Services of SWD in sequential order without considering gender, SWD does not have statistical information on the applicants' gender. As there is no central waiting list for the BPS for private RCHDs, SWD does not have statistical information on the number of applicants.

- ii. SWD does not have information on the average cost of each type of residential rehabilitation services. The average cost per place per month for the overall residential rehabilitation services for PWDs in each of the past 5 years is set out at Annex 4. The fees and charges for various types of subsidised residential rehabilitation services are set out at Annex 5. The total subsidy amount is set out at Annex 6.
- iii. The number of persons who passed away or withdrew their applications while waiting for residential rehabilitation services for PWDs in each of the past 5 years and their percentages out of the number of waitlisted persons are set out in Tables 1 to 5 of Annex 7. SWD does not have a breakdown of these figures by age or types of disabilities of the applicants.
- iv. The number of persons having left RCHDs in each of the past 5 years and their reasons for leaving are set out in Tables 1 to 5 of Annex 8.
- v. The number of surprise inspections at private RCHDs under BPS conducted by the Licensing Office of RCHDs (LORCHD) of SWD in each of the past 5 years is set out at Annex 9.

**Table 1: Number of service places for various types of residential rehabilitation services
in 2019-20
(by SWD's administrative district)**

District	HMMH	HSMH	HSPH	C&A/ SD	C&A/ AB	SGH (MMHC) Note	SHOS	HWH	LSCH	Private RCHD under BPS
Central Western, Southern and Islands	336	652	109	200	375	0	79	168	170	0
Eastern and Wan Chai	85	158	58	100	0	8	40	144	0	46
Kwun Tong	358	282	115	51	0	3	61	144	0	0
Wong Tai Sin and Sai Kung	188	359	100	88	0	33	96	237	0	0
Kowloon City and Yau Tsim Mong	304	137	20	0	52	0	19	0	0	308
Sham Shui Po	80	206	0	32	78	0	50	169	200	90
Sha Tin	236	520	138	102	0	17	93	206	0	0
Tai Po and North	180	304	0	100	0	64	101	80	0	192
Yuen Long	237	158	50	100	80	0	86	104	80	27
Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing	218	721	25	202	0	3	83	162	525	181
Tuen Mun	436	432	50	67	243	0	36	180	612	174
Total	2 658	3 929	665	1 042	828	128	744	1 594	1 587	1 018

Note SGHs(MMHC) include integrated small group homes (ISGHs).

Legend

HMMH - hostel for moderately mentally handicapped persons

HSMH - hostel for severely mentally handicapped persons

HSPH - hostel for severely physically handicapped persons

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

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

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

SHOS - supported hostel

HWH - halfway house

LSCH - long stay care home

Private RCHD under BPS - private RCHD under the Bought Place Scheme

**Table 2: Number of service places for various types of residential rehabilitation services
in 2020-21
(by SWD's administrative district)**

District	HMMH	HSMH	HSPH	C&A/ SD	C&A/ AB	SGH (MMHC) Note	SHOS	HWH	LSCH	Private RCHD under BPS
Central Western, Southern and Islands	376	682	109	200	375	0	79	168	170	0
Eastern and Wan Chai	85	158	58	100	0	8	40	144	0	46
Kwun Tong	409	332	165	101	0	3	101	144	0	0
Wong Tai Sin and Sai Kung	188	359	100	88	0	33	96	237	0	0
Kowloon City and Yau Tsim Mong	304	137	20	0	52	0	19	0	0	308
Sham Shui Po	131	257	0	72	78	0	50	169	200	90
Sha Tin	236	520	138	102	0	17	93	206	0	0
Tai Po and North	180	304	0	100	0	64	101	80	0	192
Yuen Long	237	158	50	100	80	0	86	104	80	27
Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing	218	721	25	202	0	3	83	162	525	181
Tuen Mun	436	432	50	67	243	0	36	180	612	174
Total	2 800	4 060	715	1 132	828	128	784	1 594	1 587	1 018

Note SGHs(MMHC) include ISGHs.

**Table 3: Number of service places for various types of residential rehabilitation services
in 2021-22
(by SWD's administrative district)**

District	HMMH	HSMH	HSPH	C&A/ SD	C&A/ AB	SGH (MMHC) Note	SHOS	HWH	LSCH	Private RCHD under BPS
Central Western, Southern and Islands	376	682	109	200	375	0	79	168	170	0
Eastern and Wan Chai	85	158	58	100	0	8	40	144	0	46
Kwun Tong	409	332	165	101	0	3	101	144	0	0
Wong Tai Sin and Sai Kung	188	359	100	88	0	33	96	237	0	0
Kowloon City and Yau Tsim Mong	304	137	20	0	52	0	19	0	0	365
Sham Shui Po	131	257	0	72	78	0	70	169	200	100
Sha Tin	236	520	138	102	0	17	93	206	0	0
Tai Po and North	180	304	0	100	0	64	101	80	0	235
Yuen Long	237	158	50	100	80	0	86	104	80	27
Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing	218	721	25	202	0	3	83	162	525	309
Tuen Mun	436	432	50	67	243	0	36	180	612	182
Total	2 800	4 060	715	1 132	828	128	804	1 594	1 587	1 264

Note SGHs(MMHC) include ISGHs.

**Table 4: Number of service places for various types of residential rehabilitation services
in 2022-23
(by SWD's administrative district)**

District	HMMH	HSMH	HSPH	C&A/ SD	C&A/ AB	SGH (MMHC) Note	SHOS	HWH	LSCH	Private RCHD under BPS
Central Western, Southern and Islands	376	682	109	200	375	0	79	168	170	0
Eastern and Wan Chai	85	158	58	100	0	8	40	144	0	46
Kwun Tong	409	332	165	101	0	3	101	144	0	0
Wong Tai Sin and Sai Kung	188	359	100	88	0	33	96	237	0	0
Kowloon City and Yau Tsim Mong	304	137	20	0	52	0	19	0	0	365
Sham Shui Po	182	309	0	72	78	0	102	169	200	100
Sha Tin	236	520	138	102	0	17	123	206	0	0
Tai Po and North	180	304	0	100	0	64	101	80	0	235
Yuen Long	237	158	50	100	80	0	86	104	80	27
Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing	218	721	25	202	0	3	83	162	525	424
Tuen Mun	436	432	50	67	243	0	36	180	612	182
Total	2 851	4 112	715	1 132	828	128	866	1 594	1 587	1 379

Note SGHs(MMHC) include ISGHs.

**Table 5: Number of service places for various types of residential rehabilitation services
in 2023-24
(by SWD's administrative district)
(as at 31 December 2023)**

District	HMMH	HSMH	HSPH	C&A/ SD	C&A/ AB	SGH (MMHC) Note 1	SHOS	HWH	LSCH	Private RCHD under BPS Note 2
Central Western, Southern and Islands	376	682	109	200	375	0	79	168	170	0
Eastern and Wan Chai	85	158	58	100	0	8	40	144	0	46
Kwun Tong	409	332	165	101	0	3	101	144	0	0
Wong Tai Sin and Sai Kung	188	370	100	88	0	33	96	237	0	0
Kowloon City and Yau Tsim Mong	304	137	20	0	52	0	19	0	0	365
Sham Shui Po	182	309	0	72	78	0	102	169	200	100
Sha Tin	236	520	138	102	0	17	123	206	0	0
Tai Po and North	180	304	0	100	0	64	101	80	0	235
Yuen Long	237	158	50	100	80	0	86	104	80	27
Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing	218	721	25	202	0	3	83	162	525	365
Tuen Mun	511	432	125	67	243	0	36	180	1 012	182
Total	2 926	4 123	790	1 132	828	128	866	1 594	1 987	1 320

Note 1 SGHs(MMHC) include ISGHs.

Note 2 Including the reduction of 51 service places due to termination of contract for 1 private RCHD under BPS in September 2023, and the reduction of 8 service places prior to the closure of 1 private RCHD under BPS in December 2023.

**Average waiting time for various types of residential rehabilitation services
from 2019-20 to 2023-24**

Service type	Average waiting time (in months)				
	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24 ^{Note 1}
HMMH	144.3	127.6	144.8	154.1	Not yet available
HSMH	160.5	156.1	150.8	171.1	
HSPH	123.6	77.8	80.9	73.0	
C&A/SD	68.4	64.3	65.6	60.6	
C&A/AB	9.9	13.8	10.7	5.1	
SGH(MMHC) ^{Note 2}	8.7	13.1	15.1	17.5	
SHOS	47.3	71.8	63.5	78.8	
HWH	5.4	4.7	4.2	4.2	
LSCH	57.8	64.9	57.8	72.3	
Private RCHD under BPS ^{Note 3}	Not applicable				

Note 1 As the average waiting time is compiled on a financial-year basis covering the 1st day of April of a year to the 31st day of March of the next year, the figures for 2023-24 are not yet available.

Note 2 SGHs(MMHC) include ISGHs.

Note 3 There is no central waiting list or statistical information on the waiting time for BPS. For applicants on the waiting list for LSCHs, HMMHs, HWHs and SHOSs under the Central Referral System for Rehabilitation Services, BPS places are allocated by SWD according to the preference of the applicants who have indicated acceptance of BPS.

**Table 1: Number of applicants for HSMHs in 2019-20
(by SWD's administrative district and age group)**

District	Number of applicants							
	Aged 15 to 19	Aged 20 to 29	Aged 30 to 39	Aged 40 to 49	Aged 50 to 59	Aged 60 to 69	Aged 70 to 79	Aged 80 or above
Central Western, Southern and Islands	28	69	39	14	20	4	1	0
Eastern and Wan Chai	30	88	44	20	22	12	7	0
Kwun Tong	45	86	57	19	19	14	2	0
Wong Tai Sin and Sai Kung	47	129	55	23	22	19	2	0
Kowloon City and Yau Tsim Mong	46	82	44	24	16	4	3	0
Sham Shui Po	31	53	39	11	19	8	1	0
Sha Tin	25	69	36	14	13	10	3	0
Tai Po and North	38	99	32	8	6	5	4	0
Yuen Long	42	105	33	25	25	12	2	0
Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing	41	97	61	35	25	17	2	0
Tuen Mun	22	61	64	27	30	20	1	0
Total	395	938	504	220	217	125	28	0

**Table 2: Number of applicants for HSMHs in 2020-21
(by SWD's administrative district and age group)**

District	Number of applicants							
	Aged 15 to 19	Aged 20 to 29	Aged 30 to 39	Aged 40 to 49	Aged 50 to 59	Aged 60 to 69	Aged 70 to 79	Aged 80 or above
Central Western, Southern and Islands	37	57	40	16	18	6	1	1
Eastern and Wan Chai	29	85	52	20	17	10	7	0
Kwun Tong	38	87	57	20	20	13	3	0
Wong Tai Sin and Sai Kung	45	136	59	18	21	21	1	0
Kowloon City and Yau Tsim Mong	36	83	36	22	12	6	2	0
Sham Shui Po	36	56	32	16	19	8	0	0
Sha Tin	29	63	38	11	12	10	3	0
Tai Po and North	40	97	32	6	11	4	4	0
Yuen Long	53	105	39	25	21	17	1	0
Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing	39	92	57	31	27	19	2	0
Tuen Mun	24	57	62	35	23	25	3	0
Total	406	918	504	220	201	139	27	1

**Table 3: Number of applicants for HSMHs in 2021-22
(by SWD's administrative district and age group)**

District	Number of applicants							
	Aged 15 to 19	Aged 20 to 29	Aged 30 to 39	Aged 40 to 49	Aged 50 to 59	Aged 60 to 69	Aged 70 to 79	Aged 80 or above
Central Western, Southern and Islands	34	57	37	18	18	14	1	1
Eastern and Wan Chai	28	90	48	18	16	10	7	0
Kwun Tong	37	90	56	21	20	12	3	0
Wong Tai Sin and Sai Kung	49	130	59	20	19	21	2	0
Kowloon City and Yau Tsim Mong	37	85	36	19	17	4	3	0
Sham Shui Po	27	59	30	20	14	11	1	0
Sha Tin	30	60	40	9	10	9	4	0
Tai Po and North	38	97	42	8	13	5	4	0
Yuen Long	43	108	44	21	22	18	2	0
Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing	37	86	50	33	29	15	6	0
Tuen Mun	26	53	53	34	21	27	4	0
Total	386	915	495	221	199	146	37	1

**Table 4: Number of applicants for HSMHs in 2022-23
(by SWD's administrative district and age group)**

District	Number of applicants							
	Aged 15 to 19	Aged 20 to 29	Aged 30 to 39	Aged 40 to 49	Aged 50 to 59	Aged 60 to 69	Aged 70 to 79	Aged 80 or above
Central Western, Southern and Islands	36	54	38	15	16	19	2	1
Eastern and Wan Chai	30	90	46	17	18	12	6	0
Kwun Tong	33	91	55	27	20	11	3	0
Wong Tai Sin and Sai Kung	52	127	59	20	22	19	2	0
Kowloon City and Yau Tsim Mong	41	88	36	26	15	1	4	0
Sham Shui Po	29	52	31	25	12	11	1	0
Sha Tin	35	62	35	12	12	12	7	0
Tai Po and North	36	90	45	10	14	4	5	0
Yuen Long	42	107	44	22	21	18	3	0
Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing	35	92	46	33	31	15	4	0
Tuen Mun	28	50	53	35	20	24	2	0
Total	397	903	488	242	201	146	39	1

**Table 5: Number of applicants for HSMHs in 2023-24
(by SWD's administrative district and age group)
(as at 31 December 2023)**

District	Number of applicants							
	Aged 15 to 19	Aged 20 to 29	Aged 30 to 39	Aged 40 to 49	Aged 50 to 59	Aged 60 to 69	Aged 70 to 79	Aged 80 or above
Central Western, Southern and Islands	34	57	33	12	13	20	1	0
Eastern and Wan Chai	38	83	50	17	19	10	1	0
Kwun Tong	32	89	53	20	20	13	2	0
Wong Tai Sin and Sai Kung	57	111	52	16	17	17	4	0
Kowloon City and Yau Tsim Mong	43	78	31	20	15	3	2	0
Sham Shui Po	25	55	27	19	12	8	2	0
Sha Tin	42	56	36	11	14	14	6	1
Tai Po and North	39	86	44	11	13	2	4	0
Yuen Long	46	97	45	19	18	17	4	0
Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing	41	88	42	29	29	14	3	0
Tuen Mun	27	50	46	29	16	20	4	0
Total	424	850	459	203	186	138	33	1

**Table 6: Number of applicants for HMMHs in 2019-20
(by SWD's administrative district and age group)**

District	Number of applicants							
	Aged 15 to 19	Aged 20 to 29	Aged 30 to 39	Aged 40 to 49	Aged 50 to 59	Aged 60 to 69	Aged 70 to 79	Aged 80 or above
Central Western, Southern and Islands	30	71	37	19	20	4	1	0
Eastern and Wan Chai	25	69	68	40	14	14	1	0
Kwun Tong	32	94	47	44	31	16	2	0
Wong Tai Sin and Sai Kung	64	119	62	29	28	13	0	0
Kowloon City and Yau Tsim Mong	54	51	42	28	20	9	1	0
Sham Shui Po	34	56	40	25	22	5	1	0
Sha Tin	23	71	65	33	20	2	2	0
Tai Po and North	32	72	44	27	21	6	0	0
Yuen Long	47	79	43	15	22	6	0	0
Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing	34	101	72	32	31	15	1	0
Tuen Mun	40	80	57	30	9	2	0	0
Total	415	863	577	322	238	92	9	0

**Table 7: Number of applicants for HMMHs in 2020-21
(by SWD's administrative district and age group)**

District	Number of applicants							
	Aged 15 to 19	Aged 20 to 29	Aged 30 to 39	Aged 40 to 49	Aged 50 to 59	Aged 60 to 69	Aged 70 to 79	Aged 80 or above
Central Western, Southern and Islands	30	73	30	22	17	6	1	0
Eastern and Wan Chai	21	68	62	37	21	12	2	0
Kwun Tong	45	93	51	30	32	12	2	0
Wong Tai Sin and Sai Kung	69	125	56	33	23	10	0	0
Kowloon City and Yau Tsim Mong	52	57	47	28	16	13	0	1
Sham Shui Po	35	56	35	26	10	5	1	0
Sha Tin	30	70	62	31	17	4	2	0
Tai Po and North	34	67	54	28	20	6	1	0
Yuen Long	45	86	50	16	19	6	0	0
Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing	37	107	66	32	34	16	1	0
Tuen Mun	47	85	57	30	8	2	0	0
Total	445	887	570	313	217	92	10	1

**Table 8: Number of applicants for HMMHs in 2021-22
(by SWD's administrative district and age group)**

District	Number of applicants							
	Aged 15 to 19	Aged 20 to 29	Aged 30 to 39	Aged 40 to 49	Aged 50 to 59	Aged 60 to 69	Aged 70 to 79	Aged 80 or above
Central Western, Southern and Islands	23	73	34	19	19	7	0	0
Eastern and Wan Chai	22	61	63	36	26	12	1	0
Kwun Tong	48	106	53	31	30	10	2	0
Wong Tai Sin and Sai Kung	64	120	65	30	23	13	1	0
Kowloon City and Yau Tsim Mong	49	64	49	27	20	9	1	1
Sham Shui Po	43	59	36	25	12	7	1	0
Sha Tin	38	70	65	39	19	5	2	0
Tai Po and North	42	76	58	26	21	8	1	0
Yuen Long	49	96	54	25	18	5	1	0
Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing	44	101	78	35	29	18	1	0
Tuen Mun	47	94	53	36	8	4	0	0
Total	469	920	608	329	225	98	11	1

**Table 9: Number of applicants for HMMHs in 2022-23
(by SWD's administrative district and age group)**

District	Number of applicants							
	Aged 15 to 19	Aged 20 to 29	Aged 30 to 39	Aged 40 to 49	Aged 50 to 59	Aged 60 to 69	Aged 70 to 79	Aged 80 or above
Central Western, Southern and Islands	18	75	39	22	17	9	0	0
Eastern and Wan Chai	18	69	64	35	26	10	3	0
Kwun Tong	49	115	46	36	25	16	2	0
Wong Tai Sin and Sai Kung	65	132	68	32	25	15	1	0
Kowloon City and Yau Tsim Mong	37	77	52	23	21	8	1	0
Sham Shui Po	47	67	36	24	15	7	1	0
Sha Tin	50	77	71	41	19	6	4	0
Tai Po and North	47	83	62	28	22	10	1	0
Yuen Long	56	102	62	28	16	6	2	0
Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing	45	93	86	30	32	18	2	0
Tuen Mun	47	92	59	41	7	5	0	0
Total	479	982	645	340	225	110	17	0

**Table 10: Number of applicants for HMMHs in 2023-24
(by SWD's administrative district and age group)
(as at 31 December 2023)**

District	Number of applicants							
	Aged 15 to 19	Aged 20 to 29	Aged 30 to 39	Aged 40 to 49	Aged 50 to 59	Aged 60 to 69	Aged 70 to 79	Aged 80 or above
Central Western, Southern and Islands	22	75	34	19	13	8	0	0
Eastern and Wan Chai	19	59	72	34	25	9	1	0
Kwun Tong	53	104	45	26	26	14	1	0
Wong Tai Sin and Sai Kung	76	122	72	28	25	18	0	0
Kowloon City and Yau Tsim Mong	49	75	50	18	18	5	0	0
Sham Shui Po	44	69	42	26	15	6	2	0
Sha Tin	58	77	74	40	17	6	3	0
Tai Po and North	46	87	62	27	23	9	1	0
Yuen Long	61	107	64	27	18	7	2	0
Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing	47	79	83	23	29	16	0	0
Tuen Mun	44	93	59	37	8	4	0	0
Total	519	947	657	305	217	102	10	0

**Table 11: Number of applicants for HSPHs in 2019-20
(by SWD's administrative district and age group)**

District	Number of applicants							
	Aged 15 to 19	Aged 20 to 29	Aged 30 to 39	Aged 40 to 49	Aged 50 to 59	Aged 60 to 69	Aged 70 to 79	Aged 80 or above
Central Western, Southern and Islands	4	13	9	8	18	5	0	0
Eastern and Wan Chai	5	14	9	11	17	3	0	0
Kwun Tong	1	9	2	10	23	4	0	0
Wong Tai Sin and Sai Kung	5	13	4	14	14	8	0	0
Kowloon City and Yau Tsim Mong	3	4	9	11	24	3	0	0
Sham Shui Po	2	4	3	4	13	3	0	0
Sha Tin	2	11	3	9	15	6	0	0
Tai Po and North	3	7	5	4	10	0	0	0
Yuen Long	3	8	7	7	11	2	0	0
Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing	7	8	7	18	28	5	0	0
Tuen Mun	4	11	8	9	15	6	0	0
Total	39	102	66	105	188	45	0	0

**Table 12: Number of applicants for HSPHs in 2020-21
(by SWD's administrative district and age group)**

District	Number of applicants							
	Aged 15 to 19	Aged 20 to 29	Aged 30 to 39	Aged 40 to 49	Aged 50 to 59	Aged 60 to 69	Aged 70 to 79	Aged 80 or above
Central Western, Southern and Islands	3	12	5	5	16	4	0	0
Eastern and Wan Chai	4	11	5	3	14	0	0	0
Kwun Tong	2	3	3	7	10	3	1	0
Wong Tai Sin and Sai Kung	3	5	5	11	16	2	2	0
Kowloon City and Yau Tsim Mong	1	3	6	6	14	1	0	0
Sham Shui Po	3	3	3	1	10	1	0	0
Sha Tin	1	8	4	6	9	3	0	0
Tai Po and North	1	5	1	2	6	0	0	0
Yuen Long	3	5	4	7	9	1	0	0
Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing	7	6	6	6	19	3	0	0
Tuen Mun	5	9	6	9	8	9	0	0
Total	33	70	48	63	131	27	3	0

**Table 13: Number of applicants for HSPHs in 2021-22
(by SWD's administrative district and age group)**

District	Number of applicants							
	Aged 15 to 19	Aged 20 to 29	Aged 30 to 39	Aged 40 to 49	Aged 50 to 59	Aged 60 to 69	Aged 70 to 79	Aged 80 or above
Central Western, Southern and Islands	4	6	3	4	13	5	0	0
Eastern and Wan Chai	4	10	3	4	9	2	0	0
Kwun Tong	1	5	1	6	8	4	1	0
Wong Tai Sin and Sai Kung	2	4	4	9	16	3	1	0
Kowloon City and Yau Tsim Mong	2	2	4	4	14	1	0	0
Sham Shui Po	1	3	2	1	10	2	0	0
Sha Tin	3	2	5	12	12	2	0	0
Tai Po and North	1	5	2	3	6	0	0	0
Yuen Long	0	5	1	5	9	2	0	0
Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing	4	6	5	6	19	4	0	0
Tuen Mun	4	8	6	10	6	8	0	0
Total	26	56	36	64	122	33	2	0

**Table 14: Number of applicants for HSPHs in 2022-23
(by SWD's administrative district and age group)**

District	Number of applicants							
	Aged 15 to 19	Aged 20 to 29	Aged 30 to 39	Aged 40 to 49	Aged 50 to 59	Aged 60 to 69	Aged 70 to 79	Aged 80 or above
Central Western, Southern and Islands	3	5	3	4	6	4	0	0
Eastern and Wan Chai	4	6	4	3	11	0	0	0
Kwun Tong	1	5	3	8	11	3	1	0
Wong Tai Sin and Sai Kung	2	7	3	8	11	5	0	0
Kowloon City and Yau Tsim Mong	2	2	4	2	14	1	0	0
Sham Shui Po	3	3	2	1	7	2	0	0
Sha Tin	4	3	5	12	16	1	0	0
Tai Po and North	2	5	2	4	11	0	0	0
Yuen Long	0	5	1	4	11	2	1	0
Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing	2	6	5	5	21	3	0	0
Tuen Mun	3	3	5	12	2	8	1	0
Total	26	50	37	63	121	29	3	0

**Table 15: Number of applicants for HSPHs in 2023-24
(by SWD's administrative district and age group)
(as at 31 December 2023)**

District	Number of applicants							
	Aged 15 to 19	Aged 20 to 29	Aged 30 to 39	Aged 40 to 49	Aged 50 to 59	Aged 60 to 69	Aged 70 to 79	Aged 80 or above
Central Western, Southern and Islands	2	7	2	3	5	4	0	0
Eastern and Wan Chai	2	3	3	3	11	0	0	0
Kwun Tong	1	2	2	7	12	4	1	0
Wong Tai Sin and Sai Kung	1	12	3	5	9	5	0	0
Kowloon City and Yau Tsim Mong	2	1	2	3	11	2	0	0
Sham Shui Po	4	2	3	1	6	2	0	0
Sha Tin	4	2	3	10	10	2	0	0
Tai Po and North	4	2	3	5	7	2	0	0
Yuen Long	1	2	1	2	8	0	1	0
Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing	1	7	2	4	14	3	0	0
Tuen Mun	1	1	4	8	3	5	0	0
Total	23	41	28	51	96	29	2	0

**Table 16: Number of applicants for C&A/SDs in 2019-20
(by SWD's administrative district and age group)**

District	Number of applicants							
	Aged 15 to 19	Aged 20 to 29	Aged 30 to 39	Aged 40 to 49	Aged 50 to 59	Aged 60 to 69	Aged 70 to 79	Aged 80 or above
Central Western, Southern and Islands	5	8	9	8	29	3	1	0
Eastern and Wan Chai	8	6	2	8	15	7	2	0
Kwun Tong	6	5	1	8	14	1	2	0
Wong Tai Sin and Sai Kung	15	14	2	8	19	5	1	0
Kowloon City and Yau Tsim Mong	5	5	5	11	25	8	0	0
Sham Shui Po	8	3	3	6	11	4	0	0
Sha Tin	8	1	5	8	22	5	0	0
Tai Po and North	17	10	7	6	22	7	5	1
Yuen Long	10	17	2	8	8	1	1	0
Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing	13	10	4	9	19	7	1	0
Tuen Mun	6	9	0	3	11	9	3	0
Total	101	88	40	83	195	57	16	1

**Table 17: Number of applicants for C&A/SDs in 2020-21
(by SWD's administrative district and age group)**

District	Number of applicants							
	Aged 15 to 19	Aged 20 to 29	Aged 30 to 39	Aged 40 to 49	Aged 50 to 59	Aged 60 to 69	Aged 70 to 79	Aged 80 or above
Central Western, Southern and Islands	3	8	6	8	23	7	0	0
Eastern and Wan Chai	8	5	1	10	10	3	2	0
Kwun Tong	7	3	2	5	15	1	1	0
Wong Tai Sin and Sai Kung	16	7	6	5	17	6	1	0
Kowloon City and Yau Tsim Mong	5	4	3	10	18	5	0	0
Sham Shui Po	7	1	4	6	6	5	0	0
Sha Tin	10	2	2	4	14	7	0	0
Tai Po and North	17	9	4	6	16	3	2	0
Yuen Long	12	11	2	4	12	1	1	0
Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing	14	5	3	14	22	11	2	0
Tuen Mun	4	6	2	3	13	5	3	0
Total	103	61	35	75	166	54	12	0

**Table 18: Number of applicants for C&A/SDs in 2021-22
(by SWD's administrative district and age group)**

District	Number of applicants							
	Aged 15 to 19	Aged 20 to 29	Aged 30 to 39	Aged 40 to 49	Aged 50 to 59	Aged 60 to 69	Aged 70 to 79	Aged 80 or above
Central Western, Southern and Islands	5	6	4	6	22	11	0	0
Eastern and Wan Chai	9	4	0	12	8	1	0	0
Kwun Tong	8	4	3	6	18	3	1	0
Wong Tai Sin and Sai Kung	14	7	5	4	14	9	1	0
Kowloon City and Yau Tsim Mong	9	4	2	9	14	6	0	0
Sham Shui Po	9	1	4	1	12	1	0	0
Sha Tin	10	3	3	5	15	7	0	0
Tai Po and North	17	5	4	8	13	5	1	1
Yuen Long	12	11	3	5	12	2	1	0
Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing	11	10	5	8	25	8	5	0
Tuen Mun	6	6	1	4	12	7	1	0
Total	110	61	34	68	165	60	10	1

**Table 19: Number of applicants for C&A/SDs in 2022-23
(by SWD's administrative district and age group)**

District	Number of applicants							
	Aged 15 to 19	Aged 20 to 29	Aged 30 to 39	Aged 40 to 49	Aged 50 to 59	Aged 60 to 69	Aged 70 to 79	Aged 80 or above
Central Western, Southern and Islands	4	8	3	2	18	10	0	0
Eastern and Wan Chai	8	4	1	10	4	3	1	0
Kwun Tong	7	3	3	7	15	1	0	0
Wong Tai Sin and Sai Kung	10	5	7	2	10	8	1	0
Kowloon City and Yau Tsim Mong	11	1	1	5	8	2	2	0
Sham Shui Po	10	1	5	0	11	1	0	0
Sha Tin	6	3	4	8	14	6	0	0
Tai Po and North	13	6	3	7	10	5	1	0
Yuen Long	10	11	3	3	11	2	1	0
Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing	9	6	6	4	23	7	6	0
Tuen Mun	6	7	2	4	12	4	2	0
Total	94	55	38	52	136	49	14	0

**Table 20: Number of applicants for C&A/SDs in 2023-24
(by SWD's administrative district and age group)
(as at 31 December 2023)**

District	Number of applicants							
	Aged 15 to 19	Aged 20 to 29	Aged 30 to 39	Aged 40 to 49	Aged 50 to 59	Aged 60 to 69	Aged 70 to 79	Aged 80 or above
Central Western, Southern and Islands	4	4	4	1	11	7	0	0
Eastern and Wan Chai	8	1	1	6	3	2	2	0
Kwun Tong	6	3	2	8	20	1	0	0
Wong Tai Sin and Sai Kung	9	2	2	2	9	6	1	1
Kowloon City and Yau Tsim Mong	9	4	0	2	6	3	1	0
Sham Shui Po	11	2	2	0	10	2	0	0
Sha Tin	4	3	3	5	11	5	0	0
Tai Po and North	10	4	6	4	7	6	2	0
Yuen Long	12	6	1	1	10	1	0	0
Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing	7	6	4	4	16	4	5	0
Tuen Mun	7	2	3	6	10	8	2	0
Total	87	37	28	39	113	45	13	1

**Table 21: Number of applicants for C&A/ABs in 2019-20
(by SWD's administrative district and age group)**

District	Number of applicants							
	Aged 15 to 19	Aged 20 to 29	Aged 30 to 39	Aged 40 to 49	Aged 50 to 59	Aged 60 to 69	Aged 70 to 79	Aged 80 or above
Central Western, Southern and Islands	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	6
Eastern and Wan Chai	0	0	0	0	0	4	1	7
Kwun Tong	0	0	0	0	0	3	4	7
Wong Tai Sin and Sai Kung	0	0	0	0	0	4	3	10
Kowloon City and Yau Tsim Mong	0	0	0	0	0	3	1	9
Sham Shui Po	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	10
Sha Tin	0	0	0	0	0	3	2	9
Tai Po and North	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	4
Yuen Long	0	0	0	0	0	1	5	11
Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	14
Tuen Mun	0	0	0	0	0	2	3	6
Total	0	0	0	0	0	23	32	93

**Table 22: Number of applicants for C&A/ABs in 2020-21
(by SWD's administrative district and age group)**

District	Number of applicants							
	Aged 15 to 19	Aged 20 to 29	Aged 30 to 39	Aged 40 to 49	Aged 50 to 59	Aged 60 to 69	Aged 70 to 79	Aged 80 or above
Central Western, Southern and Islands	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	5
Eastern and Wan Chai	0	0	0	0	0	2	4	7
Kwun Tong	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	6
Wong Tai Sin and Sai Kung	0	0	0	0	0	3	4	11
Kowloon City and Yau Tsim Mong	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	3
Sham Shui Po	0	0	0	0	0	1	3	7
Sha Tin	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	8
Tai Po and North	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	5
Yuen Long	0	0	0	0	0	1	5	12
Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	2
Tuen Mun	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	2
Total	0	0	0	0	0	16	34	68

**Table 23: Number of applicants for C&A/ABs in 2021-22
(by SWD's administrative district and age group)**

District	Number of applicants							
	Aged 15 to 19	Aged 20 to 29	Aged 30 to 39	Aged 40 to 49	Aged 50 to 59	Aged 60 to 69	Aged 70 to 79	Aged 80 or above
Central Western, Southern and Islands	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
Eastern and Wan Chai	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	3
Kwun Tong	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	4
Wong Tai Sin and Sai Kung	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	9
Kowloon City and Yau Tsim Mong	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	8
Sham Shui Po	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	5
Sha Tin	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Tai Po and North	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2
Yuen Long	0	0	0	0	0	3	1	9
Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing	0	0	0	0	0	1	3	9
Tuen Mun	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0	0	0	5	14	57

**Table 24: Number of applicants for C&A/ABs in 2022-23
(by SWD's administrative district and age group)**

District	Number of applicants							
	Aged 15 to 19	Aged 20 to 29	Aged 30 to 39	Aged 40 to 49	Aged 50 to 59	Aged 60 to 69	Aged 70 to 79	Aged 80 or above
Central Western, Southern and Islands	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	7
Eastern and Wan Chai	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	3
Kwun Tong	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1
Wong Tai Sin and Sai Kung	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kowloon City and Yau Tsim Mong	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	4
Sham Shui Po	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Sha Tin	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Tai Po and North	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Yuen Long	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	2
Tuen Mun	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0	0	0	4	5	22

**Table 25: Number of applicants for C&A/ABs in 2023-24
(by SWD's administrative district and age group)
(as at 31 December 2023)**

District	Number of applicants							
	Aged 15 to 19	Aged 20 to 29	Aged 30 to 39	Aged 40 to 49	Aged 50 to 59	Aged 60 to 69	Aged 70 to 79	Aged 80 or above
Central Western, Southern and Islands	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Eastern and Wan Chai	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	0
Kwun Tong	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Wong Tai Sin and Sai Kung	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Kowloon City and Yau Tsim Mong	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2
Sham Shui Po	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1
Sha Tin	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Tai Po and North	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0
Yuen Long	0	0	0	0	0	4	5	3
Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tuen Mun	0	0	0	0	0	3	1	1
Total	0	0	0	0	0	10	12	14

**Table 26: Number of applicants for SHOSs in 2019-20
(by SWD's administrative district and age group)**

District	Number of applicants							
	Aged 15 to 19	Aged 20 to 29	Aged 30 to 39	Aged 40 to 49	Aged 50 to 59	Aged 60 to 69	Aged 70 to 79	Aged 80 or above
Central Western, Southern and Islands	8	32	43	34	32	8	1	0
Eastern and Wan Chai	5	31	37	39	36	9	1	0
Kwun Tong	27	53	48	49	37	11	1	0
Wong Tai Sin and Sai Kung	24	69	96	66	66	17	1	0
Kowloon City and Yau Tsim Mong	9	18	22	21	23	8	0	0
Sham Shui Po	10	28	42	27	38	8	0	0
Sha Tin	14	36	60	51	22	9	0	0
Tai Po and North	21	71	64	28	27	2	0	0
Yuen Long	16	55	51	34	26	1	0	0
Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing	31	60	73	56	39	10	1	0
Tuen Mun	17	52	66	38	30	7	0	0
Total	182	505	602	443	376	90	5	0

**Table 27: Number of applicants for SHOSs in 2020-21
(by SWD's administrative district and age group)**

District	Number of applicants							
	Aged 15 to 19	Aged 20 to 29	Aged 30 to 39	Aged 40 to 49	Aged 50 to 59	Aged 60 to 69	Aged 70 to 79	Aged 80 or above
Central Western, Southern and Islands	7	38	55	39	35	9	1	0
Eastern and Wan Chai	3	26	36	39	27	8	1	0
Kwun Tong	26	55	54	36	34	13	1	0
Wong Tai Sin and Sai Kung	24	65	87	66	56	18	0	0
Kowloon City and Yau Tsim Mong	7	23	21	16	24	8	1	0
Sham Shui Po	10	30	39	29	32	10	0	0
Sha Tin	7	44	58	63	20	8	0	0
Tai Po and North	17	76	66	36	26	4	0	0
Yuen Long	19	57	57	39	28	2	0	0
Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing	31	56	83	58	38	14	1	0
Tuen Mun	19	58	68	44	31	10	0	0
Total	170	528	624	465	351	104	5	0

**Table 28: Number of applicants for SHOSs in 2021-22
(by SWD's administrative district and age group)**

District	Number of applicants							
	Aged 15 to 19	Aged 20 to 29	Aged 30 to 39	Aged 40 to 49	Aged 50 to 59	Aged 60 to 69	Aged 70 to 79	Aged 80 or above
Central Western, Southern and Islands	10	43	60	45	49	15	1	0
Eastern and Wan Chai	4	33	32	45	27	9	1	0
Kwun Tong	34	63	55	35	34	15	1	0
Wong Tai Sin and Sai Kung	28	66	89	63	49	21	0	0
Kowloon City and Yau Tsim Mong	10	27	21	18	18	9	1	0
Sham Shui Po	13	28	43	21	27	8	1	0
Sha Tin	18	42	62	62	22	8	1	0
Tai Po and North	17	76	78	44	28	5	0	0
Yuen Long	27	51	62	35	30	2	0	0
Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing	26	61	85	52	42	14	1	0
Tuen Mun	26	50	65	52	26	11	0	0
Total	213	540	652	472	352	117	7	0

**Table 29: Number of applicants for SHOSs in 2022-23
(by SWD's administrative district and age group)**

District	Number of applicants							
	Aged 15 to 19	Aged 20 to 29	Aged 30 to 39	Aged 40 to 49	Aged 50 to 59	Aged 60 to 69	Aged 70 to 79	Aged 80 or above
Central Western, Southern and Islands	10	46	57	48	41	20	2	0
Eastern and Wan Chai	3	35	36	41	27	11	1	0
Kwun Tong	38	65	54	39	36	14	2	0
Wong Tai Sin and Sai Kung	25	71	93	57	34	26	0	0
Kowloon City and Yau Tsim Mong	11	31	24	18	14	8	2	0
Sham Shui Po	19	34	43	29	26	8	2	0
Sha Tin	16	43	67	57	30	7	1	0
Tai Po and North	12	87	66	50	25	4	0	0
Yuen Long	19	51	62	41	31	4	0	0
Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing	25	60	81	51	41	17	1	0
Tuen Mun	20	51	59	53	26	11	0	0
Total	198	574	642	484	331	130	11	0

**Table 30: Number of applicants for SHOSs in 2023-24
(by SWD's administrative district and age group)
(as at 31 December 2023)**

District	Number of applicants							
	Aged 15 to 19	Aged 20 to 29	Aged 30 to 39	Aged 40 to 49	Aged 50 to 59	Aged 60 to 69	Aged 70 to 79	Aged 80 or above
Central Western, Southern and Islands	8	41	57	53	45	19	1	0
Eastern and Wan Chai	5	36	40	35	25	14	1	0
Kwun Tong	40	68	50	39	31	13	2	0
Wong Tai Sin and Sai Kung	30	61	91	54	31	24	0	0
Kowloon City and Yau Tsim Mong	11	31	22	13	14	6	2	0
Sham Shui Po	21	39	38	32	27	8	1	0
Sha Tin	12	44	63	51	35	4	0	0
Tai Po and North	18	74	69	51	24	4	1	0
Yuen Long	21	55	58	45	28	6	0	0
Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing	27	63	78	54	43	12	0	0
Tuen Mun	21	50	51	50	23	12	0	0
Total	214	562	617	477	326	122	8	0

**Table 31: Number of applicants for LSCHs in 2019-20
(by SWD's administrative district and age group)**

District	Number of applicants							
	Aged 15 to 19	Aged 20 to 29	Aged 30 to 39	Aged 40 to 49	Aged 50 to 59	Aged 60 to 69	Aged 70 to 79	Aged 80 or above
Central Western, Southern and Islands	0	5	15	64	110	86	14	7
Eastern and Wan Chai	0	3	5	20	78	81	11	4
Kwun Tong	0	3	12	34	69	44	3	1
Wong Tai Sin and Sai Kung	1	1	13	33	91	54	11	1
Kowloon City and Yau Tsim Mong	0	2	14	62	86	53	4	2
Sham Shui Po	0	3	10	36	74	41	7	0
Sha Tin	0	9	22	61	107	89	16	0
Tai Po and North	0	2	19	36	77	70	10	0
Yuen Long	0	8	17	41	56	32	6	0
Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing	1	6	26	79	126	83	12	0
Tuen Mun	0	11	26	70	123	106	10	2
Total	2	53	179	536	997	739	104	17

**Table 32: Number of applicants for LSCHs in 2020-21
(by SWD's administrative district and age group)**

District	Number of applicants							
	Aged 15 to 19	Aged 20 to 29	Aged 30 to 39	Aged 40 to 49	Aged 50 to 59	Aged 60 to 69	Aged 70 to 79	Aged 80 or above
Central Western, Southern and Islands	0	4	8	59	114	88	17	7
Eastern and Wan Chai	0	3	10	24	79	74	14	3
Kwun Tong	0	3	13	32	69	48	5	1
Wong Tai Sin and Sai Kung	1	2	11	36	82	58	11	1
Kowloon City and Yau Tsim Mong	0	1	13	52	87	50	10	2
Sham Shui Po	0	3	7	38	71	42	9	0
Sha Tin	0	10	23	66	112	97	20	0
Tai Po and North	0	0	21	38	79	69	12	0
Yuen Long	0	8	13	39	52	44	5	0
Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing	0	8	28	76	135	75	11	1
Tuen Mun	2	13	20	78	119	117	10	1
Total	3	55	167	538	999	762	124	16

**Table 33: Number of applicants for LSCHs in 2021-22
(by SWD's administrative district and age group)**

District	Number of applicants							
	Aged 15 to 19	Aged 20 to 29	Aged 30 to 39	Aged 40 to 49	Aged 50 to 59	Aged 60 to 69	Aged 70 to 79	Aged 80 or above
Central Western, Southern and Islands	0	5	6	50	104	86	20	6
Eastern and Wan Chai	0	3	7	22	83	72	19	3
Kwun Tong	0	5	10	31	76	55	5	2
Wong Tai Sin and Sai Kung	1	3	14	39	78	59	13	1
Kowloon City and Yau Tsim Mong	1	1	12	52	85	51	13	3
Sham Shui Po	0	3	9	32	63	50	7	0
Sha Tin	0	4	31	64	112	107	24	1
Tai Po and North	0	0	17	32	78	75	13	1
Yuen Long	0	5	13	30	59	41	8	0
Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing	0	10	31	68	142	76	13	0
Tuen Mun	2	10	18	66	115	112	12	1
Total	4	49	168	486	995	784	147	18

**Table 34: Number of applicants for LSCHs in 2022-23
(by SWD's administrative district and age group)**

District	Number of applicants							
	Aged 15 to 19	Aged 20 to 29	Aged 30 to 39	Aged 40 to 49	Aged 50 to 59	Aged 60 to 69	Aged 70 to 79	Aged 80 or above
Central Western, Southern and Islands	0	6	11	43	94	82	23	5
Eastern and Wan Chai	0	4	5	17	70	76	17	2
Kwun Tong	0	4	7	28	81	58	7	1
Wong Tai Sin and Sai Kung	0	1	12	33	63	57	11	0
Kowloon City and Yau Tsim Mong	0	2	10	39	81	50	13	2
Sham Shui Po	0	4	7	34	58	51	6	0
Sha Tin	0	5	25	61	110	121	19	1
Tai Po and North	0	1	19	25	65	68	11	1
Yuen Long	0	4	10	26	50	28	9	0
Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing	0	6	28	64	117	79	10	0
Tuen Mun	1	9	18	50	113	107	13	1
Total	1	46	152	420	902	777	139	13

**Table 35: Number of applicants for LSCHs in 2023-24
(by SWD's administrative district and age group)
(as at 31 December 2023)**

District	Number of applicants							
	Aged 15 to 19	Aged 20 to 29	Aged 30 to 39	Aged 40 to 49	Aged 50 to 59	Aged 60 to 69	Aged 70 to 79	Aged 80 or above
Central Western, Southern and Islands	0	6	9	39	86	71	22	3
Eastern and Wan Chai	0	2	6	13	66	73	15	3
Kwun Tong	0	3	8	25	74	58	9	2
Wong Tai Sin and Sai Kung	0	3	11	30	60	59	11	0
Kowloon City and Yau Tsim Mong	0	1	8	36	88	53	13	1
Sham Shui Po	0	4	8	23	53	45	9	0
Sha Tin	0	3	18	56	90	97	17	0
Tai Po and North	0	0	12	29	58	63	4	0
Yuen Long	0	3	11	23	40	23	7	0
Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing	0	6	19	63	124	61	9	0
Tuen Mun	1	4	18	40	96	91	11	0
Total	1	35	128	377	835	694	127	9

**Table 36: Number of applicants for HWHs in 2019-20
(by SWD's administrative district and age group)**

District	Number of applicants							
	Aged 15 to 19	Aged 20 to 29	Aged 30 to 39	Aged 40 to 49	Aged 50 to 59	Aged 60 to 69	Aged 70 to 79	Aged 80 or above
Central Western, Southern and Islands	2	11	12	10	21	7	1	0
Eastern and Wan Chai	1	20	24	27	26	4	1	0
Kwun Tong	4	8	12	14	10	1	0	0
Wong Tai Sin and Sai Kung	0	12	9	11	9	1	0	0
Kowloon City and Yau Tsim Mong	3	9	14	12	10	2	0	0
Sham Shui Po	0	7	9	9	10	2	0	0
Sha Tin	0	12	16	16	13	4	0	0
Tai Po and North	1	12	19	13	9	1	0	0
Yuen Long	2	8	16	5	3	0	0	0
Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing	2	13	27	16	17	4	0	0
Tuen Mun	3	5	12	14	8	1	0	0
Total	18	117	170	147	136	27	2	0

**Table 37: Number of applicants for HWHs in 2020-21
(by SWD's administrative district and age group)**

District	Number of applicants							
	Aged 15 to 19	Aged 20 to 29	Aged 30 to 39	Aged 40 to 49	Aged 50 to 59	Aged 60 to 69	Aged 70 to 79	Aged 80 or above
Central Western, Southern and Islands	0	9	9	7	4	4	0	0
Eastern and Wan Chai	1	12	19	16	16	5	0	0
Kwun Tong	3	7	10	13	14	4	0	0
Wong Tai Sin and Sai Kung	4	9	9	4	10	2	0	0
Kowloon City and Yau Tsim Mong	1	8	12	9	4	3	0	0
Sham Shui Po	0	6	6	10	10	2	0	0
Sha Tin	2	9	14	5	15	4	0	0
Tai Po and North	0	5	14	17	10	4	1	0
Yuen Long	1	7	7	5	3	1	0	0
Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing	1	16	23	22	13	2	0	0
Tuen Mun	0	9	13	12	8	1	0	0
Total	13	97	136	120	107	32	1	0

**Table 38: Number of applicants for HWHs in 2021-22
(by SWD's administrative district and age group)**

District	Number of applicants							
	Aged 15 to 19	Aged 20 to 29	Aged 30 to 39	Aged 40 to 49	Aged 50 to 59	Aged 60 to 69	Aged 70 to 79	Aged 80 or above
Central Western, Southern and Islands	1	14	7	12	11	3	0	0
Eastern and Wan Chai	2	9	17	18	20	12	0	0
Kwun Tong	1	12	11	15	15	6	0	0
Wong Tai Sin and Sai Kung	4	5	13	5	15	5	0	0
Kowloon City and Yau Tsim Mong	3	13	8	12	18	4	0	0
Sham Shui Po	3	9	8	12	10	3	0	0
Sha Tin	1	16	12	23	8	5	0	0
Tai Po and North	2	10	13	22	9	4	1	0
Yuen Long	2	7	12	6	4	3	1	0
Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing	1	14	19	20	17	5	1	0
Tuen Mun	0	12	13	9	7	1	0	0
Total	20	121	133	154	134	51	3	0

**Table 39: Number of applicants for HWHs in 2022-23
(by SWD's administrative district and age group)**

District	Number of applicants							
	Aged 15 to 19	Aged 20 to 29	Aged 30 to 39	Aged 40 to 49	Aged 50 to 59	Aged 60 to 69	Aged 70 to 79	Aged 80 or above
Central Western, Southern and Islands	1	11	9	8	6	6	2	0
Eastern and Wan Chai	1	12	12	15	15	5	1	0
Kwun Tong	2	11	11	3	5	3	0	0
Wong Tai Sin and Sai Kung	2	15	10	5	10	3	0	0
Kowloon City and Yau Tsim Mong	2	5	10	18	13	4	0	0
Sham Shui Po	3	2	9	7	6	1	0	0
Sha Tin	1	5	12	8	9	2	1	0
Tai Po and North	1	5	8	16	11	2	0	0
Yuen Long	1	10	7	8	5	2	0	0
Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing	0	17	25	30	14	5	0	0
Tuen Mun	2	10	12	14	5	4	1	0
Total	16	103	125	132	99	37	5	0

**Table 40: Number of applicants for HWHs in 2023-24
(by SWD's administrative district and age group)
(as at 31 December 2023)**

District	Number of applicants							
	Aged 15 to 19	Aged 20 to 29	Aged 30 to 39	Aged 40 to 49	Aged 50 to 59	Aged 60 to 69	Aged 70 to 79	Aged 80 or above
Central Western, Southern and Islands	1	6	7	12	16	4	0	0
Eastern and Wan Chai	2	12	8	7	15	10	0	0
Kwun Tong	4	7	15	9	7	4	0	0
Wong Tai Sin and Sai Kung	4	20	21	10	2	6	0	0
Kowloon City and Yau Tsim Mong	1	10	10	17	9	0	0	0
Sham Shui Po	3	2	16	8	3	2	0	0
Sha Tin	0	4	13	28	12	4	0	0
Tai Po and North	0	8	18	19	13	7	0	0
Yuen Long	0	6	14	10	7	3	0	0
Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing	4	20	22	25	28	5	0	0
Tuen Mun	0	7	5	13	9	4	0	0
Total	19	102	149	158	121	49	0	0

**Table 41: Number of applicants for SGHs(MMHC) ^{Note} in 2019-20
(by SWD's administrative district and age group)**

District	Number of applicants			
	Aged 6 to 8	Aged 9 to 11	Aged 12 to 15	Aged 16 or above
Central Western, Southern and Islands	2	1	0	0
Eastern and Wan Chai	0	1	3	2
Kwun Tong	1	2	7	0
Wong Tai Sin and Sai Kung	2	2	1	0
Kowloon City and Yau Tsim Mong	0	1	1	0
Sham Shui Po	0	0	2	1
Sha Tin	0	2	2	0
Tai Po and North	3	2	3	0
Yuen Long	0	0	2	1
Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing	1	0	4	0
Tuen Mun	0	0	1	0
Total	9	11	26	4

Note SGHs(MMHC) include ISGHs.

**Table 42: Number of applicants for SGHs(MMHC) ^{Note} in 2020-21
(by SWD's administrative district and age group)**

District	Number of applicants			
	Aged 6 to 8	Aged 9 to 11	Aged 12 to 15	Aged 16 or above
Central Western, Southern and Islands	1	1	2	0
Eastern and Wan Chai	0	1	2	4
Kwun Tong	1	2	14	0
Wong Tai Sin and Sai Kung	3	4	2	0
Kowloon City and Yau Tsim Mong	0	2	2	0
Sham Shui Po	1	1	4	0
Sha Tin	0	2	6	0
Tai Po and North	3	1	5	0
Yuen Long	0	2	4	1
Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing	1	1	3	0
Tuen Mun	0	2	1	0
Total	10	19	45	5

Note SGHs(MMHC) include ISGHs.

**Table 43: Number of applicants for SGHs(MMHC) ^{Note} in 2021-22
(by SWD's administrative district and age group)**

District	Number of applicants			
	Aged 6 to 8	Aged 9 to 11	Aged 12 to 15	Aged 16 or above
Central Western, Southern and Islands	0	0	2	0
Eastern and Wan Chai	0	1	1	2
Kwun Tong	1	5	15	1
Wong Tai Sin and Sai Kung	4	5	2	0
Kowloon City and Yau Tsim Mong	0	0	4	2
Sham Shui Po	3	2	6	0
Sha Tin	1	6	8	2
Tai Po and North	5	2	2	2
Yuen Long	1	5	4	0
Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing	2	0	3	2
Tuen Mun	0	3	0	0
Total	17	29	47	11

Note SGHs(MMHC) include ISGHs.

**Table 44: Number of applicants for SGHs(MMHC)^{Note} in 2022-23
(by SWD's administrative district and age group)**

District	Number of applicants			
	Aged 6 to 8	Aged 9 to 11	Aged 12 to 15	Aged 16 or above
Central Western, Southern and Islands	0	1	2	0
Eastern and Wan Chai	1	0	1	0
Kwun Tong	1	5	11	4
Wong Tai Sin and Sai Kung	4	7	2	0
Kowloon City and Yau Tsim Mong	2	0	5	1
Sham Shui Po	4	5	2	1
Sha Tin	1	6	8	2
Tai Po and North	3	7	4	1
Yuen Long	2	2	1	1
Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing	2	2	2	2
Tuen Mun	0	3	0	0
Total	20	38	38	12

Note SGHs(MMHC) include ISGHs.

**Table 45: Number of applicants for SGHs(MMHC)^{Note} in 2023-24
(by SWD's administrative district and age group)
(as at 31 December 2023)**

District	Number of applicants			
	Aged 6 to 8	Aged 9 to 11	Aged 12 to 15	Aged 16 or above
Central Western, Southern and Islands	0	0	3	0
Eastern and Wan Chai	1	0	3	0
Kwun Tong	0	3	10	6
Wong Tai Sin and Sai Kung	2	5	2	1
Kowloon City and Yau Tsim Mong	2	0	5	1
Sham Shui Po	4	2	1	1
Sha Tin	4	4	8	1
Tai Po and North	3	8	7	0
Yuen Long	2	2	5	1
Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing	2	4	3	2
Tuen Mun	1	1	1	0
Total	21	29	48	13

Note SGHs(MMHC) include ISGHs.

**Average cost per place per month for residential rehabilitation services
from 2019-20 to 2023-24**

Year	Average cost per place per month for residential rehabilitation services (\$)	Average cost per place per month for private RCHDs participating in BPS (\$)
2019-20 (Actual)	18,221	10,547
2020-21 (Actual)	18,033	11,773
2021-22 (Actual)	18,011	13,131
2022-23 (Actual)	18,531	13,287
2023-24 (Revised estimate)	19,338	14,464

Fees and Charges for various types of residential rehabilitation services

Service type	Monthly fees and charges (\$)	
	Adult with 50% disability	Adult with 100% disability or disability allowance recipient
HMMH	1,481	1,559
HSMH	1,660	1,871
HSPH	1,660	1,871
C&A/SD	1,660	1,871
C&A/AB	1,660	1,871
SGH(MMHC) ^{Note}	Free	
SHOS	897	977
HWH	1,220	
LSCH	1,660	1,871
Private RCHD under BPS	1,079 (medium level of care)/1,656 (high level of care)	

^{Note} SGHs(MMHC) include ISGHs.

**Total subsidy amount for various types of residential rehabilitation services
from 2019-20 to 2023-24**

Service type	Total subsidy amount (\$ million)				
	2019-20 (Actual)	2020-21 (Actual)	2021-22 (Actual)	2022-23 (Actual)	2023-24 (Revised Estimate)
HMMH	350.2	369.8	387.6	388.7	443.6
HSMH	937.0	981.2	999.1	1,018.8	1,135.9
HSPH	146.8	170.0	204.7	193.8	212.9
C&A/SD	292.3	317.7	331.2	341.1	391.4
C&A/AB	181.0	178.9	179.2	182.7	188.7
SGH(MMHC) ^{Note}	31.7	31.9	34.4	34.3	35.7
SHOS	102.8	112.0	112.2	120.2	131.6
HWH	220.3	228.8	229.6	232.7	240.3
LSCH	311.0	309.8	307.7	319.5	375.9
Private RCHD under BPS	94.7	132.1	176.5	200.0	226.6

^{Note} SGHs(MMHC) include ISGHs.

Table 1: Number of persons who passed away while waiting for residential rehabilitation services in 2019-20

Service type	Number of waitlisted persons	Number of persons who passed away during the waiting period	Percentage of persons who passed away during the waiting period
HMMH	2 516	6	0.24%
HSMH	2 427	29	1.19%
HSPH	545	28	5.14%
C&A/SD	581	40	6.88%
C&A/AB	148	20	13.51%
SGH(MMHC) ^{Note 1}	50	0	0%
SHOS	2 203	10	0.45%
HWH	617	7	1.13%
LSCH	2 627	8	0.30%
Private RCHD under BPS ^{Note 2}	Not applicable		

Note 1 SGHs(MMHC) include ISGHs.

Note 2 There is no central waiting list or statistical information on the number of applicants for BPS.

Table 2: Number of persons who passed away while waiting for residential rehabilitation services in 2020-21

Service type	Number of waitlisted persons	Number of persons who passed away during the waiting period	Percentage of persons who passed away during the waiting period
HMMH	2 535	9	0.36%
HSMH	2 416	9	0.37%
HSPH	375	18	4.80%
C&A/SD	506	33	6.52%
C&A/AB	118	15	12.71%
SGH(MMHC) ^{Note 1}	79	0	0%
SHOS	2 247	1	0.04%
HWH	506	0	0%
LSCH	2 664	14	0.53%
Private RCHD under BPS ^{Note 2}	Not applicable		

Note 1 SGHs(MMHC) include ISGHs.

Note 2 There is no central waiting list or statistical information on the number of applicants for BPS.

Table 3: Number of persons who passed away while waiting for residential rehabilitation services in 2021-22

Service type	Number of waitlisted persons	Number of persons who passed away during the waiting period	Percentage of persons who passed away during the waiting period
HMMH	2 661	11	0.41%
HSMH	2 400	25	1.04%
HSPH	339	8	2.36%
C&A/SD	509	33	6.48%
C&A/AB	57	6	10.53%
SGH(MMHC) ^{Note 1}	104	0	0%
SHOS	2 353	6	0.25%
HWH	616	2	0.32%
LSCH	2 651	18	0.68%
Private RCHD under BPS ^{Note 2}	Not applicable		

Note 1 SGHs(MMHC) include ISGHs.

Note 2 There is no central waiting list or statistical information on the number of applicants for BPS.

Table 4: Number of persons who passed away while waiting for residential rehabilitation services in 2022-23

Service type	Number of waitlisted persons	Number of persons who passed away during the waiting period	Percentage of persons who passed away during the waiting period
HMMH	2 798	12	0.43%
HSMH	2 417	24	0.99%
HSPH	329	13	3.95%
C&A/SD	438	35	7.99%
C&A/AB	31	15	48.39%
SGH(MMHC) ^{Note 1}	108	0	0%
SHOS	2 370	13	0.55%
HWH	517	1	0.19%
LSCH	2 450	22	0.90%
Private RCHD under BPS ^{Note 2}	Not applicable		

Note 1 SGHs(MMHC) include ISGHs.

Note 2 There is no central waiting list or statistical information on the number of applicants for BPS.

Table 5: Number of persons who passed away while waiting for residential rehabilitation services in 2023-24 (as at 31 December 2023)

Service type	Number of waitlisted persons	Number of persons who passed away during the waiting period	Percentage of persons who passed away during the waiting period
HMMH	2 757	13	0.47%
HSMH	2 294	22	0.96%
HSPH	270	16	5.93%
C&A/SD	363	39	10.74%
C&A/AB	36	6	16.67%
SGH(MMHC) ^{Note 1}	111	0	0%
SHOS	2 326	9	0.39%
HWH	598	1	0.17%
LSCH	2 206	33	1.50%
Private RCHD under BPS ^{Note 2}	Not applicable		

Note 1 SGHs(MMHC) include ISGHs.

Note 2 There is no central waiting list or statistical information on the number of applicants for BPS.

Table 1: Number of persons having left residential rehabilitation services and their reasons for leaving in 2019-20

Reason for leaving the services	Number of persons having left residential rehabilitation services									
	HMMH	HSMH	HSPH	C&A/SD	C&A/AB	SHOS	SGH (MMHC) ^{Note}	HWH	LSCH	Private RCHD under BPS
Transfer to other residential services because of significant changes in health condition or care needs	33	19	2	4	30	7	0	96	2	27
Admission to hospital for treatment for no less than 3 months	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Residential service no longer needed according to the resident	0	9	0	2	0	2	1	47	2	4
Compassionate rehousing/independent living	0	0	0	0	0	14	0	86	0	3
Family reunion	6	2	2	1	2	12	7	109	2	17
Emigration	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	3	1	0
Death	28	34	10	47	113	6	0	9	53	11
Age limit of the service reached	Not applicable						3	Not applicable		
Breaching house rules or other reasons	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	41	0	7
Total	70	71	14	54	145	41	11	391	60	69

Note SGHs(MMHC) include ISGHs.

Table 2: Number of persons having left residential rehabilitation services and their reasons for leaving in 2020-21

Reason for leaving the services	Number of persons having left residential rehabilitation services									
	HMMH	HSMH	HSPH	C&A/SD	C&A/AB	SHOS	SGH (MMHC) ^{Note}	HWH	LSCH	Private RCHD under BPS
Transfer to other residential services because of significant changes in health condition or care needs	32	29	4	3	17	26	0	128	2	51
Admission to hospital for treatment for no less than 3 months	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Residential service no longer needed according to the resident	0	5	0	2	0	1	0	60	3	14
Compassionate rehousing/independent living	1	0	0	0	0	7	0	81	1	7
Family reunion	1	0	1	0	8	4	3	96	2	56
Emigration	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Death	21	41	11	38	120	2	0	5	74	10
Age limit of the service reached	Not applicable						0	Not applicable		
Breaching house rules or other reasons	7	1	0	0	0	1	0	43	0	20
Total	62	78	16	43	145	41	3	413	82	158

Note SGHs(MMHC) include ISGHs.

Table 3: Number of persons having left residential rehabilitation services and their reasons for leaving in 2021-22

Reason for leaving the services	Number of persons having left residential rehabilitation services									
	HMMH	HSMH	HSPH	C&A/SD	C&A/AB	SHOS	SGH (MMHC) ^{Note}	HWH	LSCH	Private RCHD under BPS
Transfer to other residential services because of significant changes in health condition or care needs	40	30	6	4	35	27	4	304	14	44
Admission to hospital for treatment for no less than 3 months	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Residential service no longer needed according to the resident	4	6	0	2	3	2	0	72	3	26
Compassionate rehousing/independent living	0	0	0	0	0	6	0	89	0	5
Family reunion	16	2	4	1	7	8	3	114	5	29
Emigration	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Death	27	125	31	56	140	4	0	7	76	28
Age limit of the service reached	Not applicable						5	Not applicable		
Breaching house rules or other reasons	9	0	0	0	3	3	1	64	3	11
Total	96	169	41	63	188	50	14	650	101	143

Note SGHs(MMHC) include ISGHs.

Table 4: Number of persons having left residential rehabilitation services and their reasons for leaving in 2022-23

Reason for leaving the services	Number of persons having left residential rehabilitation services									
	HMMH	HSMH	HSPH	C&A/SD	C&A/AB	SHOS	SGH (MMHC) ^{Note}	HWH	LSCH	Private RCHD under BPS
Transfer to other residential services because of significant changes in health condition or care needs	31	23	5	4	19	16	6	270	12	38
Admission to hospital for treatment for no less than 3 months	0	4	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Residential service no longer needed according to the resident	0	7	0	5	1	2	0	75	1	29
Compassionate rehousing/independent living	0	0	0	0	1	12	1	98	0	12
Family reunion	7	1	2	1	4	9	9	160	2	37
Emigration	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	0
Death	17	62	4	45	135	4	0	6	78	21
Age limit of the service reached	Not applicable						0	Not applicable		
Breaching house rules or other reasons	1	0	1	0	8	1	5	85	7	13
Total	56	97	12	56	168	44	22	696	100	150

Note SGHs(MMHC) include ISGHs.

Table 5: Number of persons having left residential rehabilitation services and their reasons for leaving in 2023-24 (as at 31 December 2023)

Reason for leaving the services	Number of persons having left residential rehabilitation services									
	HMMH	HSMH	HSPH	C&A/SD	C&A/AB	SHOS	SGH (MMHC) ^{Note}	HWH	LSCH	Private RCHD under BPS
Transfer to other residential services because of significant changes in health condition or care needs	44	18	3	6	17	14	8	215	9	30
Admission to hospital for treatment for no less than 3 months	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Residential service no longer needed according to the resident	1	1	0	1	5	1	0	44	1	19
Compassionate rehousing/independent living	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	80	0	9
Family reunion	5	2	1	1	4	4	10	132	1	17
Emigration	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Death	17	51	8	37	72	3	0	2	43	16
Age limit of the service reached	Not applicable						0	Not applicable		
Breaching house rules or other reasons	2	0	0	0	0	1	7	75	2	56
Total	69	73	12	45	98	25	25	549	56	148

Note SGHs(MMHC) include ISGHs.

**Number of surprise inspections at private RCHDs under BPS
conducted by LORCHD from 2019-20 to 2023-24**

Year	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24 (as at 31 December 2023)
Number of inspections	91	141	129	188	136

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(W)321

(Question Serial No. 3397)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Charmaine LEE)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding hostels for severely mentally handicapped persons (HSMHs), hostels for moderately mentally handicapped persons (HMMHs), care and attention homes for severely disabled persons (C&A/SDs), supported hostels (SHOSs), private residential care homes for persons with disabilities (RCHDs) under the Bought Place Scheme (BPS) and small group homes for mildly mentally handicapped children [SGHs(MMHC)] provided for persons with intellectual disability, please inform this Committee of the following:

- i. the number of service places, the planned and actual number of additional service places and the longest, shortest and average waiting time for these services in each of the past 5 years;
- ii. the per capita cost in each of the past 5 years;
- iii. the number of applicants, the number of service users and the number of persons applying for a freeze in service allocation with a breakdown by district of residence, age group and gender in the past 5 years; and
- iv. the number of persons who refused service allocation, their waiting time in years and their reasons for refusal in the past 5 years.

Asked by: Hon TIK Chi-yuen (LegCo internal reference no.: 169)

Reply:

- i. The number of service places for HSMHs, HMMHs, C&A/SDs, SHOSs, SGHs(MMHC) and private RCHDs under BPS, as well as the planned and actual number of additional service places in each of the past 5 years are set out at Annexes 1 and 2, respectively. The average waiting time for these services is set out at Annex 3. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) does not have statistical information on the longest, shortest or median waiting time.
- ii. SWD does not have information on the average cost of each type of places. The average cost per place per month for residential rehabilitation services for persons with disabilities (PWDs) in the past 5 years is set out at Annex 4.

- iii. The number of applicants for the above residential rehabilitation services broken down by administrative district of SWD and age group in the past 5 years is set out in Tables 1 to 25 of Annex 5. The number of service users broken down by age group in the past 5 years is set out in Tables 1 to 5 of Annex 6. The number of applicants on the Inactive Waiting List (IWL) for various types of residential rehabilitation services for PWDs is set out at Annex 7.

SWD does not have statistical information on the number of service users of residential rehabilitation services or the number of persons applying for a freeze in service allocation by district or age.

As services are allocated to applicants on the Central Referral System for Rehabilitation Services of SWD in sequential order without considering their gender, SWD does not have statistical information on the applicants' gender.

There is no central waiting list or statistical information on the number of applicants for BPS.

- iv. SWD does not have information on the number of persons who refused service allocation in the past 5 years by waiting time or reason for refusal.

**Number of service places for various types of residential services
from 2019-20 to 2023-24**

Service type	No. of service places				
	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24 (as at 31 December 2023)
HSMH	3 929	4 060	4 060	4 112	4 123
HMMH	2 658	2 800	2 800	2 851	2 926
C&A/SD	1 042	1 132	1 132	1 132	1 132
SHOS	744	784	804	866	866
SGH(MMHC) ^{Note 1}	128	128	128	128	128
Private RCHD under BPS	1 018	1 018	1 264	1 379	1 320 ^{Note 2}

Note 1 SGHs(MMHC) include integrated small group homes (ISGHs).

Note 2 Including the reduction of 51 service places due to termination of contract for 1 private RCHD under BPS in September 2023, and the reduction of 8 service places prior to the closure of 1 private RCHD under BPS in December 2023.

**Planned and actual number of additional service places for
various types of residential rehabilitation service from 2019-20 to 2023-24**

Year	2019-20		2020-21		2021-22		2022-23		2023-24 (as at 31 December 2023)	
	Planned no. of additional service places	Actual no. of additional service places	Planned no. of additional service places	Actual no. of additional service places	Planned no. of additional service places	Actual no. of additional service places	Planned no. of additional service places	Actual no. of additional service places	Planned no. of additional service places	Actual no. of additional service places
HSMH	52	50	131	131	0	0	52	52	411	11
HMMH	100	100	142	142	0	0	51	51	75	75
C&A/SD	51	51	90	90	0	0	0	0	240	0
SHOS ^{Note 1}	36	36	60	40 _{Note 1}	50	20 _{Note 1}	62	62 _{Note 1}	0	0
SGH(MMHC) _{Note 2}	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Private RCHD under BPS	300	158	300	0 _{Note 3}	300	246	100	115	196	0

Note 1 Due to the impact of the COVID-19 epidemic on the progress of the fitting-out works, 1 SHOS with 20 service places and another with 30 service places had to postpone their commencement of services until 2021-22 and 2022-23, respectively.

Note 2 SGHs(MMHC) include ISGHs.

Note 3 The COVID-19 epidemic has affected the plans of some private RCHDs to improve their manpower, equipment and space. It has also made it difficult for them to vacate places that were scheduled to be bought under BPS. As a result, the progress of BPS has been affected.

**Average waiting time for various types of residential rehabilitation services
from 2019-20 to 2023-24**

Service type	Average waiting time (in months)				
	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24 ^{Note 1}
HSMH	160.5	156.1	150.8	171.1	Not yet available
HMMH	144.3	127.6	144.8	154.1	
C&A/SD	68.4	64.3	65.6	60.6	
SHOS	47.3	71.8	63.5	78.8	
SGH(MMHC) ^{Note 2}	8.7	13.1	15.1	17.5	
Private RCHD under BPS ^{Note 3}	N.A. ^{Note 3}				

N.A.- Not applicable

^{Note 1} As the average waiting time is compiled on a financial-year basis covering the 1st day of April of a year to the 31st day of March of the next year, the figure for 2023-24 is not yet available.

^{Note 2} SGHs(MMHC) include ISGHs.

^{Note 3} There is no central waiting list or statistical information on the waiting time for BPS. For applicants on the waiting list for long stay care homes, HMMHs, halfway houses and SHOSs under the Central Referral System for Rehabilitation Services, BPS places are allocated by SWD according to the preference of the applicants who have indicated acceptance of BPS.

**Average cost per place per month for residential rehabilitation services
from 2019-20 to 2023-24**

Year	Average cost per place per month for subsidised residential rehabilitation services (\$)	Average cost per place per month for private RCHDs under BPS (\$)
2019-20 (Actual)	18,221	10,547
2020-21 (Actual)	18,033	11,773
2021-22 (Actual)	18,011	13,131
2022-23 (Actual)	18,531	13,287
2023-24 (Revised estimate)	19,338	14,464

**Table 1: Number of applicants waitlisted for HSMHs in 2019-20
(by administrative district of SWD and age group)**

District	No. of applicants							
	Aged 15 to 19	Aged 20 to 29	Aged 30 to 39	Aged 40 to 49	Aged 50 to 59	Aged 60 to 69	Aged 70 to 79	Aged 80 or above
Central Western, Southern and Islands	28	69	39	14	20	4	1	0
Eastern and Wan Chai	30	88	44	20	22	12	7	0
Kwun Tong	45	86	57	19	19	14	2	0
Wong Tai Sin and Sai Kung	47	129	55	23	22	19	2	0
Kowloon City and Yau Tsim Mong	46	82	44	24	16	4	3	0
Sham Shui Po	31	53	39	11	19	8	1	0
Sha Tin	25	69	36	14	13	10	3	0
Tai Po and North	38	99	32	8	6	5	4	0
Yuen Long	42	105	33	25	25	12	2	0
Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing	41	97	61	35	25	17	2	0
Tuen Mun	22	61	64	27	30	20	1	0
Total	395	938	504	220	217	125	28	0

**Table 2: Number of applicants waitlisted for HSMHs in 2020-21
(by administrative district of SWD and age group)**

District	No. of applicants							
	Aged 15 to 19	Aged 20 to 29	Aged 30 to 39	Aged 40 to 49	Aged 50 to 59	Aged 60 to 69	Aged 70 to 79	Aged 80 or above
Central Western, Southern and Islands	37	57	40	16	18	6	1	1
Eastern and Wan Chai	29	85	52	20	17	10	7	0
Kwun Tong	38	87	57	20	20	13	3	0
Wong Tai Sin and Sai Kung	45	136	59	18	21	21	1	0
Kowloon City and Yau Tsim Mong	36	83	36	22	12	6	2	0
Sham Shui Po	36	56	32	16	19	8	0	0
Sha Tin	29	63	38	11	12	10	3	0
Tai Po and North	40	97	32	6	11	4	4	0
Yuen Long	53	105	39	25	21	17	1	0
Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing	39	92	57	31	27	19	2	0
Tuen Mun	24	57	62	35	23	25	3	0
Total	406	918	504	220	201	139	27	1

**Table 3: Number of applicants waitlisted for HSMHs in 2021-22
(by administrative district of SWD and age group)**

District	No. of applicants							
	Aged 15 to 19	Aged 20 to 29	Aged 30 to 39	Aged 40 to 49	Aged 50 to 59	Aged 60 to 69	Aged 70 to 79	Aged 80 or above
Central Western, Southern and Islands	34	57	37	18	18	14	1	1
Eastern and Wan Chai	28	90	48	18	16	10	7	0
Kwun Tong	37	90	56	21	20	12	3	0
Wong Tai Sin and Sai Kung	49	130	59	20	19	21	2	0
Kowloon City and Yau Tsim Mong	37	85	36	19	17	4	3	0
Sham Shui Po	27	59	30	20	14	11	1	0
Sha Tin	30	60	40	9	10	9	4	0
Tai Po and North	38	97	42	8	13	5	4	0
Yuen Long	43	108	44	21	22	18	2	0
Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing	37	86	50	33	29	15	6	0
Tuen Mun	26	53	53	34	21	27	4	0
Total	386	915	495	221	199	146	37	1

**Table 4: Number of applicants waitlisted for HSMHs in 2022-23
(by administrative district of SWD and age group)**

District	No. of applicants							
	Aged 15 to 19	Aged 20 to 29	Aged 30 to 39	Aged 40 to 49	Aged 50 to 59	Aged 60 to 69	Aged 70 to 79	Aged 80 or above
Central Western, Southern and Islands	36	54	38	15	16	19	2	1
Eastern and Wan Chai	30	90	46	17	18	12	6	0
Kwun Tong	33	91	55	27	20	11	3	0
Wong Tai Sin and Sai Kung	52	127	59	20	22	19	2	0
Kowloon City and Yau Tsim Mong	41	88	36	26	15	1	4	0
Sham Shui Po	29	52	31	25	12	11	1	0
Sha Tin	35	62	35	12	12	12	7	0
Tai Po and North	36	90	45	10	14	4	5	0
Yuen Long	42	107	44	22	21	18	3	0
Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing	35	92	46	33	31	15	4	0
Tuen Mun	28	50	53	35	20	24	2	0
Total	397	903	488	242	201	146	39	1

**Table 5: Number of applicants waitlisted for HSMHs in 2023-24
(by administrative district of SWD and age group)
(as at 31 December 2023)**

District	No. of applicants							
	Aged 15 to 19	Aged 20 to 29	Aged 30 to 39	Aged 40 to 49	Aged 50 to 59	Aged 60 to 69	Aged 70 to 79	Aged 80 or above
Central Western, Southern and Islands	34	57	33	12	13	20	1	0
Eastern and Wan Chai	38	83	50	17	19	10	1	0
Kwun Tong	32	89	53	20	20	13	2	0
Wong Tai Sin and Sai Kung	57	111	52	16	17	17	4	0
Kowloon City and Yau Tsim Mong	43	78	31	20	15	3	2	0
Sham Shui Po	25	55	27	19	12	8	2	0
Sha Tin	42	56	36	11	14	14	6	1
Tai Po and North	39	86	44	11	13	2	4	0
Yuen Long	46	97	45	19	18	17	4	0
Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing	41	88	42	29	29	14	3	0
Tuen Mun	27	50	46	29	16	20	4	0
Total	424	850	459	203	186	138	33	1

**Table 6: Number of applicants waitlisted for HMMHs in 2019-20
(by administrative district of SWD and age group)**

District	No. of applicants							
	Aged 15 to 19	Aged 20 to 29	Aged 30 to 39	Aged 40 to 49	Aged 50 to 59	Aged 60 to 69	Aged 70 to 79	Aged 80 or above
Central Western, Southern and Islands	30	71	37	19	20	4	1	0
Eastern and Wan Chai	25	69	68	40	14	14	1	0
Kwun Tong	32	94	47	44	31	16	2	0
Wong Tai Sin and Sai Kung	64	119	62	29	28	13	0	0
Kowloon City and Yau Tsim Mong	54	51	42	28	20	9	1	0
Sham Shui Po	34	56	40	25	22	5	1	0
Sha Tin	23	71	65	33	20	2	2	0
Tai Po and North	32	72	44	27	21	6	0	0
Yuen Long	47	79	43	15	22	6	0	0
Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing	34	101	72	32	31	15	1	0
Tuen Mun	40	80	57	30	9	2	0	0
Total	415	863	577	322	238	92	9	0

**Table 7: Number of applicants waitlisted for HMMHs in 2020-21
(by administrative district of SWD and age group)**

District	No. of applicants							
	Aged 15 to 19	Aged 20 to 29	Aged 30 to 39	Aged 40 to 49	Aged 50 to 59	Aged 60 to 69	Aged 70 to 79	Aged 80 or above
Central Western, Southern and Islands	30	73	30	22	17	6	1	0
Eastern and Wan Chai	21	68	62	37	21	12	2	0
Kwun Tong	45	93	51	30	32	12	2	0
Wong Tai Sin and Sai Kung	69	125	56	33	23	10	0	0
Kowloon City and Yau Tsim Mong	52	57	47	28	16	13	0	1
Sham Shui Po	35	56	35	26	10	5	1	0
Sha Tin	30	70	62	31	17	4	2	0
Tai Po and North	34	67	54	28	20	6	1	0
Yuen Long	45	86	50	16	19	6	0	0
Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing	37	107	66	32	34	16	1	0
Tuen Mun	47	85	57	30	8	2	0	0
Total	445	887	570	313	217	92	10	1

**Table 8: Number of applicants waitlisted for HMMHs in 2021-22
(by administrative district of SWD and age group)**

District	No. of applicants							
	Aged 15 to 19	Aged 20 to 29	Aged 30 to 39	Aged 40 to 49	Aged 50 to 59	Aged 60 to 69	Aged 70 to 79	Aged 80 or above
Central Western, Southern and Islands	23	73	34	19	19	7	0	0
Eastern and Wan Chai	22	61	63	36	26	12	1	0
Kwun Tong	48	106	53	31	30	10	2	0
Wong Tai Sin and Sai Kung	64	120	65	30	23	13	1	0
Kowloon City and Yau Tsim Mong	49	64	49	27	20	9	1	1
Sham Shui Po	43	59	36	25	12	7	1	0
Sha Tin	38	70	65	39	19	5	2	0
Tai Po and North	42	76	58	26	21	8	1	0
Yuen Long	49	96	54	25	18	5	1	0
Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing	44	101	78	35	29	18	1	0
Tuen Mun	47	94	53	36	8	4	0	0
Total	469	920	608	329	225	98	11	1

**Table 9: Number of applicants waitlisted for HMMHs in 2022-23
(by administrative district of SWD and age group)**

District	No. of applicants							
	Aged 15 to 19	Aged 20 to 29	Aged 30 to 39	Aged 40 to 49	Aged 50 to 59	Aged 60 to 69	Aged 70 to 79	Aged 80 or above
Central Western, Southern and Islands	18	75	39	22	17	9	0	0
Eastern and Wan Chai	18	69	64	35	26	10	3	0
Kwun Tong	49	115	46	36	25	16	2	0
Wong Tai Sin and Sai Kung	65	132	68	32	25	15	1	0
Kowloon City and Yau Tsim Mong	37	77	52	23	21	8	1	0
Sham Shui Po	47	67	36	24	15	7	1	0
Sha Tin	50	77	71	41	19	6	4	0
Tai Po and North	47	83	62	28	22	10	1	0
Yuen Long	56	102	62	28	16	6	2	0
Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing	45	93	86	30	32	18	2	0
Tuen Mun	47	92	59	41	7	5	0	0
Total	479	982	645	340	225	110	17	0

**Table 10: Number of applicants waitlisted for HMMHs in 2023-24
(by administrative district of SWD and age group)
(as at 31 December 2023)**

District	No. of applicants							
	Aged 15 to 19	Aged 20 to 29	Aged 30 to 39	Aged 40 to 49	Aged 50 to 59	Aged 60 to 69	Aged 70 to 79	Aged 80 or above
Central Western, Southern and Islands	22	75	34	19	13	8	0	0
Eastern and Wan Chai	19	59	72	34	25	9	1	0
Kwun Tong	53	104	45	26	26	14	1	0
Wong Tai Sin and Sai Kung	76	122	72	28	25	18	0	0
Kowloon City and Yau Tsim Mong	49	75	50	18	18	5	0	0
Sham Shui Po	44	69	42	26	15	6	2	0
Sha Tin	58	77	74	40	17	6	3	0
Tai Po and North	46	87	62	27	23	9	1	0
Yuen Long	61	107	64	27	18	7	2	0
Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing	47	79	83	23	29	16	0	0
Tuen Mun	44	93	59	37	8	4	0	0
Total	519	947	657	305	217	102	10	0

**Table 11: Number of applicants waitlisted for C&A/SDs in 2019-20
(by administrative district of SWD and age group)**

District	No. of applicants							
	Aged 15 to 19	Aged 20 to 29	Aged 30 to 39	Aged 40 to 49	Aged 50 to 59	Aged 60 to 69	Aged 70 to 79	Aged 80 or above
Central Western, Southern and Islands	5	8	9	8	29	3	1	0
Eastern and Wan Chai	8	6	2	8	15	7	2	0
Kwun Tong	6	5	1	8	14	1	2	0
Wong Tai Sin and Sai Kung	15	14	2	8	19	5	1	0
Kowloon City and Yau Tsim Mong	5	5	5	11	25	8	0	0
Sham Shui Po	8	3	3	6	11	4	0	0
Sha Tin	8	1	5	8	22	5	0	0
Tai Po and North	17	10	7	6	22	7	5	1
Yuen Long	10	17	2	8	8	1	1	0
Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing	13	10	4	9	19	7	1	0
Tuen Mun	6	9	0	3	11	9	3	0
Total	101	88	40	83	195	57	16	1

**Table 12: Number of applicants waitlisted for C&A/SDs in 2020-21
(by administrative district of SWD and age group)**

District	No. of applicants							
	Aged 15 to 19	Aged 20 to 29	Aged 30 to 39	Aged 40 to 49	Aged 50 to 59	Aged 60 to 69	Aged 70 to 79	Aged 80 or above
Central Western, Southern and Islands	3	8	6	8	23	7	0	0
Eastern and Wan Chai	8	5	1	10	10	3	2	0
Kwun Tong	7	3	2	5	15	1	1	0
Wong Tai Sin and Sai Kung	16	7	6	5	17	6	1	0
Kowloon City and Yau Tsim Mong	5	4	3	10	18	5	0	0
Sham Shui Po	7	1	4	6	6	5	0	0
Sha Tin	10	2	2	4	14	7	0	0
Tai Po and North	17	9	4	6	16	3	2	0
Yuen Long	12	11	2	4	12	1	1	0
Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing	14	5	3	14	22	11	2	0
Tuen Mun	4	6	2	3	13	5	3	0
Total	103	61	35	75	166	54	12	0

**Table 13: Number of applicants waitlisted for C&A/SDs in 2021-22
(by administrative district of SWD and age group)**

District	No. of applicants							
	Aged 15 to 19	Aged 20 to 29	Aged 30 to 39	Aged 40 to 49	Aged 50 to 59	Aged 60 to 69	Aged 70 to 79	Aged 80 or above
Central Western, Southern and Islands	5	6	4	6	22	11	0	0
Eastern and Wan Chai	9	4	0	12	8	1	0	0
Kwun Tong	8	4	3	6	18	3	1	0
Wong Tai Sin and Sai Kung	14	7	5	4	14	9	1	0
Kowloon City and Yau Tsim Mong	9	4	2	9	14	6	0	0
Sham Shui Po	9	1	4	1	12	1	0	0
Sha Tin	10	3	3	5	15	7	0	0
Tai Po and North	17	5	4	8	13	5	1	1
Yuen Long	12	11	3	5	12	2	1	0
Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing	11	10	5	8	25	8	5	0
Tuen Mun	6	6	1	4	12	7	1	0
Total	110	61	34	68	165	60	10	1

**Table 14: Number of applicants waitlisted for C&A/SDs in 2022-23
(by administrative district of SWD and age group)**

District	No. of applicants							
	Aged 15 to 19	Aged 20 to 29	Aged 30 to 39	Aged 40 to 49	Aged 50 to 59	Aged 60 to 69	Aged 70 to 79	Aged 80 or above
Central Western, Southern and Islands	4	8	3	2	18	10	0	0
Eastern and Wan Chai	8	4	1	10	4	3	1	0
Kwun Tong	7	3	3	7	15	1	0	0
Wong Tai Sin and Sai Kung	10	5	7	2	10	8	1	0
Kowloon City and Yau Tsim Mong	11	1	1	5	8	2	2	0
Sham Shui Po	10	1	5	0	11	1	0	0
Sha Tin	6	3	4	8	14	6	0	0
Tai Po and North	13	6	3	7	10	5	1	0
Yuen Long	10	11	3	3	11	2	1	0
Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing	9	6	6	4	23	7	6	0
Tuen Mun	6	7	2	4	12	4	2	0
Total	94	55	38	52	136	49	14	0

**Table 15: Number of applicants waitlisted for C&A/SDs in 2023-24
(by administrative district of SWD and age group)
(as at 31 December 2023)**

District	No. of applicants							
	Aged 15 to 19	Aged 20 to 29	Aged 30 to 39	Aged 40 to 49	Aged 50 to 59	Aged 60 to 69	Aged 70 to 79	Aged 80 or above
Central Western, Southern and Islands	4	4	4	1	11	7	0	0
Eastern and Wan Chai	8	1	1	6	3	2	2	0
Kwun Tong	6	3	2	8	20	1	0	0
Wong Tai Sin and Sai Kung	9	2	2	2	9	6	1	1
Kowloon City and Yau Tsim Mong	9	4	0	2	6	3	1	0
Sham Shui Po	11	2	2	0	10	2	0	0
Sha Tin	4	3	3	5	11	5	0	0
Tai Po and North	10	4	6	4	7	6	2	0
Yuen Long	12	6	1	1	10	1	0	0
Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing	7	6	4	4	16	4	5	0
Tuen Mun	7	2	3	6	10	8	2	0
Total	87	37	28	39	113	45	13	1

**Table 16: Number of applicants waitlisted for SHOSs in 2019-20
(by administrative district of SWD and age group)**

District	No. of applicants							
	Aged 15 to 19	Aged 20 to 29	Aged 30 to 39	Aged 40 to 49	Aged 50 to 59	Aged 60 to 69	Aged 70 to 79	Aged 80 or above
Central Western, Southern and Islands	8	32	43	34	32	8	1	0
Eastern and Wan Chai	5	31	37	39	36	9	1	0
Kwun Tong	27	53	48	49	37	11	1	0
Wong Tai Sin and Sai Kung	24	69	96	66	66	17	1	0
Kowloon City and Yau Tsim Mong	9	18	22	21	23	8	0	0
Sham Shui Po	10	28	42	27	38	8	0	0
Sha Tin	14	36	60	51	22	9	0	0
Tai Po and North	21	71	64	28	27	2	0	0
Yuen Long	16	55	51	34	26	1	0	0
Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing	31	60	73	56	39	10	1	0
Tuen Mun	17	52	66	38	30	7	0	0
Total	182	505	602	443	376	90	5	0

**Table 17: Number of applicants waitlisted for SHOs in 2020-21
(by administrative district of SWD and age group)**

District	No. of applicants							
	Aged 15 to 19	Aged 20 to 29	Aged 30 to 39	Aged 40 to 49	Aged 50 to 59	Aged 60 to 69	Aged 70 to 79	Aged 80 or above
Central Western, Southern and Islands	7	38	55	39	35	9	1	0
Eastern and Wan Chai	3	26	36	39	27	8	1	0
Kwun Tong	26	55	54	36	34	13	1	0
Wong Tai Sin and Sai Kung	24	65	87	66	56	18	0	0
Kowloon City and Yau Tsim Mong	7	23	21	16	24	8	1	0
Sham Shui Po	10	30	39	29	32	10	0	0
Sha Tin	7	44	58	63	20	8	0	0
Tai Po and North	17	76	66	36	26	4	0	0
Yuen Long	19	57	57	39	28	2	0	0
Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing	31	56	83	58	38	14	1	0
Tuen Mun	19	58	68	44	31	10	0	0
Total	170	528	624	465	351	104	5	0

**Table 18: Number of applicants waitlisted for SHOs in 2021-22
(by administrative district of SWD and age group)**

District	No. of applicants							
	Aged 15 to 19	Aged 20 to 29	Aged 30 to 39	Aged 40 to 49	Aged 50 to 59	Aged 60 to 69	Aged 70 to 79	Aged 80 or above
Central Western, Southern and Islands	10	43	60	45	49	15	1	0
Eastern and Wan Chai	4	33	32	45	27	9	1	0
Kwun Tong	34	63	55	35	34	15	1	0
Wong Tai Sin and Sai Kung	28	66	89	63	49	21	0	0
Kowloon City and Yau Tsim Mong	10	27	21	18	18	9	1	0
Sham Shui Po	13	28	43	21	27	8	1	0
Sha Tin	18	42	62	62	22	8	1	0
Tai Po and North	17	76	78	44	28	5	0	0
Yuen Long	27	51	62	35	30	2	0	0
Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing	26	61	85	52	42	14	1	0
Tuen Mun	26	50	65	52	26	11	0	0
Total	213	540	652	472	352	117	7	0

**Table 19: Number of applicants waitlisted for SHOSs in 2022-23
(by administrative district of SWD and age group)**

District	No. of applicants							
	Aged 15 to 19	Aged 20 to 29	Aged 30 to 39	Aged 40 to 49	Aged 50 to 59	Aged 60 to 69	Aged 70 to 79	Aged 80 or above
Central Western, Southern and Islands	10	46	57	48	41	20	2	0
Eastern and Wan Chai	3	35	36	41	27	11	1	0
Kwun Tong	38	65	54	39	36	14	2	0
Wong Tai Sin and Sai Kung	25	71	93	57	34	26	0	0
Kowloon City and Yau Tsim Mong	11	31	24	18	14	8	2	0
Sham Shui Po	19	34	43	29	26	8	2	0
Sha Tin	16	43	67	57	30	7	1	0
Tai Po and North	12	87	66	50	25	4	0	0
Yuen Long	19	51	62	41	31	4	0	0
Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing	25	60	81	51	41	17	1	0
Tuen Mun	20	51	59	53	26	11	0	0
Total	198	574	642	484	331	130	11	0

**Table 20: Number of applicants waitlisted for SHOSs in 2023-24
(by administrative district of SWD and age group)
(as at 31 December 2023)**

District	No. of applicants							
	Aged 15 to 19	Aged 20 to 29	Aged 30 to 39	Aged 40 to 49	Aged 50 to 59	Aged 60 to 69	Aged 70 to 79	Aged 80 or above
Central Western, Southern and Islands	8	41	57	53	45	19	1	0
Eastern and Wan Chai	5	36	40	35	25	14	1	0
Kwun Tong	40	68	50	39	31	13	2	0
Wong Tai Sin and Sai Kung	30	61	91	54	31	24	0	0
Kowloon City and Yau Tsim Mong	11	31	22	13	14	6	2	0
Sham Shui Po	21	39	38	32	27	8	1	0
Sha Tin	12	44	63	51	35	4	0	0
Tai Po and North	18	74	69	51	24	4	1	0
Yuen Long	21	55	58	45	28	6	0	0
Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing	27	63	78	54	43	12	0	0
Tuen Mun	21	50	51	50	23	12	0	0
Total	214	562	617	477	326	122	8	0

**Table 21: Number of applicants waitlisted for SGHs(MMHC)^{Note} in 2019-20
(by administrative district of SWD and age group)**

District	No. of applicants			
	Aged 6 to 8	Aged 9 to 11	Aged 12 to 15	Aged 16 or above
Central Western, Southern and Islands	2	1	0	0
Eastern and Wan Chai	0	1	3	2
Kwun Tong	1	2	7	0
Wong Tai Sin and Sai Kung	2	2	1	0
Kowloon City and Yau Tsim Mong	0	1	1	0
Sham Shui Po	0	0	2	1
Sha Tin	0	2	2	0
Tai Po and North	3	2	3	0
Yuen Long	0	0	2	1
Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing	1	0	4	0
Tuen Mun	0	0	1	0
Total	9	11	26	4

Note SGHs(MMHC) include ISGHs.

**Table 22: Number of applicants waitlisted for SGHs(MMHC)^{Note} in 2020-21
(by administrative district of SWD and age group)**

District	No. of applicants			
	Aged 6 to 8	Aged 9 to 11	Aged 12 to 15	Aged 16 or above
Central Western, Southern and Islands	1	1	2	0
Eastern and Wan Chai	0	1	2	4
Kwun Tong	1	2	14	0
Wong Tai Sin and Sai Kung	3	4	2	0
Kowloon City and Yau Tsim Mong	0	2	2	0
Sham Shui Po	1	1	4	0
Sha Tin	0	2	6	0
Tai Po and North	3	1	5	0
Yuen Long	0	2	4	1
Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing	1	1	3	0
Tuen Mun	0	2	1	0
Total	10	19	45	5

Note SGHs(MMHC) include ISGHs.

**Table 23: Number of applicants waitlisted for SGHs(MMHC)^{Note} in 2021-22
(by administrative district of SWD and age group)**

District	No. of applicants			
	Aged 6 to 8	Aged 9 to 11	Aged 12 to 15	Aged 16 or above
Central Western, Southern and Islands	0	0	2	0
Eastern and Wan Chai	0	1	1	2
Kwun Tong	1	5	15	1
Wong Tai Sin and Sai Kung	4	5	2	0
Kowloon City and Yau Tsim Mong	0	0	4	2
Sham Shui Po	3	2	6	0
Sha Tin	1	6	8	2
Tai Po and North	5	2	2	2
Yuen Long	1	5	4	0
Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing	2	0	3	2
Tuen Mun	0	3	0	0
Total	17	29	47	11

Note SGHs(MMHC) include ISGHs.

**Table 24: Number of applicants waitlisted for SGHs(MMHC)^{Note} in 2022-23
(by administrative district of SWD and age group)**

District	No. of applicants			
	Aged 6 to 8	Aged 9 to 11	Aged 12 to 15	Aged 16 or above
Central Western, Southern and Islands	0	1	2	0
Eastern and Wan Chai	1	0	1	0
Kwun Tong	1	5	11	4
Wong Tai Sin and Sai Kung	4	7	2	0
Kowloon City and Yau Tsim Mong	2	0	5	1
Sham Shui Po	4	5	2	1
Sha Tin	1	6	8	2
Tai Po and North	3	7	4	1
Yuen Long	2	2	1	1
Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing	2	2	2	2
Tuen Mun	0	3	0	0
Total	20	38	38	12

Note SGHs(MMHC) include ISGHs.

**Table 25: Number of applicants waitlisted for SGHs(MMHC)^{Note} in 2023-24
(by administrative district of SWD and age group)
(as at 31 December 2023)**

District	No. of applicants			
	Aged 6 to 8	Aged 9 to 11	Aged 12 to 15	Aged 16 or above
Central Western, Southern and Islands	0	0	3	0
Eastern and Wan Chai	1	0	3	0
Kwun Tong	0	3	10	6
Wong Tai Sin and Sai Kung	2	5	2	1
Kowloon City and Yau Tsim Mong	2	0	5	1
Sham Shui Po	4	2	1	1
Sha Tin	4	4	8	1
Tai Po and North	3	8	7	0
Yuen Long	2	2	5	1
Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing	2	4	3	2
Tuen Mun	1	1	1	0
Total	21	29	48	13

Note SGHs(MMHC) include ISGHs.

Table 1: Age distribution of service users of various types of residential rehabilitation services in 2019-20

Service type	No. of service users										
	Aged 6 to 8	Aged 9 to 11	Aged 12 to 14	Aged 15 to 19	Aged 20 to 29	Aged 30 to 39	Aged 40 to 49	Aged 50 to 59	Aged 60 to 69	Aged 70 to 79	Aged 80 or above
HSMH	N.A.			13	346	974	990	899	531	90	11
HMMH	N.A.			11	145	514	670	780	391	69	0
C&A/SD	N.A.			0	232	213	158	177	163	53	14
SHOS	N.A.			4	70	150	207	209	64	5	0
SGH(MMHC) Note	7	29	43	48	N.A.						
Private RCHD under BPS	N.A.			1	24	79	206	267	190	29	2

N.A.- Not applicable

Note SGHs(MMHC) include ISGHs whose service targets are mildly mentally handicapped children aged 6 to 18.

Table 2: Age distribution of service users of various types of residential rehabilitation services in 2020-21

Service type	No. of service users										
	Aged 6 to 8	Aged 9 to 11	Aged 12 to 14	Aged 15 to 19	Aged 20 to 29	Aged 30 to 39	Aged 40 to 49	Aged 50 to 59	Aged 60 to 69	Aged 70 to 79	Aged 80 or above
HSMH	N.A.			10	338	982	1 006	904	588	122	10
HMMH	N.A.			10	156	540	702	785	436	86	0
C&A/SD	N.A.			3	243	220	176	183	166	63	19
SHOS	N.A.			1	66	167	206	224	74	5	0
SGH(MMHC) Note	8	19	40	61	N.A.						
Private RCHD under BPS	N.A.			0	33	93	228	328	242	38	0

N.A.- Not applicable

Note SGHs(MMHC) include ISGHs whose service targets are mildly mentally handicapped children aged 6 to 18.

Table 3: Age distribution of service users of various types of residential rehabilitation services in 2021-22

Service type	No. of service users										
	Aged 6 to 8	Aged 9 to 11	Aged 12 to 14	Aged 15 to 19	Aged 20 to 29	Aged 30 to 39	Aged 40 to 49	Aged 50 to 59	Aged 60 to 69	Aged 70 to 79	Aged 80 or above
HSMH	N.A.			11	321	959	1 043	930	606	143	10
HMMH	N.A.			17	159	513	702	789	487	99	2
C&A/SD	N.A.			2	240	229	184	192	161	76	16
SHOS	N.A.			4	59	178	220	231	78	5	0
SGH(MMHC) Note	5	19	36	67	N.A.						
Private RCHD under BPS	N.A.			2	31	104	273	390	281	49	1

N.A.- Not applicable

Note SGHs(MMHC) include ISGHs whose service targets are mildly mentally handicapped children aged 6 to 18.

Table 4: Age distribution of service users of various types of residential rehabilitation services in 2022-23

Service type	No. of service users										
	Aged 6 to 8	Aged 9 to 11	Aged 12 to 14	Aged 15 to 19	Aged 20 to 29	Aged 30 to 39	Aged 40 to 49	Aged 50 to 59	Aged 60 to 69	Aged 70 to 79	Aged 80 or above
HSMH	N.A.			9	295	901	1 084	930	643	172	10
HMMH	N.A.			11	139	490	729	752	543	117	1
C&A/SD	N.A.			9	222	244	177	202	168	81	17
SHOS	N.A.			5	58	197	223	237	90	9	0
SGH(MMHC) Note	7	18	49	52	N.A.						
Private RCHD under BPS	N.A.			2	28	106	290	410	320	60	2

N.A.- Not applicable

Note SGHs(MMHC) include ISGHs whose service targets are mildly mentally handicapped children aged 6 to 18.

Table 5: Age distribution of service users of various types of residential rehabilitation services in 2023-24 (as at 31 December 2023)

Service type	No. of service users										
	Aged 6 to 8	Aged 9 to 11	Aged 12 to 14	Aged 15 to 19	Aged 20 to 29	Aged 30 to 39	Aged 40 to 49	Aged 50 to 59	Aged 60 to 69	Aged 70 to 79	Aged 80 or above
HSMH	N.A.			7	282	890	1 109	943	665	197	11
HMMH	N.A.			9	136	480	751	744	554	135	1
C&A/SD	N.A.			9	215	248	171	207	169	84	17
SHOS	N.A.			7	52	199	226	232	108	10	0
SGH(MMHC) Note	9	21	51	42	N.A.						
Private RCHD under BPS	N.A.			2	29	93	302	430	351	66	4

N.A.- Not applicable

Note SGHs(MMHC) include ISGHs whose service targets are mildly mentally handicapped children aged 6 to 18.

**Number of applicants on IWL for various types of
residential rehabilitation services for PWDs from 2022-23 to 2023-24^{Note}**

Service type	No. of applicants on IWL	
	2022-23	2023-24 (as at 31 December 2023)
HMMH	61	247
HSMH	250	389
Hostel for severely physically handicapped persons (HSPH)	25	103
C&A/SD	7	77
SHOS	42	254

Note

The Inactive Waitlisting Mechanism for residential care services for PWDs has been implemented since March 2023 for applicants who are waitlisting for residential rehabilitation services for mentally/physically handicapped persons, including HMMHs, HSMHs, HSPHs, C&A/SDs and SHOSs.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(W)322

(Question Serial No. 3398)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Charmaine LEE)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Please provide the number of cases of persons with disabilities (PWDs) under 60 teams of Integrated Home Care Services (Ordinary Cases) [IHCS(OC)] across the territory in the past 5 years, with a breakdown by district.

Asked by: Hon TIK Chi-yuen (LegCo internal reference no.: 170)

Reply:

The information sought is set out at Annex.

Number of Cases of PWDs of IHCS(OC) ^{Note}
(from 2019-20 to 2023-24)

District	No. of Cases of PWDs				
	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24 (as at end- December 2023)
Central & Western	10	5	7	7	10
Eastern	69	63	59	50	50
Wan Chai	15	16	12	11	10
Southern	61	62	56	40	45
Islands	4	12	12	12	14
Kwun Tong	67	62	58	53	53
Wong Tai Sin	118	107	122	118	112
Sai Kung	48	48	47	52	61
Kowloon City	30	23	18	22	12
Yau Tsim Mong	34	39	30	32	29
Sham Shui Po	93	85	75	82	101
Sha Tin	120	111	90	68	72
Tai Po	21	20	15	18	22
North	52	57	51	45	38
Yuen Long	79	82	80	75	72
Tuen Mun	91	83	75	61	56
Tsuen Wan	19	27	24	17	14
Kwai Tsing	68	57	57	55	61
Total	999	959	888	818	832

^{Note} There are currently a total of 61 integrated home care services teams providing IHCS(OC) across the territory. The service targets of IHCS(OC) are elderly persons, PWDs and individuals and families with social needs. The figures represent the number of cases of PWDs receiving services as at the end of March in the year concerned except for 2023-24.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(W)323

(Question Serial No. 3399)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Charmaine LEE)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Please provide the following information regarding the rehabilitation services, including home care service for persons with severe disabilities (HCS) and integrated support service for persons with severe physical disabilities (ISS):

- i. the total service cost, unit cost per capita and service cost of each service sub-type under the 2 services in the past 5 years;
- ii. the total number of service places, number of service places for each service sub-type, total number of service users, and average waiting time for the 2 services in the past 5 years;
- iii. for each service sub-type under the 2 services, the number of service sessions provided, waiting situation, number of service users (with a breakdown by type of disabilities and age group in ten-year bands from the age over 15) and number of persons who were refused services (with a breakdown by reason for refusal) in the past 5 years; and
- iv. the number of persons who requested household cleaning and meal delivery services and the actual number of times such services were provided under the 2 services in the past 5 years.

Asked by: Hon TIK Chi-yuen (LegCo internal reference no.: 171)

Reply:

- i. The service expenditure on HCS and ISS in the past 5 years is set out at Annex 1. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) does not have statistics on the unit cost per capita or service cost of each service sub-type under the 2 services.
- ii. In the past 5 years, the service places for HCS and ISS were 3 550 and 900, respectively. SWD does not have a breakdown of service places by service sub-type of the 2 services. The number of service users of the 2 services from 2019-20 to 2023-24 is set out at Annex 2. As service users do not have to be waitlisted for the services through the Central Referral System for Rehabilitation Services, SWD does not have information on the average waiting time of the 2 services. Applications made by individuals with pressing needs will be processed with priority based on their individual circumstances.

iii & iv. The volume of services provided under HCS and ISS in the past 5 years is set out in Tables 1 and 2 of Annex 3, respectively. SWD does not have information on the waiting situation for each service sub-type under the 2 services, number of service users broken down by type of disabilities and age group, number of persons who were refused services or number of applicants for household cleaning/meal delivery services.

Service expenditure on HCS and ISS

Service type/ Year	2019-20 (Actual) (\$ million)	2020-21 (Actual) (\$ million)	2021-22 (Actual) (\$ million)	2022-23 (Actual) (\$ million)	2023-24 (Revised estimate) (\$ million)
HCS	305.3	330.5	329.7	336.5	351.6
ISS	68.8	72.5	72.6	74.4	77.3

Number of service users of HCS and ISS

Service type/Year	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24 (as at end- December 2023)
HCS	4 473	4 469	4 643	4 769	4 549
ISS	1 157	1 175	1 150	1 189	1 172

Table 1: Volume of various services utilised by HCS users

Service/Year	2019-20	2020-21 Note 1	2021-22 Note 1	2022-23	2023-24 (as at end- December 2023)
Nursing care (no. of hours)	38 804	38 819	44 304	51 347	40 898
Rehabilitation training (no. of hours)	64 737	49 133	64 190	66 180	53 472
Personal care service (no. of hours/times ^{Note 2})	75 660	72 893	86 326	84 389	69 838 ^{Note 2}
Escort service (no. of hours/times ^{Note 2})	58 164	40 121	62 735	65 356	77 593 ^{Note 2}
Carer support programmes (no. of programmes)	129	88	151	167	78
Home respite service (headcount of users)	12 056	11 168	14 039	12 841	12 406
Social work service (no. of users)	4 473	4 469	4 643	4 769	4 549
Meal support service (no. of users)	157	155	146	184	216
Household cleaning service (no. of users)	25	44	67	97	98

Note 1 The COVID-19 epidemic has led to a decrease in the number of service users for individual items compared with previous years.

Note 2 As per the Funding and Service Agreements (FSAs) signed between SWD and service operators, the unit of measurement for the output standards (OS) for personal care and escort services has changed from “number of hours” to “number of times” with effect from 1 April 2023.

Table 2: Volume of various services utilised by ISS users

Service/Year	2019-20	2020-21 Note 1	2021-22 Note 1	2022-23	2023-24 (as at end- December 2023)
Nursing care (no. of hours)	14 604	14 583	13 959	16 988	13 685
Rehabilitation training (no. of hours)	23 325	19 639	19 725	18 031	13 318
Personal care service (no. of hours/times ^{Note 2})	36 755	25 224	30 547	30 763	23 367 (4-10/2023)
					13 419 ^{Note 2} (11-12/2023)
Escort service (no. of hours/times ^{Note 2})	6 427	4 520	6 089	6 424	3 838 (4-10/2023)
					1 906 ^{Note 2} (11-12/2023)
Carer support programmes (no. of programmes)	59	48	58	48	41
Home respite service (headcount of users)	7 191	6 512	6 783	5 487	4 453
Social work service (no. of users)	1 157	1 175	1 150	1 189	1 172
Meal support service (no. of users)	13	16	12	13	18
Household cleaning service (no. of users)	51	49	47	41	30

Note 1 The COVID-19 epidemic has led to a decrease in the number of service users for individual items compared with previous years.

Note 2 As per the FSAs signed between SWD and service operators, the unit of measurement for OS for personal care and escort services has changed from “number of hours” to “number of times” with effect from 1 November 2023.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(W)324

(Question Serial No. 3400)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): ()
Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Charmaine LEE)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding hostels for severely physically handicapped persons (HSPHs), hostels for severely physically handicapped persons with mental handicap (HSPH/MHs) and supported hostels (SHOSs) for physically handicapped persons, please provide the following information:

- i. the current number of service places, the estimated and actual increase in the number of service places, as well as the longest, shortest, average and median waiting time for each of the past 5 years;
- ii. the per capita service cost in each of the past 5 years;
- iii. the number of applicants, the number of persons served and the number of persons applying for a freeze in service allocation in the past 5 years, broken down by district of residence, age group and gender;
- iv. the number of persons having refused service allocation, the length of their waiting time and their reasons for refusal in the past 5 years;
- v. the age of service users of all service units in the territory; and
- vi. the number of planned service places, with a detailed breakdown by district.

Asked by: Hon TIK Chi-yuen (LegCo internal reference no.: 172)

Reply:

- i. The respective number of service places, the planned and actual number of additional service places, as well as the average waiting time for HSPHs (including HSPH/MHs) and SHOSs (including those for severely physically handicapped persons, mentally handicapped persons, persons in mental recovery, and mentally handicapped persons with visual impairment) in each of the past 5 years are set out in Tables 1 to 3 of Annex 1. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) does not have statistical information on the longest, shortest or median waiting time.
- ii. The average cost per place per month of residential rehabilitation services in the past 5 years is set out at Annex 2.

- iii. & v. The respective number of applicants for HSPHs (including HSPH/MHs) and SHOSs (including those for severely physically handicapped persons, mentally handicapped persons, persons in mental recovery, and mentally handicapped persons with visual impairment) in the past 5 years, broken down by administrative district of SWD and age group, are set out in Tables 1 to 10 of Annex 3. The number of service users, broken down by age group, and the number of applicants on the Inactive Waiting List (IWL) are set out in Tables 1 and 2 of Annex 4 and Annex 5, respectively. SWD does not have information on the number of service users broken down by district of residence. As services are allocated to applicants on the Central Referral System for Rehabilitation Services of SWD in sequential order without considering gender, SWD does not have statistical information on the applicants' gender.
- iv. SWD does not have information on the number of persons having refused service allocation, their waiting time in years or their reasons for refusal, etc.
- vi. The planned number of additional service places for HSPHs (including HSPH/MHs) and SHOSs (including those for severely physically handicapped persons, mentally handicapped persons, persons in mental recovery, and mentally handicapped persons with visual impairment) in the next 5 years, broken down by District Council (DC) district, are set out at Annex 6.

Table 1: Number of service places for HSPH and SHOS each year from 2019-20 to 2023-24

Service type	No. of service places				
	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24 (as at 31 December 2023)
HSPH	665 ^{Note 1}	715	715	715	790
SHOS	744	784	804	866	866

Note 1 17 service places of 1 SHOS attached to a HSPH were revamped and incorporated into SHOS places in January 2020. Therefore, the number of HSPH places in 2019-20 was adjusted from 682 to 665.

Table 2: Planned and actual number of additional service places for HSPH and SHOS each year from 2019-20 to 2023-24

Service type	2019-20		2020-21		2021-22		2022-23		2023-24 (as at 31 December 2023)	
	Planned no. of additional service places	Actual no. of additional service places	Planned no. of additional service places	Actual no. of additional service places	Planned no. of additional service places	Actual no. of additional service places	Planned no. of additional service places	Actual no. of additional service places	Planned no. of additional service places	Actual no. of additional service places
HSPH	100	100	50	50	0	0	0	0	75	75
SHOS	36	36	60	40 ^{Note 2}	50	20 ^{Note 2}	62	62 ^{Note 2}	0	0

Note 2 Due to the impact of the COVID-19 epidemic on the progress of the fitting-out works, 1 SHOS with 20 service places and another with 30 service places had to postpone their commencement of services until 2021-22 and 2022-23, respectively.

Table 3: Average waiting time for HSPHs and SHOSs from 2019-20 to 2023-24

Service type	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
	Average waiting time (in months) ^{Note 3}				
HSPH	123.6	77.8	80.9	73.0	Not yet available ^{Note 4}
SHOS	47.3	71.8	63.5	78.8	

Note 3 The waiting time is affected by multiple factors, such as whether the applicant has any preference on the location of the service units, whether he/she has selected any particular service units, the turnover rate of individual service units, etc.

Note 4 The figure for 2023-24 is not yet available as the average waiting time is compiled on a financial-year basis covering the 1st day of April of a year to the 31st day of March of the next year.

**Average cost per place per month of residential rehabilitation services
from 2019-20 to 2023-24**

Year	Average cost per place per month (\$)
2019-20 (Actual)	18,221
2020-21 (Actual)	18,033
2021-22 (Actual)	18,011
2022-23 (Actual)	18,531
2023-24 (Revised estimate)	19,338

**Table 1: Number of applicants waitlisted for HSPHs in 2019-20
(by administrative district of SWD and age group)**

District	No. of applicants							
	Aged 15 to 19	Aged 20 to 29	Aged 30 to 39	Aged 40 to 49	Aged 50 to 59	Aged 60 to 69	Aged 70 to 79	Aged 80 or above
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	4	13	9	8	18	5	0	0
Eastern/Wan Chai	5	14	9	11	17	3	0	0
Kwun Tong	1	9	2	10	23	4	0	0
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	5	13	4	14	14	8	0	0
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	3	4	9	11	24	3	0	0
Sham Shui Po	2	4	3	4	13	3	0	0
Sha Tin	2	11	3	9	15	6	0	0
Tai Po/North	3	7	5	4	10	0	0	
Yuen Long	3	8	7	7	11	2	0	0
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	7	8	7	18	28	5	0	0
Tuen Mun	4	11	8	9	15	6	0	0
Total	39	102	66	105	188	45	0	0

**Table 2: Number of applicants waitlisted for HSPHs in 2020-21
(by administrative district of SWD and age group)**

District	No. of applicants							
	Aged 15 to 19	Aged 20 to 29	Aged 30 to 39	Aged 40 to 49	Aged 50 to 59	Aged 60 to 69	Aged 70 to 79	Aged 80 or above
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	3	12	5	5	16	4	0	0
Eastern/Wan Chai	4	11	5	3	14	0	0	0
Kwun Tong	2	3	3	7	10	3	1	0
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	3	5	5	11	16	2	2	0
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	1	3	6	6	14	1	0	0
Sham Shui Po	3	3	3	1	10	1	0	0
Sha Tin	1	8	4	6	9	3	0	0
Tai Po/North	1	5	1	2	6	0	0	0
Yuen Long	3	5	4	7	9	1	0	0
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	7	6	6	6	19	3	0	0
Tuen Mun	5	9	6	9	8	9	0	0
Total	33	70	48	63	131	27	3	0

**Table 3: Number of applicants waitlisted for HSPHs in 2021-22
(by administrative district of SWD and age group)**

District	No. of applicants							
	Aged 15 to 19	Aged 20 to 29	Aged 30 to 39	Aged 40 to 49	Aged 50 to 59	Aged 60 to 69	Aged 70 to 79	Aged 80 or above
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	4	6	3	4	13	5	0	0
Eastern/Wan Chai	4	10	3	4	9	2	0	0
Kwun Tong	1	5	1	6	8	4	1	0
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	2	4	4	9	16	3	1	0
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	2	2	4	4	14	1	0	0
Sham Shui Po	1	3	2	1	10	2	0	0
Sha Tin	3	2	5	12	12	2	0	0
Tai Po/North	1	5	2	3	6	0	0	0
Yuen Long	0	5	1	5	9	2	0	0
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	4	6	5	6	19	4	0	0
Tuen Mun	4	8	6	10	6	8	0	0
Total	26	56	36	64	122	33	2	0

**Table 4: Number of applicants waitlisted for HSPHs in 2022-23
(by administrative district of SWD and age group)**

District	No. of applicants							
	Aged 15 to 19	Aged 20 to 29	Aged 30 to 39	Aged 40 to 49	Aged 50 to 59	Aged 60 to 69	Aged 70 to 79	Aged 80 or above
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	3	5	3	4	6	4	0	0
Eastern/Wan Chai	4	6	4	3	11	0	0	0
Kwun Tong	1	5	3	8	11	3	1	0
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	2	7	3	8	11	5	0	0
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	2	2	4	2	14	1	0	0
Sham Shui Po	3	3	2	1	7	2	0	0
Sha Tin	4	3	5	12	16	1	0	0
Tai Po/North	2	5	2	4	11	0	0	0
Yuen Long	0	5	1	4	11	2	1	0
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	2	6	5	5	21	3	0	0
Tuen Mun	3	3	5	12	2	8	1	0
Total	26	50	37	63	121	29	3	0

**Table 5: Number of applicants waitlisted for HSPHs in 2023-24
(by administrative district of SWD and age group)
(as at 31 December 2023)**

District	No. of applicants							
	Aged 15 to 19	Aged 20 to 29	Aged 30 to 39	Aged 40 to 49	Aged 50 to 59	Aged 60 to 69	Aged 70 to 79	Aged 80 or above
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	2	7	2	3	5	4	0	0
Eastern/Wan Chai	2	3	3	3	11	0	0	0
Kwun Tong	1	2	2	7	12	4	1	0
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	1	12	3	5	9	5	0	0
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	2	1	2	3	11	2	0	0
Sham Shui Po	4	2	3	1	6	2	0	0
Sha Tin	4	2	3	10	10	2	0	0
Tai Po/North	4	2	3	5	7	2	0	0
Yuen Long	1	2	1	2	8	0	1	0
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	1	7	2	4	14	3	0	0
Tuen Mun	1	1	4	8	3	5	0	0
Total	23	41	28	51	96	29	2	0

**Table 6: Number of applicants waitlisted for SHOSs in 2019-20
(by administrative district of SWD and age group)**

District	No. of applicants							
	Aged 15 to 19	Aged 20 to 29	Aged 30 to 39	Aged 40 to 49	Aged 50 to 59	Aged 60 to 69	Aged 70 to 79	Aged 80 or above
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	8	32	43	34	32	8	1	0
Eastern/Wan Chai	5	31	37	39	36	9	1	0
Kwun Tong	27	53	48	49	37	11	1	0
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	24	69	96	66	66	17	1	0
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	9	18	22	21	23	8	0	0
Sham Shui Po	10	28	42	27	38	8	0	0
Sha Tin	14	36	60	51	22	9	0	0
Tai Po/North	21	71	64	28	27	2	0	0
Yuen Long	16	55	51	34	26	1	0	0
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	31	60	73	56	39	10	1	0
Tuen Mun	17	52	66	38	30	7	0	0
Total	182	505	602	443	376	90	5	0

**Table 7: Number of applicants waitlisted for SHOSs in 2020-21
(by administrative district of SWD and age group)**

District	No. of applicants							
	Aged 15 to 19	Aged 20 to 29	Aged 30 to 39	Aged 40 to 49	Aged 50 to 59	Aged 60 to 69	Aged 70 to 79	Aged 80 or above
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	7	38	55	39	35	9	1	0
Eastern/Wan Chai	3	26	36	39	27	8	1	0
Kwun Tong	26	55	54	36	34	13	1	0
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	24	65	87	66	56	18	0	0
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	7	23	21	16	24	8	1	0
Sham Shui Po	10	30	39	29	32	10	0	0
Sha Tin	7	44	58	63	20	8	0	0
Tai Po/North	17	76	66	36	26	4	0	0
Yuen Long	19	57	57	39	28	2	0	0
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	31	56	83	58	38	14	1	0
Tuen Mun	19	58	68	44	31	10	0	0
Total	170	528	624	465	351	104	5	0

**Table 8: Number of applicants waitlisted for SHOSs in 2021-22
(by administrative district of SWD and age group)**

District	No. of applicants							
	Aged 15 to 19	Aged 20 to 29	Aged 30 to 39	Aged 40 to 49	Aged 50 to 59	Aged 60 to 69	Aged 70 to 79	Aged 80 or above
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	10	43	60	45	49	15	1	0
Eastern/Wan Chai	4	33	32	45	27	9	1	0
Kwun Tong	34	63	55	35	34	15	1	0
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	28	66	89	63	49	21	0	0
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	10	27	21	18	18	9	1	0
Sham Shui Po	13	28	43	21	27	8	1	0
Sha Tin	18	42	62	62	22	8	1	0
Tai Po/North	17	76	78	44	28	5	0	0
Yuen Long	27	51	62	35	30	2	0	0
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	26	61	85	52	42	14	1	0
Tuen Mun	26	50	65	52	26	11	0	0
Total	213	540	652	472	352	117	7	0

**Table 9: Number of applicants waitlisted for SHOSs in 2022-23
(by administrative district of SWD and age group)**

District	No. of applicants							
	Aged 15 to 19	Aged 20 to 29	Aged 30 to 39	Aged 40 to 49	Aged 50 to 59	Aged 60 to 69	Aged 70 to 79	Aged 80 or above
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	10	46	57	48	41	20	2	0
Eastern/Wan Chai	3	35	36	41	27	11	1	0
Kwun Tong	38	65	54	39	36	14	2	0
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	25	71	93	57	34	26	0	0
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	11	31	24	18	14	8	2	0
Sham Shui Po	19	34	43	29	26	8	2	0
Sha Tin	16	43	67	57	30	7	1	0
Tai Po/North	12	87	66	50	25	4	0	0
Yuen Long	19	51	62	41	31	4	0	0
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	25	60	81	51	41	17	1	0
Tuen Mun	20	51	59	53	26	11	0	0
Total	198	574	642	484	331	130	11	0

**Table 10: Number of applicants waitlisted for SHOSs in 2023-24
(by administrative district of SWD and age group)
(as at 31 December 2023)**

District	No. of applicants							
	Aged 15 to 19	Aged 20 to 29	Aged 30 to 39	Aged 40 to 49	Aged 50 to 59	Aged 60 to 69	Aged 70 to 79	Aged 80 or above
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	8	41	57	53	45	19	1	0
Eastern/Wan Chai	5	36	40	35	25	14	1	0
Kwun Tong	40	68	50	39	31	13	2	0
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	30	61	91	54	31	24	0	0
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	11	31	22	13	14	6	2	0
Sham Shui Po	21	39	38	32	27	8	1	0
Sha Tin	12	44	63	51	35	4	0	0
Tai Po/North	18	74	69	51	24	4	1	0
Yuen Long	21	55	58	45	28	6	0	0
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	27	63	78	54	43	12	0	0
Tuen Mun	21	50	51	50	23	12	0	0
Total	214	562	617	477	326	122	8	0

Table 1: Age distribution of HSPH service users from 2019-20 to 2023-24

Service type	No. of service users							
	Aged 15 to 19	Aged 20 to 29	Aged 30 to 39	Aged 40 to 49	Aged 50 to 59	Aged 60 to 69	Aged 70 to 79	Aged 80 or above
2019-20	0	32	128	167	153	89	13	0
2020-21	0	55	120	191	172	101	22	0
2021-22	1	59	120	200	185	104	21	0
2022-23	0	58	104	207	191	117	24	1
2023-24 (as at 31 December 2023)	0	57	101	214	182	131	22	1

Table 2: Age distribution of SHOS service users from 2019-20 to 2023-24

Service type	No. of service users							
	Aged 15 to 19	Aged 20 to 29	Aged 30 to 39	Aged 40 to 49	Aged 50 to 59	Aged 60 to 69	Aged 70 to 79	Aged 80 or above
2019-20	4	70	150	207	209	64	5	0
2020-21	1	66	167	206	224	74	5	0
2021-22	4	59	178	220	231	78	5	0
2022-23	5	58	197	223	237	90	9	0
2023-24 (as at 31 December 2023)	7	52	199	226	232	108	10	0

Number of HSPH and SHOS applicants on IWL from 2019-20 to 2023-24

Service type	Number of applicants on IWL				
	2019-20 ^{Note}	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24 (as at 31 December 2023)
HSPH		N.A. ^{Note}		25	103
SHOS		N.A. ^{Note}		42	254

N.A. - Not applicable

^{Note} Implemented in March 2023, the Inactive Waitlisting Mechanism for Residential Rehabilitation Services for PWDs is applicable to applicants currently waitlisting for residential rehabilitation services for the mentally/physically handicapped, including hostels for moderately mentally handicapped persons, hostels for severely mentally handicapped persons, HSPHs, care and attention homes for the severely disabled persons and SHOSs.

**Planned numbers of additional service places for HSPHs and SHOSs
in the next 5 years
(by DC district)**

Service type	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29
HSPH	-	-	-	-	50 (Sham Shui Po) 50 (Southern)
SHOS	30 (Sai Kung) 30 (Sha Tin)	40 (Eastern) 110 (Tuen Mun)	-	40 (Kowloon City)	60 (Southern) 30 (Kowloon City) 70 (North)
Total	60	150	-	40	260

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(W)325

(Question Serial No. 3401)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Charmaine LEE)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding pre-school rehabilitation services, including early education and training centres (EETCs), integrated programmes in kindergarten-cum-child care centres (IP), special child care centres (SCCCs), occasional child care service (OCCS) for disabled children and on-site pre-school rehabilitation services (OPRS), please provide the following information:

- i. the respective numbers of pre-school children and primary students currently awaiting assessments of special educational needs in Hong Kong;
- ii. the number of service places, the actual increase in the number of service places, the utilisation rate, the per capita service cost, as well as the median, average, longest and shortest waiting time for various types of services for each of the past 5 years;
- iii. the numbers of applicants, service users and persons who applied for a freeze in service allocation in each of the past 5 years, with a breakdown by district of residence, age group (i.e. aged 0 to 2, aged 3 to 4 and aged 5 to 6) and gender of the applicants;
- iv. the number of persons having refused service allocation, their waiting time in years and their reasons for refusal for each of the past 5 years;
- v. the number of users of various service units in each district in Hong Kong, with a breakdown by age (i.e. aged 0 to 2, aged 3 to 4 and aged 5 to 6); and
- vi. the number of planned service places, with a detailed breakdown by district.

Asked by: Hon TIK Chi-yuen (LegCo internal reference no.: 173)

Reply:

- i. The Child Assessment Service (CAS) of the Department of Health provides comprehensive professional assessment services for children under the age of 12 with suspected developmental problems. In 2023, CAS received 8 397 and 929 new case referrals (provisional figures) for pre-school children and primary students, respectively. Apart from CAS, non-governmental organisations and private recognised professionals also offer assessment services. The Government does not possess information on the number of pre-school children currently awaiting these special educational needs assessment services in Hong Kong.

In the past 5 years, all new cases referred to CAS were seen by nurses within 3 weeks after registration. CAS has adopted a triage system to ensure that children with urgent and more serious conditions are accorded with higher priority for assessment upon preliminary assessment by nurses at registration.

At the primary school stage, all public sector primary schools have implemented the Early Identification and Intervention Programme for Primary One (P1) Students with Learning Difficulties to facilitate early identification and support for P1 students who are suspected of having learning difficulties. Schools will consult educational psychologists (EPs) regarding the educational needs of students with learning or emotional and behavioural difficulties. For students who continue to show severe or persistent difficulties despite the intervention rendered, schools will refer them to EPs or other professionals for further assessment as appropriate. In addition, the Education Bureau (EDB) has all along been encouraging schools to adopt the “intervention before assessment” principle, ensuring appropriate support is provided to students displaying learning or emotional and behavioural difficulties without the need to wait for the completion of assessments. EDB does not have information on the number of primary students currently awaiting assessments for special educational needs.

- ii. The number of service places, actual number of additional service places, utilisation rate, average waiting time and average cost per place per month for various pre-school rehabilitation services (including OPRS, EETCs, IP, SCCCs and OCCS for disabled children) in the past 5 years are set out at Annex 1. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) does not have statistical information on the shortest, longest or median waiting time for pre-school rehabilitation services. Regarding OCCS for disabled children, applications can be made by parents/carers directly to the service operators or by referrals from medical social workers, family caseworkers or staff of pre-school rehabilitation service centres, etc. As such, SWD does not have information on the utilisation rate or average waiting time of the service.
- iii. The numbers of new applicants and service users for various pre-school rehabilitation services (including OPRS, EETCs, IP and SCCCs) in the past 5 years, broken down by administrative district of SWD and age group, are set out at Annex 2. SWD has neither statistics on the numbers of applicants or service users of pre-school rehabilitation services broken down by gender, nor the number of persons who have applied for a freeze in service allocation. Regarding OCCS for disabled children, applications can be made by parents/carers directly to the service operators or by referrals from medical social workers, family caseworkers or staff of pre-school rehabilitation service centres, etc. As such, SWD does not have information on the number of applicants or users of the service.
- iv. The number of cases where service allocation was refused for various pre-school rehabilitation services (including OPRS, EETCs, IP and SCCCs) in the past 5 years is set out at Annex 3. SWD does not have statistics on the length of waiting time or the reasons for refusal in these cases.
- v. SWD does not have statistical information on the service users of various pre-school rehabilitation service units broken down by age across different districts in Hong Kong.
- vi. The number of additional service places for pre-school rehabilitation services broken down by administrative district of SWD in 2024-25 is set out at Annex 4.

Table 1: Number of service places for pre-school rehabilitation services from 2019-20 to 2023-24

Service type	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24 (as at 31 December 2023)
OPRS	7 074	8 074	9 074	10 074	10 124
EETC	3 771	3 888	4 174	4 393	4 393
IP	1 980	1 980	1 980	1 980	1 980
SCCC	2 020	2 170	2 274	2 364	2 456
OCCS for disabled children	97	102	111	117	120

Table 2: Actual number of additional service places for pre-school rehabilitation services from 2019-20 to 2023-24

Service type	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24 (as at 31 December 2023)
OPRS	1 887	1 000	1 000	1 000	50
EETC	251	117	286	219	-
IP	-	-	-	-	-
SCCC	60	150	104	90	92
OCCS for disabled children	-	5	9	6	3

Table 3: Utilisation rate of pre-school rehabilitation services from 2019-20 to 2023-24

Service type	2019-20 (%)	2020-21 (%)	2021-22 (%)	2022-23 (%)	2023-24 (as at 31 December 2023) (%)
OPRS	86.6	96.5	98.4	98.8	98.4
EETC	94.9	94.6	95.4	95.1	93.2
IP	97.8	96.3	97.9	97.2	94.8
SCCC	97.8	97.4	94.7	93.0	96.1
OCCS for disabled children ^{Note}	-	-	-	-	-

^{Note} As this service may admit service users directly or through referrals, SWD does not have statistics on the number of users.

**Table 4: Average waiting time for pre-school rehabilitation services
from 2018-19 to 2022-23**

Service type	Average waiting time (in months) ^{Note 1}				
	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
OPRS	N.A. ^{Note 2}	4.8	5.2	4.3	4.2
EETC	16.6	11.2	8	5.4	5
IP	12.6	7.5	8	6.3	5.3
SCCC	18.4	17.5	19.9	20.2	19.3
OCCS for disabled children ^{Note 3}	-	-	-	-	-

N.A. – Not applicable

^{Note 1} As the average waiting time is compiled on a financial-year basis covering from 1 April of a year to 31 March of the next year, the figure for 2023-24 is not yet available.

^{Note 2} OPRS was regularised in October 2018.

^{Note 3} As this service may admit service users directly or through referrals, SWD does not have statistics on the waiting time.

**Table 5: Average cost per place per month for pre-school rehabilitation services
from 2019-20 to 2023-24**

Service type	Average cost per place per month				
	2019-20 (Actual) (\$)	2020-21 (Actual) (\$)	2021-22 (Actual) (\$)	2022-23 (Actual) (\$)	2023-24 (Revised Estimate) (\$)
Pre-school rehabilitation service	9,544	9,930	9,764	9,950	10,695

Table 1a: District of residence and age distribution of new applicants for OPRS in 2019-20

District	No. of new applicants			
	Aged 0 to 2	Aged 3 to 4	Aged 5 to 6	Total
Central/Western/ Southern & Islands	55	169	42	266
Eastern/Wan Chai	74	174	42	290
Kwun Tong	54	271	88	413
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	70	302	98	470
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	66	250	71	387
Sham Shui Po	36	148	48	232
Sha Tin	65	302	66	433
Tai Po/North	45	252	57	354
Yuen Long	38	224	53	315
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	61	222	76	359
Tuen Mun	24	180	31	235
Total	588	2 494	672	3 754

Table 1b: District of residence and age distribution of new applicants for OPRS in 2020-21

District	No. of new applicants			
	Aged 0 to 2	Aged 3 to 4	Aged 5 to 6	Total
Central/Western/ Southern & Islands	74	155	39	268
Eastern/Wan Chai	83	158	48	289
Kwun Tong	108	298	103	509
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	101	293	74	468
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	76	195	52	323
Sham Shui Po	38	170	42	250
Sha Tin	88	266	58	412
Tai Po/North	45	242	58	345
Yuen Long	83	288	58	429
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	67	279	72	418
Tuen Mun	71	222	39	332
Total	834	2 566	643	4 043

Table 1c: District of residence and age distribution of new applicants for OPRS in 2021-22

District	No. of new applicants			
	Aged 0 to 2	Aged 3 to 4	Aged 5 to 6	Total
Central/Western/ Southern & Islands	110	232	75	417
Eastern/Wan Chai	146	230	55	431
Kwun Tong	120	348	79	547
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	125	357	76	558
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	107	260	59	426
Sham Shui Po	73	176	48	297
Sha Tin	134	309	82	525
Tai Po/North	89	306	74	469
Yuen Long	109	336	91	536
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	96	336	97	529
Tuen Mun	134	266	70	470
Total	1 243	3 156	806	5 205

**Table 1d: District of residence and age distribution
of new applicants for OPRS in 2022-23**

District	No. of new applicants			
	Aged 0 to 2	Aged 3 to 4	Aged 5 to 6	Total
Central/Western/ Southern & Islands	121	203	60	384
Eastern/Wan Chai	105	217	46	368
Kwun Tong	116	335	98	549
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	141	433	88	662
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	91	311	87	489
Sham Shui Po	66	223	47	336
Sha Tin	123	327	89	539
Tai Po/North	105	375	108	588
Yuen Long	138	361	95	594
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	143	421	85	649
Tuen Mun	119	227	53	399
Total	1 268	3 433	856	5 557

**Table 1e: District of residence and age distribution
of new applicants for OPRS in 2023-2024
(as at 31 December 2023)**

District	No. of new applicants			
	Aged 0 to 2	Aged 3 to 4	Aged 5 to 6	Total
Central/Western/ Southern & Islands	74	205	38	317
Eastern/Wan Chai	89	180	39	308
Kwun Tong	110	273	54	437
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	124	331	80	535
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	81	269	56	406
Sham Shui Po	50	160	39	249
Sha Tin	95	271	49	415
Tai Po/North	84	275	87	446
Yuen Long	97	324	61	482
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	79	277	67	423
Tuen Mun	112	214	41	367
Total	995	2 779	611	4 385

**Table 2a: District of residence and age distribution
of new applicants for EETCs in 2019-20**

District	No. of new applicants			
	Aged 0 to 2	Aged 3 to 4	Aged 5 to 6	Total
Central/Western/ Southern & Islands	72	48	26	146
Eastern/Wan Chai	81	55	18	154
Kwun Tong	78	62	14	154
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	76	66	19	161
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	111	62	14	187
Sham Shui Po	67	37	16	120
Sha Tin	99	51	24	174
Tai Po/North	69	44	23	136
Yuen Long	53	57	19	129
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	58	56	36	150
Tuen Mun	34	27	18	79
Total	798	565	227	1 590

**Table 2b: District of residence and age distribution
of new applicants for EETCs in 2020-21**

District	No. of new applicants			
	Aged 0 to 2	Aged 3 to 4	Aged 5 to 6	Total
Central/Western/ Southern & Islands	90	51	15	156
Eastern/Wan Chai	96	64	19	179
Kwun Tong	83	40	11	134
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	98	69	22	189
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	107	44	10	161
Sham Shui Po	61	26	7	94
Sha Tin	93	61	28	182
Tai Po/North	58	45	15	118
Yuen Long	81	59	24	164
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	67	52	19	138
Tuen Mun	65	59	25	149
Total	899	570	195	1 664

**Table 2c: District of residence and age distribution
of new applicants for EETCs in 2021-22**

District	No. of new applicants			
	Aged 0 to 2	Aged 3 to 4	Aged 5 to 6	Total
Central/Western/ Southern & Islands	65	70	19	154
Eastern/Wan Chai	99	72	23	194
Kwun Tong	105	49	20	174
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	155	77	33	265
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	113	61	19	193
Sham Shui Po	69	41	18	128
Sha Tin	71	68	23	162
Tai Po/North	80	75	17	172
Yuen Long	102	52	22	176
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	107	72	14	193
Tuen Mun	77	50	12	139
Total	1 043	687	220	1 950

**Table 2d: District of residence and age distribution
of new applicants for EETCs in 2022-23**

District	No. of new applicants			
	Aged 0 to 2	Aged 3 to 4	Aged 5 to 6	Total
Central/Western/ Southern & Islands	76	51	20	147
Eastern/Wan Chai	79	42	22	143
Kwun Tong	93	60	17	170
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	108	103	28	239
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	79	69	20	168
Sham Shui Po	68	73	19	160
Sha Tin	113	90	25	228
Tai Po/North	87	84	27	198
Yuen Long	68	43	21	132
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	91	88	17	196
Tuen Mun	56	40	20	116
Total	918	743	236	1 897

**Table 2e: District of residence and age distribution
of new applicants for EETCs in 2023-24
(as at 31 December 2023)**

District	No. of new applicants			
	Aged 0 to 2	Aged 3 to 4	Aged 5 to 6	Total
Central/Western/ Southern & Islands	54	35	4	93
Eastern/Wan Chai	62	49	12	123
Kwun Tong	47	49	14	110
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	81	67	14	162
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	60	49	14	123
Sham Shui Po	36	38	5	79
Sha Tin	61	63	23	147
Tai Po/North	58	57	16	131
Yuen Long	42	50	12	104
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	59	66	13	138
Tuen Mun	28	33	11	72
Total	588	556	138	1 282

**Table 3a: District of residence and age distribution
of new applicants for IP in 2019-20**

District	No. of new applicants			
	Aged 0 to 2	Aged 3 to 4	Aged 5 to 6	Total
Central/Western/ Southern & Islands	17	12	1	30
Eastern/Wan Chai	24	18	-	42
Kwun Tong	40	38	4	82
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	27	35	3	65
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	36	35	2	73
Sham Shui Po	26	28	3	57
Sha Tin	29	23	6	58
Tai Po/North	34	37	2	73
Yuen Long	30	22	-	52
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	24	22	9	55
Tuen Mun	11	15	2	28
Total	298	285	32	615

**Table 3b: District of residence and age distribution
of new applicants for IP in 2020-21**

District	No. of new applicants			
	Aged 0 to 2	Aged 3 to 4	Aged 5 to 6	Total
Central/Western/ Southern & Islands	26	20	1	47
Eastern/Wan Chai	26	29	5	60
Kwun Tong	53	38	5	96
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	48	38	5	91
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	45	43	4	92
Sham Shui Po	17	24	1	42
Sha Tin	39	20	9	68
Tai Po/North	40	28	5	73
Yuen Long	46	52	3	101
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	42	46	8	96
Tuen Mun	40	41	4	85
Total	422	379	50	851

**Table 3c: District of residence and age distribution
of new applicants for IP in 2021-22**

District	No. of new applicants			
	Aged 0 to 2	Aged 3 to 4	Aged 5 to 6	Total
Central/Western/ Southern & Islands	18	27	3	48
Eastern/Wan Chai	26	25	2	53
Kwun Tong	50	36	4	90
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	53	55	6	114
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	48	45	2	95
Sham Shui Po	22	23	2	47
Sha Tin	45	40	2	87
Tai Po/North	54	26	1	81
Yuen Long	61	40	6	107
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	39	37	5	81
Tuen Mun	49	26	1	76
Total	465	380	34	879

**Table 3d: District of residence and age distribution
of new applicants for IP in 2022-23**

District	No. of new applicants			
	Aged 0 to 2	Aged 3 to 4	Aged 5 to 6	Total
Central/Western/ Southern & Islands	9	20	2	31
Eastern/Wan Chai	21	22	2	45
Kwun Tong	37	39	1	77
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	32	49	4	85
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	29	38	7	74
Sham Shui Po	20	27	4	51
Sha Tin	33	28	1	62
Tai Po/North	34	31	-	65
Yuen Long	62	26	-	88
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	37	41	5	83
Tuen Mun	37	27	-	64
Total	351	348	26	725

**Table 3e: District of residence and age distribution
of new applicants for IP in 2023-24
(as at 31 December 2023)**

District	No. of new applicants			
	Aged 0 to 2	Aged 3 to 4	Aged 5 to 6	Total
Central/Western/ Southern & Islands	17	11	3	31
Eastern/Wan Chai	21	14	2	37
Kwun Tong	20	32	3	55
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	31	39	4	74
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	34	34	3	71
Sham Shui Po	12	19	1	32
Sha Tin	12	18	6	36
Tai Po/North	29	25	-	54
Yuen Long	32	30	-	62
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	20	24	2	46
Tuen Mun	21	11	-	32
Total	249	257	24	530

**Table 4a: District of residence and age distribution
of new applicants for SCCCs in 2019-20**

District	No. of new applicants			
	Aged 0 to 2	Aged 3 to 4	Aged 5 to 6	Total
Central/Western/ Southern & Islands	86	30	1	117
Eastern/Wan Chai	72	39	3	114
Kwun Tong	44	40	3	87
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	80	42	-	122
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	62	25	1	88
Sham Shui Po	44	16	2	62
Sha Tin	62	42	2	106
Tai Po/North	59	46	1	106
Yuen Long	70	44	9	123
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	77	38	9	124
Tuen Mun	38	20	2	60
Total	694	382	33	1 109

**Table 4b: District of residence and age distribution
of new applicants for SCCCs in 2020-21**

District	No. of new applicants			
	Aged 0 to 2	Aged 3 to 4	Aged 5 to 6	Total
Central/Western/ Southern & Islands	87	43	1	131
Eastern/Wan Chai	96	38	3	137
Kwun Tong	49	36	3	88
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	61	42	4	107
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	60	27	1	88
Sham Shui Po	32	30	3	65
Sha Tin	45	24	4	73
Tai Po/North	53	38	2	93
Yuen Long	58	61	6	125
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	51	33	4	88
Tuen Mun	44	36	6	86
Total	636	408	37	1 081

**Table 4c: District of residence and age distribution
of new applicants for SCCCs in 2021-22**

District	No. of new applicants			
	Aged 0 to 2	Aged 3 to 4	Aged 5 to 6	Total
Central/Western/ Southern & Islands	95	39	1	135
Eastern/Wan Chai	101	45	3	149
Kwun Tong	58	40	2	100
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	88	34	2	124
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	52	29	3	84
Sham Shui Po	33	21	3	57
Sha Tin	43	19	2	64
Tai Po/North	58	41	3	102
Yuen Long	70	61	6	137
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	72	52	1	125
Tuen Mun	42	32	2	76
Total	712	413	28	1 153

**Table 4d: District of residence and age distribution
of new applicants for SCCCs in 2022-23**

District	No. of new applicants			
	Aged 0 to 2	Aged 3 to 4	Aged 5 to 6	Total
Central/Western/ Southern & Islands	65	32	3	100
Eastern/Wan Chai	109	33	3	145
Kwun Tong	42	36	3	81
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	57	46	6	109
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	61	56	6	123
Sham Shui Po	40	26	2	68
Sha Tin	36	21	3	60
Tai Po/North	41	47	1	89
Yuen Long	49	45	2	96
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	57	36	5	98
Tuen Mun	30	16	-	46
Total	587	394	34	1 015

**Table 4e: District of residence and age distribution
of new applicants for SCCCs in 2023-24
(as at 31 December 2023)**

District	No. of new applicants			
	Aged 0 to 2	Aged 3 to 4	Aged 5 to 6	Total
Central/Western/ Southern & Islands	49	29	3	81
Eastern/Wan Chai	68	31	4	103
Kwun Tong	29	17	-	46
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	22	18	2	42
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	32	39	4	75
Sham Shui Po	21	23	2	46
Sha Tin	23	11	-	34
Tai Po/North	40	20	3	63
Yuen Long	38	28	1	67
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	38	29	3	70
Tuen Mun	20	15	2	37
Total	380	260	24	664

**Table 5a: District of residence and age distribution of service users of OPRS
in 2019-20**

District	No. of service users			
	Aged 0 to 2	Aged 3 to 4	Aged 5 to 6	Total
Central/Western/ Southern & Islands	7	210	240	457
Eastern/Wan Chai	14	242	247	503
Kwun Tong	1	310	361	672
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	4	338	457	799
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	6	272	291	569
Sham Shui Po	2	146	180	328
Sha Tin	3	294	322	619
Tai Po/North	4	239	330	573
Yuen Long	-	232	264	496
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	4	297	406	707
Tuen Mun	2	170	229	401
Total	47	2 750	3 327	6 124

Table 5b: District of residence and age distribution of service users of OPRS in 2020-21

District	No. of service users			
	Aged 0 to 2	Aged 3 to 4	Aged 5 to 6	Total
Central/Western/ Southern & Islands	11	275	284	570
Eastern/Wan Chai	16	319	318	653
Kwun Tong	1	375	530	906
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	10	419	538	967
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	6	314	402	722
Sham Shui Po	2	196	262	460
Sha Tin	6	363	456	825
Tai Po/North	9	256	411	676
Yuen Long	2	290	374	666
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	1	310	473	784
Tuen Mun	2	247	317	566
Total	66	3 364	4 365	7 795

Table 5c: District of residence and age distribution of service users of OPRS in 2021-22

District	No. of service users			
	Aged 0 to 2	Aged 3 to 4	Aged 5 to 6	Total
Central/Western/ Southern & Islands	5	278	363	646
Eastern/Wan Chai	17	365	355	737
Kwun Tong	11	440	605	1 056
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	3	436	580	1 019
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	12	348	429	789
Sham Shui Po	3	218	310	531
Sha Tin	9	369	557	935
Tai Po/North	5	329	439	773
Yuen Long	2	369	473	844
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	4	361	540	905
Tuen Mun	4	331	363	698
Total	75	3 844	5 014	8 933

Table 5d: District of residence and age distribution of service users of OPRS in 2022-23

District	No. of service users			
	Aged 0 to 2	Aged 3 to 4	Aged 5 to 6	Total
Central/Western/ Southern & Islands	11	312	382	705
Eastern/Wan Chai	8	412	422	842
Kwun Tong	3	456	663	1 122
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	9	521	630	1 160
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	5	356	489	850
Sham Shui Po	1	241	341	583
Sha Tin	4	380	548	932
Tai Po/North	7	375	519	901
Yuen Long	3	412	600	1 015
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	3	416	610	1 029
Tuen Mun	2	358	450	810
Total	56	4 239	5 654	9 949

**Table 5e: District of residence and age distribution of service users of OPRS in 2023-24
(as at 31 December 2023)**

District	No. of service users			
	Aged 0 to 2	Aged 3 to 4	Aged 5 to 6	Total
Central/Western/ Southern & Islands	10	344	404	758
Eastern/Wan Chai	16	417	390	823
Kwun Tong	15	497	552	1 064
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	18	578	597	1 193
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	10	372	464	846
Sham Shui Po	2	269	314	585
Sha Tin	9	399	520	928
Tai Po/North	7	367	518	892
Yuen Long	2	450	564	1 016
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	4	489	581	1 074
Tuen Mun	5	360	418	783
Total	98	4 542	5 322	9 962

**Table 6a: District of residence and age distribution of service users of EETCs
in 2019-20**

District	No. of service users			
	Aged 0 to 2	Aged 3 to 4	Aged 5 to 6	Total
Central/Western/ Southern & Islands	38	131	162	331
Eastern/Wan Chai	17	137	203	357
Kwun Tong	44	118	184	346
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	63	152	238	453
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	43	136	180	359
Sham Shui Po	39	85	135	259
Sha Tin	46	129	180	355
Tai Po/North	38	97	168	303
Yuen Long	23	51	160	234
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	31	118	221	370
Tuen Mun	17	62	131	210
Total	399	1 216	1 962	3 577

**Table 6b: District of residence and age distribution of service users of EETCs
in 2020-21**

District	No. of service users			
	Aged 0 to 2	Aged 3 to 4	Aged 5 to 6	Total
Central/Western/ Southern & Islands	58	171	149	378
Eastern/Wan Chai	40	140	182	362
Kwun Tong	71	148	137	356
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	67	177	204	448
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	60	158	158	376
Sham Shui Po	56	96	117	269
Sha Tin	68	136	162	366
Tai Po/North	58	135	125	318
Yuen Long	33	100	129	262
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	59	130	156	345
Tuen Mun	24	75	99	198
Total	594	1 466	1 618	3 678

Table 6c: District of residence and age distribution of service users of EETCs in 2021-22

District	No. of service users			
	Aged 0 to 2	Aged 3 to 4	Aged 5 to 6	Total
Central/Western/ Southern & Islands	83	185	127	395
Eastern/Wan Chai	71	189	137	397
Kwun Tong	58	163	142	363
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	108	243	192	543
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	86	181	154	421
Sham Shui Po	55	115	99	269
Sha Tin	99	185	156	440
Tai Po/North	88	132	123	343
Yuen Long	32	126	100	258
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	62	152	129	343
Tuen Mun	32	97	79	208
Total	774	1 768	1 438	3 980

Table 6d: District of residence and age distribution of service users of EETCs in 2022-23

District	No. of service users			
	Aged 0 to 2	Aged 3 to 4	Aged 5 to 6	Total
Central/Western/ Southern & Islands	53	177	172	402
Eastern/Wan Chai	27	206	170	403
Kwun Tong	62	178	138	378
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	80	239	203	522
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	70	197	160	427
Sham Shui Po	65	150	104	319
Sha Tin	77	199	174	450
Tai Po/North	66	191	154	411
Yuen Long	32	123	116	271
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	54	165	154	373
Tuen Mun	18	97	108	223
Total	604	1 922	1 653	4 179

Table 6e: District of residence and age distribution of service users of EETCs in 2023-24 (as at 31 December 2023)

District	No. of service users			
	Aged 0 to 2	Aged 3 to 4	Aged 5 to 6	Total
Central/Western/ Southern & Islands	82	186	119	387
Eastern/Wan Chai	48	211	140	399
Kwun Tong	66	171	132	369
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	85	236	197	518
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	62	182	132	376
Sham Shui Po	55	161	114	330
Sha Tin	85	196	134	415
Tai Po/North	86	209	134	429
Yuen Long	35	122	94	251
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	55	189	141	385
Tuen Mun	37	109	88	234
Total	696	1 972	1 425	4 093

Table 7a: District of residence and age distribution of service users of IP in 2019-20

District	No. of service users			
	Aged 0 to 2	Aged 3 to 4	Aged 5 to 6	Total
Central/Western/ Southern & Islands	4	51	76	131
Eastern/Wan Chai	2	65	78	145
Kwun Tong	-	93	132	225
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	6	93	133	232
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	2	79	144	225
Sham Shui Po	-	34	85	119
Sha Tin	7	48	118	173
Tai Po/North	2	59	113	174
Yuen Long	6	67	115	188
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	4	60	117	181
Tuen Mun	5	50	89	144
Total	38	699	1 200	1 937

Table 7b: District of residence and age distribution of service users of IP in 2020-21

District	No. of service users			
	Aged 0 to 2	Aged 3 to 4	Aged 5 to 6	Total
Central/Western/ Southern & Islands	13	48	70	131
Eastern/Wan Chai	3	58	79	140
Kwun Tong	3	89	114	206
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	4	91	137	232
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	9	96	120	225
Sham Shui Po	2	46	77	125
Sha Tin	10	50	98	158
Tai Po/North	6	72	94	172
Yuen Long	1	87	105	193
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	4	75	106	185
Tuen Mun	3	60	77	140
Total	58	772	1 077	1 907

Table 7c: District of residence and age distribution of service users of IP in 2021-22

District	No. of service users			
	Aged 0 to 2	Aged 3 to 4	Aged 5 to 6	Total
Central/Western/ Southern & Islands	6	59	63	128
Eastern/Wan Chai	9	51	97	157
Kwun Tong	4	91	124	219
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	6	101	119	226
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	9	90	121	220
Sham Shui Po	1	48	73	122
Sha Tin	10	89	68	167
Tai Po/North	5	69	96	170
Yuen Long	9	80	107	196
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	7	89	93	189
Tuen Mun	1	76	67	144
Total	67	843	1 028	1 938

Table 7d: District of residence and age distribution of service users of IP in 2022-23

District	No. of service users			
	Aged 0 to 2	Aged 3 to 4	Aged 5 to 6	Total
Central/Western/ Southern & Islands	3	47	65	115
Eastern/Wan Chai	2	59	79	140
Kwun Tong	2	98	115	215
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	5	114	111	230
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	5	87	122	214
Sham Shui Po	7	57	73	137
Sha Tin	5	83	80	168
Tai Po/North	4	83	85	172
Yuen Long	6	77	115	198
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	6	89	90	185
Tuen Mun	6	67	77	150
Total	51	861	1 012	1 924

**Table 7e: District of residence and age distribution of service users of IP in 2023-24
(as at 31 December 2023)**

District	No. of service users			
	Aged 0 to 2	Aged 3 to 4	Aged 5 to 6	Total
Central/Western/ Southern & Islands	5	49	49	103
Eastern/Wan Chai	4	63	64	131
Kwun Tong	12	96	116	224
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	7	112	111	230
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	13	108	87	208
Sham Shui Po	-	62	68	130
Sha Tin	9	70	93	172
Tai Po/North	9	80	79	168
Yuen Long	15	108	69	192
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	8	85	79	172
Tuen Mun	7	65	75	147
Total	89	898	890	1 877

**Table 8a: District of residence and age distribution of service users of SCCCs
in 2019-20**

District	No. of service users			
	Aged 0 to 2	Aged 3 to 4	Aged 5 to 6	Total
Central/Western/ Southern & Islands	8	69	88	165
Eastern/Wan Chai	6	67	104	177
Kwun Tong	5	57	135	197
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	6	92	146	244
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	7	62	109	178
Sham Shui Po	1	39	90	130
Sha Tin	4	61	119	184
Tai Po/North	4	82	130	216
Yuen Long	3	46	106	155
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	9	76	121	206
Tuen Mun	4	29	91	124
Total	57	680	1 239	1 976

Table 8b: District of residence and age distribution of service users of SCCCs in 2020-21

District	No. of service users			
	Aged 0 to 2	Aged 3 to 4	Aged 5 to 6	Total
Central/Western/ Southern & Islands	7	106	100	213
Eastern/Wan Chai	2	62	123	187
Kwun Tong	4	60	146	210
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	4	70	191	265
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	1	67	121	189
Sham Shui Po	3	25	108	136
Sha Tin	1	56	126	183
Tai Po/North	-	62	155	217
Yuen Long	5	61	116	182
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	4	68	147	219
Tuen Mun	1	29	82	112
Total	32	666	1 415	2 113

Table 8c: District of residence and age distribution of service users of SCCCs in 2021-22

District	No. of service users			
	Aged 0 to 2	Aged 3 to 4	Aged 5 to 6	Total
Central/Western/ Southern & Islands	7	102	122	231
Eastern/Wan Chai	5	68	114	187
Kwun Tong	4	56	138	198
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	4	94	180	278
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	2	57	118	177
Sham Shui Po	4	41	93	138
Sha Tin	4	42	132	178
Tai Po/North	4	65	154	223
Yuen Long	3	43	155	201
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	6	64	167	237
Tuen Mun	3	35	67	105
Total	46	667	1 440	2 153

Table 8d: District of residence and age distribution of service users of SCCCs in 2022-23

District	No. of service users			
	Aged 0 to 2	Aged 3 to 4	Aged 5 to 6	Total
Central/Western/ Southern & Islands	4	78	153	235
Eastern/Wan Chai	3	69	121	193
Kwun Tong	1	65	157	223
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	6	99	179	284
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	4	58	136	198
Sham Shui Po	4	35	92	131
Sha Tin	2	56	126	184
Tai Po/North	2	72	152	226
Yuen Long	3	32	165	200
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	5	52	146	203
Tuen Mun	1	22	98	121
Total	35	638	1 525	2 198

**Table 8e: District of residence and age distribution of service users of SCCCs
in 2023-24
(as at 31 December 2023)**

District	No. of service users			
	Aged 0 to 2	Aged 3 to 4	Aged 5 to 6	Total
Central/Western/ Southern & Islands	6	89	117	212
Eastern/Wan Chai	6	91	105	202
Kwun Tong	4	72	150	226
Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung	7	100	187	294
Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong	6	98	136	240
Sham Shui Po	7	50	90	147
Sha Tin	5	78	122	205
Tai Po/North	2	94	123	219
Yuen Long	3	44	190	237
Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing	1	77	142	220
Tuen Mun	2	37	118	157
Total	49	830	1 480	2 359

**Number of cases of pre-school rehabilitation service allocation being refused
from 2019-20 to 2023-24**

Service type	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24 (as at 31 December 2023)
OPRS	190	396	437	489	397
EETC	873	555	518	402	388
IP	73	63	60	51	36
SCCC	87	298	320	352	347

**Estimated number of additional service places for
pre-school rehabilitation services by district in 2024-25**

Service type	Estimated no. of additional service places in 2024-25	Administrative district of SWD
EETC	252	Sha Tin: 90
		Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing: 90
		Wong Tai Sin/Sai Kung: 72
SCCC	120	Sha Tin: 30
		Tsuen Wan/Kwai Tsing: 30
		Tuen Mun: 60

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(W)326

(Question Serial No. 3402)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

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

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Charmaine LEE)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Since 2020, the Government has allocated some \$30 million to subsidise soft meals for residents of residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs). What is the average daily subsidy for each elderly person? Will the Government extend this policy to cover residents of subvented residential care homes for persons with disabilities (RCHDs)?

Asked by: Hon TIK Chi-yuen (LegCo internal reference no.: 174)

Reply:

The Social Welfare Department (SWD) provides additional funding for subvented RCHEs, subvented nursing homes, contract RCHEs and private or self-financing RCHEs participating in the Enhanced Bought Place Scheme, as well as subvented RCHDs and private RCHDs participating in Bought Place Scheme to provide soft meals for their residents. The annual expenditure involved is about \$65 million for the RCHEs and \$52 million for the RCHDs. RCHEs and RCHDs can flexibly use the funding based on the needs of their residents for provision of soft meals. SWD does not have information on the average subsidy for residents using the soft meal service.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(W)327

(Question Serial No. 3403)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Charmaine LEE)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding long stay care homes (LSCHs), halfway houses (HWHs) and supported hostels (SHOSs) for mentally disabled persons, please provide the following information:

- i. the current number of service places, the planned and actual number of additional service places, the longest, shortest, average and median waiting time for each of the past 5 years;
- ii. the per capita service cost for each of the past 5 years;
- iii. the number of applicants, the number of persons served and the number of persons applying for a freeze in service allocation in the past 5 years, with a breakdown by district of residence, age group and gender;
- iv. the number of persons having refused service allocation, their waiting time in years and their reasons for refusal in the past 5 years;
- v. the age of service users of all service units in Hong Kong; and
- vi. the number of planned service places, with a detailed breakdown by district.

Asked by: Hon TIK Chi-yuen (LegCo internal reference no.: 175)

Reply:

- i. The respective number of service places, the planned and actual number of additional service places, as well as the average waiting time for LSCHs, HWHs and SHOSs (including those for severely physically handicapped persons, mentally handicapped persons, persons in mental recovery, and mentally handicapped persons with visual impairment) in each of the past 5 years are set out in Tables 1 to 3 of Annex 1. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) does not have statistical information on the longest, shortest or median waiting time.
- ii. The average cost per place per month for residential rehabilitation services in the past 5 years is set out at Annex 2.

- iii & v. The respective number of applicants for LSCHs, HWHs and SHOSs (including those for severely physically handicapped persons, mentally handicapped persons, persons in mental recovery, and mentally handicapped persons with visual impairment) in the past 5 years, broken down by administrative district of SWD and age group, are set out in Tables 1 to 15 of Annex 3. The number of service users, broken down by age group, and the number of applicants on the Inactive Waiting List (IWL) are set out in Tables 1 to 3 of Annex 4 and Annex 5, respectively. SWD does not have information on the number of service users broken down by district of residence. As services are allocated to applicants on the Central Referral System of SWD in sequential order without considering gender, SWD does not have statistical information on the applicants' gender.
- iv. SWD does not have information on the number of persons having refused service allocation, their waiting time in years or their reasons for refusal.
- vi. The planned number of additional service places for LSCHs, HWH and SHOSs (including those for severely physically handicapped persons, mentally handicapped persons, persons in mental recovery, and mentally handicapped persons with visual impairment) in the next 5 years, broken down by District Council (DC) district, are set out at Annex 6.

Table 1: Number of service places for LSCHs, HWHs and SHOSs each year from 2019-20 to 2023-24

Service type	No. of service places				
	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24 (as at 31 December 2023)
LSCH	1 587	1 587	1 587	1 587	1 987
HWH	1 594	1 594	1 594	1 594	1 594
SHOS	744	784	804	866	866

Table 2: Planned and actual numbers of additional service places for LSCHs, HWHs and SHOSs by year from 2019-20 to 2023-24

Service type	2019-20		2020-21		2021-22		2022-23		2023-24 (as at 31 December 2023)	
	Planned no. of additional service places	Actual no. of additional service places	Planned no. of additional service places	Actual no. of additional service places	Planned no. of additional service places	Actual no. of additional service places	Planned no. of additional service places	Actual no. of additional service places	Planned no. of additional service places	Actual no. of additional service places
LSCH	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	400	400
HWH	85	85	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
SHOS	36	36	60	40 ^{Note 1}	50	20 ^{Note 1}	62	62 ^{Note 1}	0	0

Note 1 Due to the impact of the COVID-19 epidemic on the progress of the fitting-out works, 1 SHOS with 20 service places and another with 30 service places had to postpone their commencement of services until 2021-22 and 2022-23, respectively.

Table 3: Average waiting time for LSCHs, HWHs and SHOSs from 2019-20 to 2023-24

Service type	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
	Average waiting time (in months) ^{Note 2}				
LSCH	57.8	64.9	57.8	72.3	Not yet available ^{Note 3}
HWH	5.4	4.7	4.2	4.2	
SHOS	47.3	71.8	63.5	78.8	

Note 2 The waiting time is affected by multiple factors, such as whether the applicant has any preference on the location of the service units, whether he/she has selected any particular service units, the turnover rate of individual service units, etc.

Note 3 As the average waiting time is compiled on a financial-year basis covering the 1st day of April of a year to the 31st day of March of the next year, the figure for 2023-24 is not yet available.

**Average cost per place per month for residential rehabilitation services
from 2019-20 to 2023-24**

Year	Average cost per place per month (\$)
2019-20 (Actual)	18,221
2020-21 (Actual)	18,033
2021-22 (Actual)	18,011
2022-23 (Actual)	18,531
2023-24 (Revised estimate)	19,338

Table 1: Number of applicants for LSCHs in 2019-20
(by administrative district of SWD and age group)

District	No. of applicants							
	Aged 15 to 19	Aged 20 to 29	Aged 30 to 39	Aged 40 to 49	Aged 50 to 59	Aged 60 to 69	Aged 70 to 79	Aged 80 or above
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	0	5	15	64	110	86	14	7
Eastern & Wan Chai	0	3	5	20	78	81	11	4
Kwun Tong	0	3	12	34	69	44	3	1
Wong Tai Sin & Sai Kung	1	1	13	33	91	54	11	1
Kowloon City & Yau Tsim Mong	0	2	14	62	86	53	4	2
Sham Shui Po	0	3	10	36	74	41	7	0
Sha Tin	0	9	22	61	107	89	16	0
Tai Po & North	0	2	19	36	77	70	10	0
Yuen Long	0	8	17	41	56	32	6	0
Tsuen Wan & Kwai Tsing	1	6	26	79	126	83	12	0
Tuen Mun	0	11	26	70	123	106	10	2
Total	2	53	179	536	997	739	104	17

Table 2: Number of applicants for LSCHs in 2020-21
(by administrative district of SWD and age group)

District	No. of applicants							
	Aged 15 to 19	Aged 20 to 29	Aged 30 to 39	Aged 40 to 49	Aged 50 to 59	Aged 60 to 69	Aged 70 to 79	Aged 80 or above
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	0	4	8	59	114	88	17	7
Eastern & Wan Chai	0	3	10	24	79	74	14	3
Kwun Tong	0	3	13	32	69	48	5	1
Wong Tai Sin & Sai Kung	1	2	11	36	82	58	11	1
Kowloon City & Yau Tsim Mong	0	1	13	52	87	50	10	2
Sham Shui Po	0	3	7	38	71	42	9	0
Sha Tin	0	10	23	66	112	97	20	0
Tai Po & North	0	0	21	38	79	69	12	0
Yuen Long	0	8	13	39	52	44	5	0
Tsuen Wan & Kwai Tsing	0	8	28	76	135	75	11	1
Tuen Mun	2	13	20	78	119	117	10	1
Total	3	55	167	538	999	762	124	16

Table 3: Number of applicants for LSCHs in 2021-22
(by administrative district of SWD and age group)

District	No. of applicants							
	Aged 15 to 19	Aged 20 to 29	Aged 30 to 39	Aged 40 to 49	Aged 50 to 59	Aged 60 to 69	Aged 70 to 79	Aged 80 or above
Central/Western/ Southern & Islands	0	5	6	50	104	86	20	6
Eastern & Wan Chai	0	3	7	22	83	72	19	3
Kwun Tong	0	5	10	31	76	55	5	2
Wong Tai Sin & Sai Kung	1	3	14	39	78	59	13	1
Kowloon City & Yau Tsim Mong	1	1	12	52	85	51	13	3
Sham Shui Po	0	3	9	32	63	50	7	0
Sha Tin	0	4	31	64	112	107	24	1
Tai Po & North	0	0	17	32	78	75	13	1
Yuen Long	0	5	13	30	59	41	8	0
Tsuen Wan & Kwai Tsing	0	10	31	68	142	76	13	0
Tuen Mun	2	10	18	66	115	112	12	1
Total	4	49	168	486	995	784	147	18

Table 4: Number of applicants for LSCHs in 2022-23
(by administrative district of SWD and age group)

District	No. of applicants							
	Aged 15 to 19	Aged 20 to 29	Aged 30 to 39	Aged 40 to 49	Aged 50 to 59	Aged 60 to 69	Aged 70 to 79	Aged 80 or above
Central/Western/ Southern & Islands	0	6	11	43	94	82	23	5
Eastern & Wan Chai	0	4	5	17	70	76	17	2
Kwun Tong	0	4	7	28	81	58	7	1
Wong Tai Sin & Sai Kung	0	1	12	33	63	57	11	0
Kowloon City & Yau Tsim Mong	0	2	10	39	81	50	13	2
Sham Shui Po	0	4	7	34	58	51	6	0
Sha Tin	0	5	25	61	110	121	19	1
Tai Po & North	0	1	19	25	65	68	11	1
Yuen Long	0	4	10	26	50	28	9	0
Tsuen Wan & Kwai Tsing	0	6	28	64	117	79	10	0
Tuen Mun	1	9	18	50	113	107	13	1
Total	1	46	152	420	902	777	139	13

Table 5: Number of applicants for LSCHs in 2023-24
(by administrative district of SWD and age group)
(as at 31 December 2023)

District	No. of applicants							
	Aged 15 to 19	Aged 20 to 29	Aged 30 to 39	Aged 40 to 49	Aged 50 to 59	Aged 60 to 69	Aged 70 to 79	Aged 80 or above
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	0	6	9	39	86	71	22	3
Eastern & Wan Chai	0	2	6	13	66	73	15	3
Kwun Tong	0	3	8	25	74	58	9	2
Wong Tai Sin & Sai Kung	0	3	11	30	60	59	11	0
Kowloon City & Yau Tsim Mong	0	1	8	36	88	53	13	1
Sham Shui Po	0	4	8	23	53	45	9	0
Sha Tin	0	3	18	56	90	97	17	0
Tai Po & North	0	0	12	29	58	63	4	0
Yuen Long	0	3	11	23	40	23	7	0
Tsuen Wan & Kwai Tsing	0	6	19	63	124	61	9	0
Tuen Mun	1	4	18	40	96	91	11	0
Total	1	35	128	377	835	694	127	9

Table 6: Number of applicants for HWHs in 2019-20
(by administrative district of SWD and age group)

District	No. of applicants							
	Aged 15 to 19	Aged 20 to 29	Aged 30 to 39	Aged 40 to 49	Aged 50 to 59	Aged 60 to 69	Aged 70 to 79	Aged 80 or above
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	2	11	12	10	21	7	1	0
Eastern & Wan Chai	1	20	24	27	26	4	1	0
Kwun Tong	4	8	12	14	10	1	0	0
Wong Tai Sin & Sai Kung	0	12	9	11	9	1	0	0
Kowloon City & Yau Tsim Mong	3	9	14	12	10	2	0	0
Sham Shui Po	0	7	9	9	10	2	0	0
Sha Tin	0	12	16	16	13	4	0	0
Tai Po & North	1	12	19	13	9	1	0	0
Yuen Long	2	8	16	5	3	0	0	0
Tsuen Wan & Kwai Tsing	2	13	27	16	17	4	0	0
Tuen Mun	3	5	12	14	8	1	0	0
Total	18	117	170	147	136	27	2	0

Table 7: Number of applicants for HWHs in 2020-21
(by administrative district of SWD and age group)

District	No. of applicants							
	Aged 15 to 19	Aged 20 to 29	Aged 30 to 39	Aged 40 to 49	Aged 50 to 59	Aged 60 to 69	Aged 70 to 79	Aged 80 or above
Central/Western/ Southern & Islands	0	9	9	7	4	4	0	0
Eastern & Wan Chai	1	12	19	16	16	5	0	0
Kwun Tong	3	7	10	13	14	4	0	0
Wong Tai Sin & Sai Kung	4	9	9	4	10	2	0	0
Kowloon City & Yau Tsim Mong	1	8	12	9	4	3	0	0
Sham Shui Po	0	6	6	10	10	2	0	0
Sha Tin	2	9	14	5	15	4	0	0
Tai Po & North	0	5	14	17	10	4	1	0
Yuen Long	1	7	7	5	3	1	0	0
Tsuen Wan & Kwai Tsing	1	16	23	22	13	2	0	0
Tuen Mun	0	9	13	12	8	1	0	0
Total	13	97	136	120	107	32	1	0

Table 8: Number of applicants for HWHs in 2021-22
(by administrative district of SWD and age group)

District	No. of applicants							
	Aged 15 to 19	Aged 20 to 29	Aged 30 to 39	Aged 40 to 49	Aged 50 to 59	Aged 60 to 69	Aged 70 to 79	Aged 80 or above
Central/Western/ Southern & Islands	1	14	7	12	11	3	0	0
Eastern & Wan Chai	2	9	17	18	20	12	0	0
Kwun Tong	1	12	11	15	15	6	0	0
Wong Tai Sin & Sai Kung	4	5	13	5	15	5	0	0
Kowloon City & Yau Tsim Mong	3	13	8	12	18	4	0	0
Sham Shui Po	3	9	8	12	10	3	0	0
Sha Tin	1	16	12	23	8	5	0	0
Tai Po & North	2	10	13	22	9	4	1	0
Yuen Long	2	7	12	6	4	3	1	0
Tsuen Wan & Kwai Tsing	1	14	19	20	17	5	1	0
Tuen Mun	0	12	13	9	7	1	0	0
Total	20	121	133	154	134	51	3	0

Table 9: Number of applicants for HWHs in 2022-23
(by administrative district of SWD and age group)

District	No. of applicants							
	Aged 15 to 19	Aged 20 to 29	Aged 30 to 39	Aged 40 to 49	Aged 50 to 59	Aged 60 to 69	Aged 70 to 79	Aged 80 or above
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	1	11	9	8	6	6	2	0
Eastern & Wan Chai	1	12	12	15	15	5	1	0
Kwun Tong	2	11	11	3	5	3	0	0
Wong Tai Sin & Sai Kung	2	15	10	5	10	3	0	0
Kowloon City & Yau Tsim Mong	2	5	10	18	13	4	0	0
Sham Shui Po	3	2	9	7	6	1	0	0
Sha Tin	1	5	12	8	9	2	1	0
Tai Po & North	1	5	8	16	11	2	0	0
Yuen Long	1	10	7	8	5	2	0	0
Tsuen Wan & Kwai Tsing	0	17	25	30	14	5	0	0
Tuen Mun	2	10	12	14	5	4	1	0
Total	16	103	125	132	99	37	5	0

Table 10: Number of applicants for HWHs in 2023-24
(by administrative district of SWD and age group)
(as at 31 December 2023)

District	No. of applicants							
	Aged 15 to 19	Aged 20 to 29	Aged 30 to 39	Aged 40 to 49	Aged 50 to 59	Aged 60 to 69	Aged 70 to 79	Aged 80 or above
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	1	6	7	12	16	4	0	0
Eastern & Wan Chai	2	12	8	7	15	10	0	0
Kwun Tong	4	7	15	9	7	4	0	0
Wong Tai Sin & Sai Kung	4	20	21	10	2	6	0	0
Kowloon City & Yau Tsim Mong	1	10	10	17	9	0	0	0
Sham Shui Po	3	2	16	8	3	2	0	0
Sha Tin	0	4	13	28	12	4	0	0
Tai Po & North	0	8	18	19	13	7	0	0
Yuen Long	0	6	14	10	7	3	0	0
Tsuen Wan & Kwai Tsing	4	20	22	25	28	5	0	0
Tuen Mun	0	7	5	13	9	4	0	0
Total	19	102	149	158	121	49	0	0

Table 11: Number of applicants for SHOSs in 2019-20
(by administrative district of SWD and age group)

District	No. of applicants							
	Aged 15 to 19	Aged 20 to 29	Aged 30 to 39	Aged 40 to 49	Aged 50 to 59	Aged 60 to 69	Aged 70 to 79	Aged 80 or above
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	8	32	43	34	32	8	1	0
Eastern & Wan Chai	5	31	37	39	36	9	1	0
Kwun Tong	27	53	48	49	37	11	1	0
Wong Tai Sin & Sai Kung	24	69	96	66	66	17	1	0
Kowloon City & Yau Tsim Mong	9	18	22	21	23	8	0	0
Sham Shui Po	10	28	42	27	38	8	0	0
Sha Tin	14	36	60	51	22	9	0	0
Tai Po & North	21	71	64	28	27	2	0	0
Yuen Long	16	55	51	34	26	1	0	0
Tsuen Wan & Kwai Tsing	31	60	73	56	39	10	1	0
Tuen Mun	17	52	66	38	30	7	0	0
Total	182	505	602	443	376	90	5	0

Table 12: Number of applicants for SHOSs in 2020-21
(by administrative district of SWD and age group)

District	No. of applicants							
	Aged 15 to 19	Aged 20 to 29	Aged 30 to 39	Aged 40 to 49	Aged 50 to 59	Aged 60 to 69	Aged 70 to 79	Aged 80 or above
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	7	38	55	39	35	9	1	0
Eastern & Wan Chai	3	26	36	39	27	8	1	0
Kwun Tong	26	55	54	36	34	13	1	0
Wong Tai Sin & Sai Kung	24	65	87	66	56	18	0	0
Kowloon City & Yau Tsim Mong	7	23	21	16	24	8	1	0
Sham Shui Po	10	30	39	29	32	10	0	0
Sha Tin	7	44	58	63	20	8	0	0
Tai Po & North	17	76	66	36	26	4	0	0
Yuen Long	19	57	57	39	28	2	0	0
Tsuen Wan & Kwai Tsing	31	56	83	58	38	14	1	0
Tuen Mun	19	58	68	44	31	10	0	0
Total	170	528	624	465	351	104	5	0

Table 13: Number of applicants for SHOSs in 2021-22
(by administrative district of SWD and age group)

District	No. of applicants							
	Aged 15 to 19	Aged 20 to 29	Aged 30 to 39	Aged 40 to 49	Aged 50 to 59	Aged 60 to 69	Aged 70 to 79	Aged 80 or above
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	10	43	60	45	49	15	1	0
Eastern & Wan Chai	4	33	32	45	27	9	1	0
Kwun Tong	34	63	55	35	34	15	1	0
Wong Tai Sin & Sai Kung	28	66	89	63	49	21	0	0
Kowloon City & Yau Tsim Mong	10	27	21	18	18	9	1	0
Sham Shui Po	13	28	43	21	27	8	1	0
Sha Tin	18	42	62	62	22	8	1	0
Tai Po & North	17	76	78	44	28	5	0	0
Yuen Long	27	51	62	35	30	2	0	0
Tsuen Wan & Kwai Tsing	26	61	85	52	42	14	1	0
Tuen Mun	26	50	65	52	26	11	0	0
Total	213	540	652	472	352	117	7	0

Table 14: Number of applicants for SHOSs in 2022-23
(by administrative district of SWD and age group)

District	No. of applicants							
	Aged 15 to 19	Aged 20 to 29	Aged 30 to 39	Aged 40 to 49	Aged 50 to 59	Aged 60 to 69	Aged 70 to 79	Aged 80 or above
Central/Western/Southern & Islands	10	46	57	48	41	20	2	0
Eastern & Wan Chai	3	35	36	41	27	11	1	0
Kwun Tong	38	65	54	39	36	14	2	0
Wong Tai Sin & Sai Kung	25	71	93	57	34	26	0	0
Kowloon City & Yau Tsim Mong	11	31	24	18	14	8	2	0
Sham Shui Po	19	34	43	29	26	8	2	0
Sha Tin	16	43	67	57	30	7	1	0
Tai Po & North	12	87	66	50	25	4	0	0
Yuen Long	19	51	62	41	31	4	0	0
Tsuen Wan & Kwai Tsing	25	60	81	51	41	17	1	0
Tuen Mun	20	51	59	53	26	11	0	0
Total	198	574	642	484	331	130	11	0

Table 15: Number of applicants for SHOSs in 2023-24
(by administrative district of SWD and age group)
(as at 31 December 2023)

District	No. of applicants							
	Aged 15 to 19	Aged 20 to 29	Aged 30 to 39	Aged 40 to 49	Aged 50 to 59	Aged 60 to 69	Aged 70 to 79	Aged 80 or above
Central/Western/ Southern & Islands	8	41	57	53	45	19	1	0
Eastern & Wan Chai	5	36	40	35	25	14	1	0
Kwun Tong	40	68	50	39	31	13	2	0
Wong Tai Sin & Sai Kung	30	61	91	54	31	24	0	0
Kowloon City & Yau Tsim Mong	11	31	22	13	14	6	2	0
Sham Shui Po	21	39	38	32	27	8	1	0
Sha Tin	12	44	63	51	35	4	0	0
Tai Po & North	18	74	69	51	24	4	1	0
Yuen Long	21	55	58	45	28	6	0	0
Tsuen Wan & Kwai Tsing	27	63	78	54	43	12	0	0
Tuen Mun	21	50	51	50	23	12	0	0
Total	214	562	617	477	326	122	8	0

Table 1: Number of service users of LSCHs from 2019-20 to 2023-24

Service type	No. of service users							
	Aged 15 to 19	Aged 20 to 29	Aged 30 to 39	Aged 40 to 49	Aged 50 to 59	Aged 60 to 69	Aged 70 to 79	Aged 80 or above
2019-20	0	3	27	119	397	639	288	89
2020-21	0	5	21	128	374	635	321	78
2021-22	0	2	23	112	353	626	343	75
2022-23	0	2	24	112	366	640	351	76
2023-24 (as at 31 December 2023)	0	2	24	107	348	647	373	72

Table 2: Number of service users of HWHs from 2019-20 to 2023-24

Service type	No. of service users							
	Aged 15 to 19	Aged 20 to 29	Aged 30 to 39	Aged 40 to 49	Aged 50 to 59	Aged 60 to 69	Aged 70 to 79	Aged 80 or above
2019-20	4	211	352	404	357	92	2	0
2020-21	13	195	393	408	367	100	2	0
2021-22	13	192	405	380	358	108	2	0
2022-23	7	189	414	392	356	127	2	0
2023-24 (as at 31 December 2023)	12	204	415	404	365	123	1	0

Table 3: Number of service users of SHOSs from 2019-20 to 2023-24

Service type	No. of service users							
	Aged 15 to 19	Aged 20 to 29	Aged 30 to 39	Aged 40 to 49	Aged 50 to 59	Aged 60 to 69	Aged 70 to 79	Aged 80 or above
2019-20	4	70	150	207	209	64	5	0
2020-21	1	66	167	206	224	74	5	0
2021-22	4	59	178	220	231	78	5	0
2022-23	5	58	197	223	237	90	9	0
2023-24 (as at 31 December 2023)	7	52	199	226	232	108	10	0

Number of LSCHs, HWHs and SHOSs applicants on IWL from 2019-20 to 2023-24

Service type	Number of applicants on IWL				
	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24 (as at 31 December 2023)
LSCH	Not applicable ^{Note}				
HWH	Not applicable ^{Note}				
SHOS	N.A. ^{Note}			42	254

^{Note} Implemented in March 2023, the Inactive Waitlisting Mechanism for Residential Rehabilitation Services for PWDs is applicable to applicants currently waitlisting for residential rehabilitation services for the mentally/physically handicapped, including hostels for moderately mentally handicapped persons, hostels for severely mentally handicapped persons, hostels for severely physically handicapped persons, care-and-attention homes for the severely disabled persons and SHOSs.

**Planned numbers of additional service places for LSCHs, HWHs and SHOSs
in the next 5 years
(by DC district)**

Service type	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29
LSCH	-	-	-	-	200 (North)
HWH	-	-	-	-	-
SHOS	30 (Sai Kung) 30 (Sha Tin)	40 (Eastern) 110 (Tuen Mun)	-	40 (Kowloon City)	60 (Southern) 30 (Kowloon City) 70 (North)
Total	60	150	-	40	360

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(W)328

(Question Serial No. 3404)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Charmaine LEE)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

What was the number of unemployed Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) recipients aged 15 to 64 in the past 5 years?

Asked by: Hon TIK Chi-yuen (LegCo internal reference no.: 176)

Reply:

The number of unemployed CSSA recipients aged 15 to 64 from 2019-20 to 2023-24 is tabulated as follows:

Year	Number of unemployed CSSA recipients
2019-20	14 767
2020-21	21 677
2021-22	20 023
2022-23	18 726
2023-24 (as at end-December 2023)	17 617

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(W)329

(Question Serial No. 3405)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Charmaine LEE)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding unemployed Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) recipients, what were their age, duration of receiving CSSA, educational attainment, previous job position, employment earnings, and district of residence in the past 5 years?

Asked by: Hon TIK Chi-yuen (LegCo internal reference no.: 177)

Reply:

The number of unemployed CSSA recipients from 2019-20 to 2023-24, broken down by age group, duration of receiving CSSA, educational attainment, occupation, monthly employment earnings and district, are set out in Tables 1 to 6 of Annex, respectively.

Table 1 Number of unemployed CSSA recipients from 2019-20 to 2023-24 by age group

Age group	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24 (as at end-December 2023)
15 to 19	336	427	353	296	283
20 to 29	909	1 343	1 058	896	808
30 to 39	1 152	2 146	1 809	1 478	1 271
40 to 49	4 104	6 232	5 298	4 523	3 987
50 to 59	6 260	7 240	6 440	5 733	5 254
60 to 64	2 006	4 289	5 065	5 800	6 014
Total	14 767	21 677	20 023	18 726	17 617

Table 2 Number of unemployed CSSA recipients ^{Note} from 2019-20 to 2023-24 by duration of receiving CSSA

Duration of receiving CSSA	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24 (as at end-December 2023)
1 year or less	2 960	6 901	2 399	1 972	1 701
More than 1 year to 2 years	1 279	2 462	4 472	1 678	1 441
More than 2 years to 3 years	914	1 153	1 871	3 319	1 500
More than 3 years to 4 years	823	993	1 074	1 474	2 604
More than 4 years to 5 years	624	855	927	978	1 049
More than 5 years	8 167	9 313	9 280	9 305	9 322
Total	14 767	21 677	20 023	18 726	17 617

^{Note} Unemployed recipients might have received CSSA in earlier years for other reasons (such as ill health or single parent), and not all of them have received CSSA all along due to unemployment.

Table 3 Number of unemployed CSSA recipients from 2019-20 to 2023-24 by educational attainment

Educational attainment	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24 (as at end-December 2023)
Primary or below	6 179	8 421	7 908	7 441	6 907
Secondary	8 157	12 437	11 417	10 606	10 044
Post-secondary	373	683	574	548	534
Others	58	136	124	131	132
Total	14 767	21 677	20 023	18 726	17 617

Table 4 Number of unemployed CSSA recipients from 2019-20 to 2023-24 by occupation

Occupation	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24 (as at end- December 2023)
Cleaner	186	164	160	174	164
Clerk	10	19	11	11	17
Construction worker/labourer/fitting-out worker	20	30	23	20	22
Delivery worker	76	90	71	82	81
Domestic helper/babysitter	63	67	70	47	49
Driver	42	54	52	43	36
General worker/labourer (other than those engaging in construction works)	272	294	228	229	233
Salesperson	60	64	61	62	66
Waiter/waitress	57	85	84	90	73
Watchman/guard	19	26	25	16	13
Others	311	338	336	375	360
Jobless	13 651	20 446	18 902	17 577	16 503
Total	14 767	21 677	20 023	18 726	17 617

Table 5 Number of unemployed CSSA recipients from 2019-20 to 2023-24 by monthly employment earnings

Monthly employment earnings	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24 (as at end- December 2023)
\$0	13 651	20 446	18 902	17 577	16 503
\$1 to less than \$1,000	312	346	174	195	175
\$1,000 to less than \$2,545	804	885	947	954	939
Total	14 767	21 677	20 023	18 726	17 617

Table 6 Number of unemployed CSSA recipients from 2019-20 to 2023-24 by district ^{Note}

District	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24 (as at end-December 2023)
Central & Western	137	121	109	116	102
Eastern	543	686	647	588	570
Islands	516	766	673	598	529
Kowloon City	799	1 197	1 153	987	891
Kwai Tsing	1 163	1 676	1 606	1 530	1 419
Kwun Tong	2 103	3 101	2 901	2 721	2 594
North	718	1 128	1 087	1 164	1 148
Sai Kung	405	498	462	429	463
Sha Tin	895	1 477	1 358	1 222	1 122
Sham Shui Po	1 835	2 565	2 387	2 199	2 029
Southern	291	321	299	276	242
Tai Po	322	435	398	351	358
Tsuen Wan	384	588	519	493	475
Tuen Mun	938	1 375	1 211	1 226	1 150
Wan Chai	107	153	126	108	106
Wong Tai Sin	1 037	1 491	1 390	1 335	1 269
Yau Tsim Mong	891	1 560	1 409	1 276	1 121
Yuen Long	1 683	2 539	2 288	2 107	2 029
Total	14 767	21 677	20 023	18 726	17 617

^{Note} The boundaries of the 18 districts in the table may differ from those of the 18 District Council districts.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(W)330****(Question Serial No. 3406)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ()Programme: (2) Social SecurityControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Charmaine LEE)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

What was the number of low-earnings Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) recipients, broken down by occupation, in the past 5 years?

Asked by: Hon TIK Chi-yuen (LegCo internal reference no.: 178)

Reply:

The number of low-earnings CSSA recipients from 2019-20 to 2023-24, broken down by occupation, is tabulated as follows:

Occupation	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24 (as at end- December 2023)
Cleaner	449	393	383	336	328
Clerk	137	149	133	118	101
Construction worker/labourer/fitting-out worker	141	141	129	90	98
Delivery worker	307	248	237	193	209
Domestic helper/babysitter	109	89	80	75	67
Driver	215	194	177	140	145
General worker/labourer (other than those engaged in construction works)	1 070	866	799	712	647
Salesperson	316	322	297	260	233
Waiter/waitress	339	306	304	288	267
Watchman/guard	170	153	125	118	79
Others	1 181	1 058	1 089	988	898
Total	4 434	3 919	3 753	3 318	3 072

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(W)331

(Question Serial No. 3407)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Charmaine LEE)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

1. How many Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) recipients participated in the Integrated Employment Assistance Programme for Self-reliance (IEAPS) in the past 5 years?
2. What were the respective numbers of persons who secured employment or returned to mainstream schooling upon participation in the IEAPS in the past 5 years?
3. What was the number of cases in which the recipients left the CSSA net after participating in the IEAPS in the past 5 years?
4. What were the numbers and percentages of various categories of recipients (unemployed CSSA recipients, as well as single parents and child carers on CSSA with their youngest child aged 12 to 14) who secured employment or returned to mainstream schooling (for at least 1 month and 3 months) upon participation in the IEAPS in the past 5 years?

Asked by: Hon TIK Chi-yuen (LegCo internal reference no.: 179)

Reply:

1. In January 2013, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) launched IEAPS, under which non-governmental organisations (NGOs) were commissioned to provide services to able-bodied CSSA recipients to encourage and assist them in increasing their employability and securing paid employment. In April 2020, SWD enhanced the services to improve the effectiveness of NGOs in providing the relevant services.

A total headcount of 15 292 persons received employment support services from April to the end of December 2023. SWD does not have a breakdown of the number of headcount of persons who received employment support services by year prior to April 2023.

2. From April to the end of December 2023, there were 1 478 and 103 headcount of persons who received employment support services had secured employment or returned to mainstream schooling respectively for at least 1 month. SWD does not have a breakdown by year prior to April 2023.

3. From April to the end of December 2023, there were 351 and 37 headcount of persons who received employment support services left the CSSA net owing to securing employment or returning to mainstream schooling respectively. SWD does not have a breakdown by year prior to April 2023.
4. The headcounts and percentages of persons who received employment support services and secured employment or returned to mainstream schooling for at least 1 month or 3 months respectively from April to the end of December 2023, broken down by category of CSSA recipients, are set out at Annex. SWD does not have a breakdown by year prior to April 2023.

Headcounts and percentages of persons who received employment support services and secured employment or returned to mainstream schooling for at least 1 month or 3 months respectively from April to end of December 2023, broken down by category of recipients

Category of recipients	Headcount of persons who received the services	Headcount of persons who secured employment ^[Note 2] or returned to mainstream schooling ^[Note 3] for at least 1 month (%)	Headcount of persons who secured employment ^[Note 2] or returned to mainstream schooling ^[Note 3] for at least 3 months (%)
Unemployed able-bodied CSSA recipients aged 15 to 64 ^[Note 1]	14 217	1 393 (9.8%)	1 200 (8.4%)
Single parents and child carers on CSSA with their youngest child aged 12 to 14 ^[Note 1]	1 075	188 (17.5%)	158 (14.7%)

^[Note 1] Able-bodied CSSA adults aged 60 to 64 may receive employment support services on a voluntary basis.

^[Note 2] For unemployed able-bodied CSSA recipients aged 15 to 59, having secured employment refers to securing paid employment with monthly earnings no less than the prescribed level (\$2,630 per month with effect from 1 February 2024) and working hours no less than 120 hours per month. For single parents and child carers on CSSA with their youngest child aged 12 to 14, having secured employment refers to securing paid employment with working hours no less than 32 hours per month.

^[Note 3] Returned to mainstream schooling refers to CSSA recipients aged below 22 returning to full-time education.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(W)332

(Question Serial No. 3408)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Charmaine LEE)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

What was the number of Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) cases involving able-bodied adults aged 60 to 64 in the past 5 years?

Asked by: Hon TIK Chi-yuen (LegCo internal reference no.: 180)

Reply:

The number of CSSA cases involving households with able-bodied adult recipients aged 60 to 64 from 2019-20 to 2023-24 is tabulated as follows:

Year	Number of CSSA cases
2019-20	2 510
2020-21	5 652
2021-22	6 770
2022-23	7 754
2023-24 (as at end-December 2023)	8 104

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(W)333****(Question Serial No. 3409)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ()Programme: (2) Social SecurityControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Charmaine LEE)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

What were the respective numbers of ill-health and disabled adult Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) recipients aged 60 to 64 in the past 5 years?

Asked by: Hon TIK Chi-yuen (LegCo internal reference no.: 181)

Reply:

The number of CSSA cases involving households with disabled or ill-health recipients aged between 60 and 64 from 2019-20 to 2023-24 is tabulated as follows:

Year	Number of CSSA cases	
	Households with disabled recipients aged between 60 and 64 ^[Note]	Households with ill-health recipients aged between 60 and 64
2019-20	11 273	331
2020-21	12 244	528
2021-22	12 313	623
2022-23	12 749	721
2023-24 (as at end-December 2023)	12 884	763

^[Note] Disabled CSSA recipients refer to those receiving the standard rate for 50% disabled, 100% disabled or requiring constant attendance. Persons aged 60 to 64 receiving elderly CSSA before 1 February 2019 all receive the same CSSA standard rate irrespective of whether they are able-bodied or 50% disabled. Due to limitations in statistical compilation, the number of cases does not include cases of 50% disabled recipients aged between 60 and 64 who have received elderly CSSA before 1 February 2019.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(W)334

(Question Serial No. 3410)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Charmaine LEE)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

What were the standard rates for various categories of Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) recipients in the past 5 years?

Asked by: Hon TIK Chi-yuen (LegCo internal reference no.: 182)

Reply:

The standard rates for various categories of CSSA recipients from 2019-20 to 2023-24 are set out in Tables 1 to 5 of Annex.

Standard rates for various categories of CSSA recipients from 2019-20 to 2023-24

Table 1 2019-20 (effective 1 February 2019)

Category		Standard rate (\$ per person per month)			
		Single person		Family member	
Elderly person aged 65 or above ^[Note]	Able-bodied/ 50 % disabled	3,585		3,375	
	100% disabled	4,335		3,830	
	Requiring constant attendance	6,095		5,590	
Ill-health/Disabled adult aged under 65	Ill-health/50% disabled	3,585		3,375	
	100% disabled	4,335		3,830	
	Requiring constant attendance	6,095		5,590	
Disabled child	50% disabled	4,030		3,510	
	100% disabled	4,780		4,270	
	Requiring constant attendance	6,535		6,035	
		Single person	In a family comprising not more than 2 able-bodied adults/children	In a family comprising 3 able-bodied adults/children	In a family comprising 4 or more able-bodied adults/children
Able-bodied adult aged under 65	Single parent/Family carer	N.A.	2,740	2,475	2,195
	Other adult	2,525	2,250	2,030	1,810
Able-bodied child		3,035	2,515	2,255	2,015

N.A. - Not applicable

[Note] Persons aged between 60 and 64 who have been receiving elderly CSSA before 1 February 2019 may continue to receive the standard rates applicable to elderly persons aged 65 or above.

Table 2 2020-21 (effective 1 February 2020)

Category		Standard rate (\$ per person per month)			
		Single person		Family member	
Elderly person aged 65 or above ^[Note]	Able-bodied/ 50 % disabled	3,715		3,495	
	100% disabled	4,490		3,970	
	Requiring constant attendance	6,315		5,790	
Ill-health/Disabled adult aged under 65	Ill-health/50% disabled	3,715		3,495	
	100% disabled	4,490		3,970	
	Requiring constant attendance	6,315		5,790	
Disabled child	50% disabled	4,175		3,635	
	100% disabled	4,950		4,425	
	Requiring constant attendance	6,770		6,250	
		Single person	In a family comprising not more than 2 able-bodied adults/children	In a family comprising 3 able-bodied adults/children	In a family comprising 4 or more able-bodied adults/children
Able-bodied adult aged under 65	Single parent/Family carer	N.A.	2,840	2,565	2,275
	Other adult	2,615	2,330	2,105	1,875
Able-bodied child		3,145	2,605	2,335	2,090

N.A. - Not applicable

^[Note] Persons aged between 60 and 64 who have been receiving elderly CSSA before 1 February 2019 may continue to receive the standard rates applicable to elderly persons aged 65 or above.

Table 3 2021-22 (effective 1 February 2021)

Category		Standard rate (\$ per person per month)			
		Single person		Family member	
Elderly person aged 65 or above ^[Note]	Able-bodied/ 50 % disabled	3,815		3,590	
	100% disabled	4,610		4,075	
	Requiring constant attendance	6,485		5,945	
Ill-health/Disabled adult aged under 65	Ill-health/50% disabled	3,815		3,590	
	100% disabled	4,610		4,075	
	Requiring constant attendance	6,485		5,945	
Disabled child	50% disabled	4,290		3,735	
	100% disabled	5,085		4,545	
	Requiring constant attendance	6,955		6,420	
		Single person	In a family comprising not more than 2 able-bodied adults/children	In a family comprising 3 able-bodied adults/children	In a family comprising 4 or more able-bodied adults/children
Able-bodied adult aged under 65	Single parent/Family carer	N.A.	2,915	2,635	2,335
	Other adult	2,685	2,395	2,160	1,925
Able-bodied child		3,230	2,675	2,400	2,145

N.A. - Not applicable

^[Note] Persons aged between 60 and 64 who have been receiving elderly CSSA before 1 February 2019 may continue to receive the standard rates applicable to elderly persons aged 65 or above.

Table 4 2022-23 (effective 1 February 2022)

Category		Standard rate (\$ per person per month)			
		Single person		Family member	
Elderly person aged 65 or above ^[Note]	Able-bodied/ 50 % disabled	3,915		3,685	
	100% disabled	4,730		4,180	
	Requiring constant attendance	6,655		6,100	
Ill-health/Disabled adult aged under 65	Ill-health/50% disabled	3,915		3,685	
	100% disabled	4,730		4,180	
	Requiring constant attendance	6,655		6,100	
Disabled child	50% disabled	4,400		3,830	
	100% disabled	5,215		4,665	
	Requiring constant attendance	7,135		6,585	
		Single person	In a family comprising not more than 2 able-bodied adults/children	In a family comprising 3 able-bodied adults/children	In a family comprising 4 or more able-bodied adults/children
Able-bodied adult aged under 65	Single parent/Family carer	N.A.	2,990	2,705	2,395
	Other adult	2,755	2,455	2,215	1,975
Able-bodied child		3,315	2,745	2,460	2,200

N.A. - Not applicable

^[Note] Persons aged between 60 and 64 who have been receiving elderly CSSA before 1 February 2019 may continue to receive the standard rates applicable to elderly persons aged 65 or above.

Table 5 2023-24 (effective 1 February 2023)

Category		Standard rate (\$ per person per month)			
		Single person		Family member	
Elderly person aged 65 or above ^[Note]	Able-bodied/ 50 % disabled	4,060		3,820	
	100% disabled	4,905		4,335	
	Requiring constant attendance	6,900		6,325	
Ill-health/Disabled adult aged under 65	Ill-health/50% disabled	4,060		3,820	
	100% disabled	4,905		4,335	
	Requiring constant attendance	6,900		6,325	
Disabled child	50% disabled	4,565		3,970	
	100% disabled	5,410		4,840	
	Requiring constant attendance	7,400		6,830	
		Single person	In a family comprising not more than 2 able-bodied adults/children	In a family comprising 3 able-bodied adults/children	In a family comprising 4 or more able-bodied adults/children
Able-bodied adult aged under 65	Single parent/Family carer	N.A.	3,100	2,805	2,485
	Other adult	2,855	2,545	2,295	2,050
Able-bodied child		3,440	2,845	2,550	2,280

N.A. - Not applicable

^[Note] Persons aged between 60 and 64 who have been receiving elderly CSSA before 1 February 2019 may continue to receive the standard rates applicable to elderly persons aged 65 or above.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(W)335****(Question Serial No. 3411)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ()Programme: (2) Social SecurityControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Charmaine LEE)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

What was the monthly maximum rent allowance (MRA) under the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) Scheme in the past 5 years, broken down by number of eligible household members?

Asked by: Hon TIK Chi-yuen (LegCo internal reference no.: 183)Reply:

The monthly MRA under the CSSA Scheme from 2019-20 to 2023-24, broken down by number of eligible household members, is as follows:

Number of eligible household members	MRA per month under CSSA (\$)					
	2019-20 (with effect from 1 February 2019)	2020-21 (with effect from 1 February 2020)	2020-21 (with effect from 1 July 2020)	2021-22 (with effect from 1 February 2021)	2022-23 (with effect from 1 February 2022)	2023-24 (with effect from 1 February 2023)
1	1,885	1,945	2,475	2,515	2,515	2,515
2	3,795	3,915	4,370	4,440	4,440	4,440
3	4,955	5,115	5,245	5,330	5,330	5,330
4	5,275	5,445	5,910	6,005	6,005	6,005
5	5,290	5,460	6,590	6,695	6,695	6,695
6 or above	6,610	6,820	7,675	7,800	7,800	7,800

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(W)336

(Question Serial No. 3412)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Charmaine LEE)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

What were the numbers of cases and recipients of Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) by case nature, and what were the respective total numbers of household members involved in the past 5 years?

Asked by: Hon TIK Chi-yuen (LegCo internal reference no.: 184)

Reply:

From 2019-20 to 2023-24, the numbers of CSSA cases and recipients by case nature are set out in Tables 1 and 2 of Annex respectively, while the number of CSSA cases by number of eligible household members is set out in Table 3 of Annex.

Table 1 Number of CSSA cases from 2019-20 to 2023-24 by case nature

Case nature	Year				
	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24 (as at end-December 2023)
Old age	135 239	128 863	123 470	115 453	112 344
Permanent disability	17 026	17 502	17 464	17 246	17 172
Ill health	24 562	26 289	27 010	27 411	27 727
Single parent	24 030	24 826	23 672	21 935	20 497
Low-earnings	2 974	2 422	2 183	1 808	1 581
Unemployment	14 647	19 810	18 866	17 823	17 184
Others	4 213	4 080	4 023	3 916	3 895
Total	222 691	223 792	216 688	205 592	200 400

Table 2 Number of CSSA recipients from 2019-20 to 2023-24 by case nature

Case nature	Year				
	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24 (as at end-December 2023)
Old age	158 541	151 750	142 440	132 747	128 133
Permanent disability	22 261	23 045	22 619	22 173	21 637
Ill health	35 232	38 294	38 188	38 163	38 251
Single parent	57 591	60 677	57 847	53 967	50 287
Low-earnings	9 450	7 964	6 971	5 808	4 970
Unemployment	21 537	31 758	29 173	27 264	25 722
Others	5 541	5 703	5 361	5 131	4 941
Total	310 153	319 191	302 599	285 253	273 941

Table 3 Number of CSSA cases from 2019-20 to 2023-24 by number of eligible household members

Number of eligible household members	Year				
	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24 (as at end-December 2023)
1	139 028	142 125	138 092	133 784	132 724
2	40 716	41 483	39 276	36 582	34 630
3	15 634	16 285	15 071	13 714	12 613
4	6 256	6 703	6 027	5 486	5 008
5	2 129	2 284	2 036	1 834	1 698
6 or above	1 063	1 047	960	908	823
Total	204 826	209 927	201 462	192 308	187 496

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(W)337

(Question Serial No. 3413)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Charmaine LEE)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Please provide the numbers of Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) cases and recipients in the past 5 years, with a breakdown by age, case nature and duration of CSSA receipt (for less than 1 year, 1 year to less than 3 years, 3 years to less than 5 years, and 5 years or above).

Asked by: Hon TIK Chi-yuen (LegCo internal reference no.: 185)

Reply:

From 2019-20 to 2023-24, the numbers of CSSA recipients who have been on CSSA for less than 1 year, 1 year to less than 3 years, 3 years to less than 5 years, and 5 years or above, broken down by age group and case nature, are set out in Tables 1 to 4 of Annex, respectively. The numbers of cases where CSSA has been received for less than 1 year, 1 year to less than 3 years, 3 years to less than 5 years, and 5 years or above, broken down by case nature, are set out in Tables 5 to 8 of Annex, respectively. As CSSA is payable on a household basis and the age groups of household members vary from case to case, statistics on the duration of CSSA receipt by cases cannot be broken down by age group.

Table 1: Number of CSSA recipients who have been on CSSA for less than 1 year from 2019-20 to 2023-24 by age group and case nature**(i) 2019-20**

Case nature	Age group					
	Below 15	15 to 24	25 to 39	40 to 49	50 to 59	60 or above
Old age	188	67	80	186	248	6 862
Permanent disability	189	82	312	299	348	213
Ill health	522	203	579	732	1 171	734
Single parent	3 211	499	1 204	747	202	116
Low-earnings	229	39	92	74	39	40
Unemployment	994	256	647	682	911	1 006
Others	506	168	122	67	74	51
Total	5 839	1 314	3 036	2 787	2 993	9 022

(ii) 2020-21

Case nature	Age group					
	Below 15	15 to 24	25 to 39	40 to 49	50 to 59	60 or above
Old age	189	97	116	255	353	7 686
Permanent disability	204	105	289	339	442	267
Ill health	686	235	793	906	1 493	1 007
Single parent	3 801	763	1 435	1 022	291	149
Low-earnings	233	58	126	96	55	50
Unemployment	1 984	638	1 566	1 846	2 339	2 366
Others	517	205	153	117	79	65
Total	7 614	2 101	4 478	4 581	5 052	11 590

(iii) 2021-22

Case nature	Age group					
	Below 15	15 to 24	25 to 39	40 to 49	50 to 59	60 or above
Old age	159	63	50	123	207	6 788
Permanent disability	145	74	229	243	316	229
Ill health	447	217	494	627	1 072	717
Single parent	2 620	399	900	638	151	106
Low-earnings	142	44	68	52	26	26
Unemployment	714	195	488	568	788	988
Others	484	183	111	49	45	31
Total	4 711	1 175	2 340	2 300	2 605	8 885

(iv) 2022-23

Case nature	Age group					
	Below 15	15 to 24	25 to 39	40 to 49	50 to 59	60 or above
Old age	117	57	49	118	191	7 907
Permanent disability	121	71	217	215	289	198
Ill health	422	165	473	583	966	772
Single parent	2 254	350	755	568	128	84
Low-earnings	96	26	48	33	17	19
Unemployment	624	140	410	448	635	908
Others	451	165	84	57	55	39
Total	4 085	974	2 036	2 022	2 281	9 927

(v) 2023-24 (as at end-December 2023)

Case nature	Age group					
	Below 15	15 to 24	25 to 39	40 to 49	50 to 59	60 or above
Old age	116	50	38	104	155	8 080
Permanent disability	68	53	191	212	258	203
Ill health	367	170	431	547	1 003	754
Single parent	2 159	367	677	529	147	84
Low-earnings	69	9	39	15	8	14
Unemployment	598	134	345	373	537	866
Others	436	174	71	74	37	36
Total	3 813	957	1 792	1 854	2 145	10 037

Table 2: Number of CSSA recipients who have been on CSSA for 1 year to less than 3 years from 2019-20 to 2023-24 by age group and case nature

(i) 2019-20

Case nature	Age group					
	Below 15	15 to 24	25 to 39	40 to 49	50 to 59	60 or above
Old age	561	205	169	377	573	16 217
Permanent disability	335	143	452	468	656	186
Ill health	1 074	348	957	1 263	1 977	655
Single parent	6 339	1 032	2 157	1 628	363	198
Low-earnings	497	80	201	173	56	46
Unemployment	1 116	233	621	679	860	346
Others	830	224	120	100	66	50
Total	10 752	2 265	4 677	4 688	4 551	17 698

(ii) 2020-21

Case nature	Age group					
	Below 15	15 to 24	25 to 39	40 to 49	50 to 59	60 or above
Old age	398	178	142	332	501	13 544
Permanent disability	359	147	520	481	667	361
Ill health	1 067	357	1 023	1 268	2 017	1 207
Single parent	6 375	1 131	2 220	1 663	425	235
Low-earnings	394	84	153	155	71	55
Unemployment	1 556	352	866	974	1 227	1 328
Others	795	231	112	92	68	92
Total	10 944	2 480	5 036	4 965	4 976	16 822

(iii) 2021-22

Case nature	Age group					
	Below 15	15 to 24	25 to 39	40 to 49	50 to 59	60 or above
Old age	316	176	134	361	534	13 471
Permanent disability	353	150	511	532	713	494
Ill health	1 072	356	1 102	1 366	2 255	1 686
Single parent	6 395	1 278	2 243	1 854	478	253
Low-earnings	343	81	162	140	70	60
Unemployment	2 041	505	1 257	1 524	2 062	2 905
Others	724	261	111	107	88	106
Total	11 244	2 807	5 520	5 884	6 200	18 975

(iv) 2022-23

Case nature	Age group					
	Below 15	15 to 24	25 to 39	40 to 49	50 to 59	60 or above
Old age	278	164	90	294	430	12 858
Permanent disability	295	142	401	455	637	507
Ill health	925	361	897	1 218	1 998	1 628
Single parent	5 369	1 050	1 829	1 535	413	207
Low-earnings	266	76	126	110	51	48
Unemployment	1 474	342	893	1 075	1 606	2 576
Others	688	271	93	65	71	75
Total	9 295	2 406	4 329	4 752	5 206	17 899

(v) 2023-24 (as at end-December 2023)

Case nature	Age group					
	Below 15	15 to 24	25 to 39	40 to 49	50 to 59	60 or above
Old age	235	135	61	214	328	12 649
Permanent disability	232	114	365	384	520	422
Ill health	766	300	719	952	1 687	1 409
Single parent	4 278	740	1 333	1 200	296	155
Low-earnings	214	33	94	70	37	44
Unemployment	974	216	520	653	923	1 670
Others	693	244	76	64	49	59
Total	7 392	1 782	3 168	3 537	3 840	16 408

Table 3: Number of CSSA recipients who have been on CSSA for 3 years to less than 5 years from 2019-20 to 2023-24 by age group and case nature

(i) 2019-20

Case nature	Age group					
	Below 15	15 to 24	25 to 39	40 to 49	50 to 59	60 or above
Old age	506	218	149	355	513	13 745
Permanent disability	297	114	410	442	534	171
Ill health	798	247	696	1 002	1 479	422
Single parent	4 909	995	1 552	1 602	313	186
Low-earnings	468	76	190	192	64	45
Unemployment	786	176	396	507	589	149
Others	487	140	50	59	48	46
Total	8 251	1 966	3 443	4 159	3 540	14 764

(ii) 2020-21

Case nature	Age group					
	Below 15	15 to 24	25 to 39	40 to 49	50 to 59	60 or above
Old age	453	245	121	345	491	14 102
Permanent disability	261	114	376	421	531	206
Ill health	818	286	696	1 006	1 452	609
Single parent	5 177	1 104	1 586	1 692	356	164
Low-earnings	375	69	145	145	47	37
Unemployment	927	210	464	537	686	296
Others	517	161	56	70	43	47
Total	8 528	2 189	3 444	4 216	3 606	15 461

(iii) 2021-22

Case nature	Age group					
	Below 15	15 to 24	25 to 39	40 to 49	50 to 59	60 or above
Old age	349	208	101	269	416	12 262
Permanent disability	285	115	364	373	530	251
Ill health	817	263	657	921	1 397	808
Single parent	4 994	1 117	1 547	1 613	411	174
Low-earnings	327	79	112	136	50	31
Unemployment	866	187	402	520	682	496
Others	503	162	53	66	46	46
Total	8 141	2 131	3 236	3 898	3 532	14 068

(iv) 2022-23

Case nature	Age group					
	Below 15	15 to 24	25 to 39	40 to 49	50 to 59	60 or above
Old age	259	170	79	226	337	10 263
Permanent disability	285	103	368	377	515	369
Ill health	762	275	624	922	1 444	1 079
Single parent	4 738	1 079	1 461	1 527	429	173
Low-earnings	285	73	92	118	56	38
Unemployment	969	220	458	578	730	1 084
Others	467	167	51	53	45	57
Total	7 765	2 087	3 133	3 801	3 556	13 063

(iv) 2023-24 (as at end-December 2023)

Case nature	Age group					
	Below 15	15 to 24	25 to 39	40 to 49	50 to 59	60 or above
Old age	226	144	78	240	346	10 927
Permanent disability	241	109	372	383	536	427
Ill health	796	256	683	1 009	1 592	1 422
Single parent	4 668	1 077	1 451	1 595	476	205
Low-earnings	256	87	110	111	53	42
Unemployment	1 091	272	589	765	1 158	1 908
Others	484	146	46	57	50	70
Total	7 762	2 091	3 329	4 160	4 211	15 001

Table 4: Number of CSSA recipients who have been on CSSA for 5 years or more from 2019-20 to 2023-24 by age group and case nature

(i) 2019-20

Case nature	Age group					
	Below 15	15 to 24	25 to 39	40 to 49	50 to 59	60 or above
Old age	1 936	1 987	935	1 888	2 862	107 714
Permanent disability	972	877	2 384	4 058	6 210	2 109
Ill health	2 085	1 698	2 023	4 231	7 628	2 708
Single parent	11 134	6 633	2 916	6 016	2 733	906
Low-earnings	1 950	1 203	723	1 407	873	693
Unemployment	1 863	1 459	910	1 993	3 217	1 141
Others	1 025	592	112	190	169	245
Total	20 965	14 449	10 003	19 783	23 692	115 516

(ii) 2020-21

Case nature	Age group					
	Below 15	15 to 24	25 to 39	40 to 49	50 to 59	60 or above
Old age	1 629	1 924	884	1 753	2 755	103 257
Permanent disability	953	920	2 285	3 959	6 050	2 788
Ill health	2 100	1 730	2 119	4 214	7 645	3 560
Single parent	11 278	6 917	2 963	6 216	2 807	907
Low-earnings	1 564	985	568	1 176	746	577
Unemployment	1 918	1 603	968	2 105	3 349	1 653
Others	979	621	106	177	151	249
Total	20 421	14 700	9 893	19 600	23 503	112 991

(iii) 2021-22

Case nature	Age group					
	Below 15	15 to 24	25 to 39	40 to 49	50 to 59	60 or above
Old age	1 306	1 834	841	1 615	2 593	98 264
Permanent disability	869	812	2 148	3 725	5 928	3 230
Ill health	2 042	1 706	2 075	4 099	7 594	4 398
Single parent	11 203	6 750	2 924	6 169	2 767	863
Low-earnings	1 322	917	489	1 030	718	546
Unemployment	1 968	1 527	963	2 082	3 256	2 189
Others	945	596	101	178	138	227
Total	19 655	14 142	9 541	18 898	22 994	109 717

(iv) 2022-23

Case nature	Age group					
	Below 15	15 to 24	25 to 39	40 to 49	50 to 59	60 or above
Old age	1 073	1 619	745	1 461	2 321	91 641
Permanent disability	818	801	2 016	3 585	5 632	3 756
Ill health	2 010	1 686	2 088	4 108	7 393	5 364
Single parent	10 988	6 639	2 829	5 925	2 809	828
Low-earnings	1 121	773	410	879	604	443
Unemployment	1 838	1 464	937	1 914	3 135	2 806
Others	917	624	92	173	130	241
Total	18 765	13 606	9 117	18 045	22 024	105 079

(v) 2023-24 (as at end-December 2023)

Case nature	Age group					
	Below 15	15 to 24	25 to 39	40 to 49	50 to 59	60 or above
Old age	896	1 376	676	1 362	2 133	87 564
Permanent disability	813	732	1 936	3 414	5 503	4 149
Ill health	2 045	1 749	2 060	4 074	7 335	6 125
Single parent	10 735	6 140	2 737	5 681	2 808	749
Low-earnings	990	642	357	746	541	389
Unemployment	1 743	1 367	909	1 775	2 985	3 351
Others	891	565	91	170	128	230
Total	18 113	12 571	8 766	17 222	21 433	102 557

Table 5: Number of CSSA cases where CSSA has been received for less than 1 year from 2019-20 to 2023-24 by case nature

Case nature	Year				
	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24 (end-December 2023)
Old age	6 228	6 946	6 229	7 267	7 516
Permanent disability	1 017	1 120	893	822	783
Ill health	2 613	3 319	2 384	2 316	2 300
Single parent	2 158	2 797	1 717	1 441	1 366
Low-earnings	104	161	85	53	35
Unemployment	2 607	6 346	2 273	1 919	1 737
Others	633	713	629	629	582
Total	15 360	21 402	14 210	14 447	14 319

Table 6: Number of CSSA cases where CSSA has been received for 1 year to less than 3 years from 2019-20 to 2023-24 by case nature

Case nature	Year				
	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24 (end-December 2023)
Old age	14 477	12 124	12 059	11 574	11 467
Permanent disability	1 488	1 699	1 878	1 720	1 479
Ill health	3 857	4 436	5 167	4 620	3 897
Single parent	4 214	4 410	4 661	3 834	2 870
Low-earnings	205	179	203	159	112
Unemployment	1 858	3 473	6 178	4 941	3 025
Others	855	860	895	863	837
Total	26 954	27 181	31 041	27 711	23 687

Table 7: Number of CSSA cases where CSSA has been received for 3 years to less than 5 years from 2019-20 to 2023-24 by case nature

Case nature	Year				
	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24 (end-December 2023)
Old age	12 047	12 395	10 764	8 987	9 616
Permanent disability	1 307	1 288	1 249	1 337	1 430
Ill health	2 811	2 941	2 980	3 287	3 776
Single parent	3 517	3 685	3 582	3 486	3 541
Low-earnings	218	162	147	135	149
Unemployment	1 203	1 465	1 582	2 245	3 537
Others	480	527	527	506	535
Total	21 583	22 463	20 831	19 983	22 584

Table 8: Number of CSSA cases where CSSA has been received for 5 years or above from 2019-20 to 2023-24 by case nature

Case nature	Year				
	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24 (end-December 2023)
Old age	94 181	90 533	86 360	80 613	77 113
Permanent disability	12 491	12 730	12 783	12 778	12 842
Ill health	13 086	13 869	14 515	15 289	15 873
Single parent	12 271	12 509	12 313	11 967	11 495
Low-earnings	1 904	1 567	1 412	1 189	1 030
Unemployment	5 581	6 292	6 663	6 965	7 251
Others	1 415	1 381	1 334	1 365	1 302
Total	140 929	138 881	135 380	130 166	126 906

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(W)338

(Question Serial No. 3414)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Charmaine LEE)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

What was the number of employable Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) recipients in the past 5 years, with a breakdown by age group and educational attainment?

Asked by: Hon TIK Chi-yuen (LegCo internal reference no.: 186)

Reply:

The number of employable CSSA recipients from 2019-20 to 2023-24, broken down by age group and educational attainment, is set out at Annex.

Number of employable CSSA recipients ^[Note] from 2019-20 to 2023-24 by age group and educational attainment

Year	Age group	Educational attainment				Total
		Primary or below	Secondary	Post-secondary	Others	
2019-20	15 to 19	81	348	5	15	449
	20 to 29	209	993	190	22	1 414
	30 to 39	385	1 431	54	2	1 872
	40 to 49	2 196	3 536	87	8	5 827
	50 to 59	3 634	3 740	152	11	7 537
	60 to 64	1 316	749	27	10	2 102
	Total	7 821	10 797	515	68	19 201
2020-21	15 to 19	72	413	7	16	508
	20 to 29	240	1 220	302	57	1 819
	30 to 39	533	2 074	100	13	2 720
	40 to 49	2 768	4 856	143	21	7 788
	50 to 59	3 629	4 441	204	33	8 307
	60 to 64	2 565	1 787	83	19	4 454
	Total	9 807	14 791	839	159	25 596
2021-22	15 to 19	58	352	3	12	425
	20 to 29	223	1 009	281	51	1 564
	30 to 39	438	1 803	81	13	2 335
	40 to 49	2 327	4 319	128	12	6 786
	50 to 59	3 238	3 987	183	31	7 439
	60 to 64	2 918	2 188	92	29	5 227
	Total	9 202	13 658	768	148	23 776
2022-23	15 to 19	45	318	7	11	381
	20 to 29	194	810	254	49	1 307
	30 to 39	355	1 499	65	17	1 936
	40 to 49	1 881	3 773	122	17	5 793
	50 to 59	2 768	3 690	165	33	6 656
	60 to 64	3 273	2 560	108	30	5 971
	Total	8 516	12 650	721	157	22 044
2023-24 (as at end-December 2023)	15 to 19	49	282	7	9	347
	20 to 29	154	735	242	48	1 179
	30 to 39	306	1 305	60	13	1 684
	40 to 49	1 556	3 423	117	19	5 115
	50 to 59	2 536	3 440	143	32	6 151
	60 to 64	3 261	2 799	117	36	6 213
	Total	7 862	11 984	686	157	20 689

[Note] Employable recipients might have received CSSA in earlier years for other reasons (such as ill health or single parent), and not all of them have received CSSA all along while being employable.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(W)339

(Question Serial No. 3415)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Charmaine LEE)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

How many children born in Hong Kong with both parents being Mainland residents have received Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) in the past 5 years?

Asked by: Hon TIK Chi-yuen (LegCo internal reference no.: 187)

Reply:

The number of CSSA recipients who were children born in Hong Kong with both parents being Mainland residents from 2019 to 2023 is tabulated as follows:

Year (as at end-December each year)	Number of recipients
2019	303
2020	321
2021	297
2022	278
2023	236

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(W)340

(Question Serial No. 3416)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Charmaine LEE)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

In the past 5 years, how many children born in Hong Kong with both parents being Mainland residents and having social workers from the Social Welfare Department (SWD) as their guardians have successfully applied for the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA)?

Asked by: Hon TIK Chi-yuen (LegCo internal reference no.: 188)

Reply:

The number of CSSA recipients who were children born in Hong Kong with both parents being Mainland residents from 2019 to 2023 is tabulated as follows:

Year (as at end-December each year)	Number of recipients
2019	303
2020	321
2021	297
2022	278
2023	236

SWD does not have information on the identity of guardians of the above CSSA recipients.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(W)341

(Question Serial No. 3417)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Charmaine LEE)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

What was the number of Comprehensive Social Assistance (CSSA) fraud and abuse cases (including suspected cases reported, established cases and prosecuted cases) for each of the past 5 years?

Asked by: Hon TIK Chi-yuen (LegCo internal reference no.: 189)

Reply:

The number of fraud cases relating to CSSA from 2019-20 to 2023-24 tabulated below. With respect to suspected fraud cases substantiated upon investigation, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) will recover overpayment from the relevant applicants/recipients. SWD will issue written warnings to those concerned or refer serious suspected fraud cases to the Police for investigation. Persons convicted of fraud by the court may be imprisoned, bound over, sentenced to community service order or fined.

	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24 (as at end- December 2023)
Number of suspected cases reported by members of the public	1 239	1 685	1 143	1 968	1 877
Number of established fraud cases upon SWD's in-depth investigation	329	370	323	367	419
Number of prosecuted cases	55	45	24	21	15

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(W)342

(Question Serial No. 3418)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Charmaine LEE)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Please provide the respective numbers of cases of various types of social security, including the Old Age Living Allowance (OALA), the Higher OALA, the Disability Allowance (DA) and the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA), with a breakdown by 18 districts.

Asked by: Hon TIK Chi-yuen (LegCo internal reference no.: 190)

Reply:

As at the end of December 2023, the numbers of OALA and DA cases, broken down by district, are set out in Table 1 of Annex, while the number of CSSA cases, broken down by district, is set out in Table 2 of Annex.

Table 1 Number of OALA cases (excluding those under the Guangdong Scheme and the Fujian Scheme) and DA cases as at end-December 2023 by district ^[Note 1]

District	OALA ^[Note 2]	DA
Central & Western	10 298	4 491
Eastern	49 622	14 382
Islands	13 058	3 633
Kowloon City	31 023	8 130
Kwai Tsing	67 730	12 830
Kwun Tong	87 488	15 624
North	32 036	8 322
Sai Kung	39 557	9 138
Sha Tin	74 534	17 172
Sham Shui Po	42 903	10 024
Southern	24 815	7 877
Tai Po	30 696	7 882
Tsuen Wan	24 592	6 052
Tuen Mun	58 513	13 177
Wan Chai	5 164	2 519
Wong Tai Sin	55 780	10 025
Yau Tsim Mong	18 871	5 698
Yuen Long	52 998	15 019
Total	719 678	171 995

[Note 1] The boundaries of the 18 districts in the table may differ from those of the 18 District Council (DC) districts.

[Note 2] In September 2022, the Social Welfare Department merged the Normal and Higher OALAs. The merged OALA adopts the more lenient asset limits of the Normal OALA and the payment rate of the Higher OALA.

Table 2 Number of CSSA cases (excluding those under the Portable Comprehensive Social Security Assistance Scheme) as at end-December 2023 by district ^[Note]

District	Number of CSSA cases
Central & Western	2 303
Eastern	9 616
Islands	3 458
Kowloon City	11 008
Kwai Tsing	19 033
Kwun Tong	26 361
North	11 043
Sai Kung	6 078
Sha Tin	14 515
Sham Shui Po	19 408
Southern	6 213
Tai Po	6 421
Tsuen Wan	5 970
Tuen Mun	16 007
Wan Chai	1 413
Wong Tai Sin	13 956
Yau Tsim Mong	8 389
Yuen Long	18 437
Total	199 629

^[Note] The boundaries of the 18 districts in the table may differ from those of the 18 DC districts.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(W)343

(Question Serial No. 3419)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Charmaine LEE)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Please provide the respective numbers of recipients, with a breakdown by age group (under 18, 18 to 64, and 65 or above) and district, of the following types of social security: the Old Age Living Allowance (OALA), the Higher OALA, the Disability Allowance (DA) and the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA).

Asked by: Hon TIK Chi-yuen (LegCo internal reference no.: 191)

Reply:

The number of OALA recipients as at the end of December 2023, broken down by district, is set out in Table 1 of Annex.

The numbers of DA and CSSA recipients as at the end of December 2023, broken down by age group and district, are set out in Tables 2 and 3 of Annex, respectively.

Table 1 Number of OALA recipients (excluding those under the Guangdong Scheme and the Fujian Scheme) as at end-December 2023 by district ^{Note 1}

District	Number of OALA ^{Note 2} recipients
Central & Western	10 298
Eastern	49 622
Islands	13 058
Kowloon City	31 023
Kwai Tsing	67 730
Kwun Tong	87 488
North	32 036
Sai Kung	39 557
Sha Ting	74 534
Sham Shui Po	42 903
Southern	24 815
Tai Po	30 696
Tsuen Wan	24 592
Tuen Mun	58 513
Wan Chai	5 164
Wong Tai Sin	55 780
Yau Tsim Mong	18 871
Yuen Long	52 998
Total	719 678

Note 1 The boundaries of the 18 districts in the table may differ from those of the 18 District Council (DC) districts.

Note 2 OALA applicants must be aged 65 or above. In September 2022, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) merged the Normal and Higher OALAs. The merged OALA adopts the more lenient asset limits of the Normal OALA and the payment rate of the Higher OALA.

Table 2 Number of DA recipients as at end-December 2023 by age group ^{Note 1} and district ^{Note 2}

District	Number of DA recipients ^{Note 3}	
	Aged below 65	Aged 65 or above
Central & Western	2 794	1 697
Eastern	10 177	4 205
Islands	3 076	557
Kowloon City	5 837	2 293
Kwai Tsing	10 540	2 289
Kwun Tong	12 973	2 650
North	6 901	1 421
Sai Kung	7 320	1 817
Sha Tin	13 645	3 525
Sham Shui Po	7 977	2 046
Southern	5 851	2 025
Tai Po	6 295	1 587
Tsuen Wan	4 511	1 541
Tuen Mun	10 845	2 332
Wan Chai	1 423	1 096
Wong Tai Sin	8 194	1 831
Yau Tsim Mong	3 929	1 768
Yuen Long	12 703	2 314
Total	134 991	36 994

Note 1 SWD only has the breakdown figures for 2 age groups, namely “below 65” and “65 or above”.

Note 2 The boundaries of the 18 districts in the table may differ from those of the 18 DC districts.

Note 3 The tabulated figures do not include recipients whose DA applications are still being processed and thus do not have sufficient information to differentiate their age groups.

Table 3 Number of CSSA recipients (excluding those under the Portable Comprehensive Social Security Assistance Scheme) as at end-December 2023 by age group ^{Note 1} and district ^{Note 2}

District	Number of CSSA recipients	
	Aged below 65	Aged 65 or above
Central & Western	1 187	1 405
Eastern	6 294	6 179
Islands	3 790	1 820
Kowloon City	7 715	6 572
Kwai Tsing	13 693	12 177
Kwun Tong	19 454	18 192
North	10 160	6 167
Sai Kung	4 325	3 598
Sha Tin	11 873	9 017
Sham Shui Po	15 321	11 282
Southern	3 706	3 745
Tai Po	4 797	4 072
Tsuen Wan	4 267	3 692
Tuen Mun	11 850	9 746
Wan Chai	708	763
Wong Tai Sin	10 563	8 970
Yau Tsim Mong	5 900	3 823
Yuen Long	16 487	10 047
Total	152 090	121 267

Note 1 SWD only has the breakdown figures for 2 age groups, namely “below 65” and “65 or above”.

Note 2 The boundaries of the 18 districts in the table may differ from those of the 18 DC districts.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(W)344

(Question Serial No. 3420)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Charmaine LEE)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Please provide the numbers of Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) cases and recipients by case nature (including old age, disability, ill health, single parent, low-earnings, unemployment and others), with a breakdown by 18 districts.

Asked by: Hon TIK Chi-yuen (LegCo internal reference no.: 192)

Reply:

The numbers of CSSA cases and recipients, broken down by case nature and district, as at end-December 2023 are set out in Tables 1 and 2 of Annex, respectively.

Table 1 Number of CSSA cases ^[Note 2] as at end-December 2023 by case nature and district ^[Note 1]

District ^[Note 1]	as at end-December 2023							
	Number of CSSA cases by case nature							
	Old age	Permanent disability	Ill health	Single parent	Low-earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total
Central & Western	1 453	277	228	148	14	149	34	2 303
Eastern	5 793	1 024	1 156	744	79	607	213	9 616
Islands	1 600	251	454	521	54	487	91	3 458
Kowloon City	6 524	786	1 393	1 169	78	923	135	11 008
Kwai Tsing	11 226	2 086	2 314	1 475	217	1 423	292	19 033
Kwun Tong	15 998	1 622	3 225	2 709	228	2 254	325	26 361
North	5 621	860	1 420	1 653	73	1 168	248	11 043
Sai Kung	3 317	651	991	418	52	436	213	6 078
Sha Tin	7 995	1 325	2 048	1 859	109	925	254	14 515
Sham Shui Po	10 401	1 264	3 071	2 182	135	2 071	284	19 408
Southern	3 593	922	811	316	43	353	175	6 213
Tai Po	3 598	613	981	669	33	344	183	6 421
Tsuen Wan	3 446	629	646	669	49	449	82	5 970
Tuen Mun	8 801	1 889	2 285	1 542	98	1 073	319	16 007
Wan Chai	813	58	158	87	6	170	121	1 413
Wong Tai Sin	8 223	841	2 005	1 391	143	1 089	264	13 956
Yau Tsim Mong	4 029	494	1 501	806	27	1 351	181	8 389
Yuen Long	9 258	1 577	2 979	2 136	143	1 908	436	18 437
Total	111 689	17 169	27 666	20 494	1 581	17 180	3 850	199 629

[Note 1] The boundaries of the 18 districts in the table may differ from those of the 18 District Council (DC) districts.

[Note 2] Excluding the number of cases under the Portable Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (PCSSA) Scheme.

Table 2 Number of CSSA recipients ^[Note 2] as at end-December 2023 by case nature and district ^[Note 1]

District ^[Note 1]	as at end-December 2023							
	Number of CSSA recipients by case nature							
	Old age	Permanent disability	Ill health	Single parent	Low-earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total
Central & Western	1 404	297	260	361	60	168	42	2 592
Eastern	6 350	1 288	1 659	1 877	226	839	234	12 473
Islands	1 892	364	737	1 329	172	986	130	5 610
Kowloon City	6 873	937	1 831	2 788	256	1 368	234	14 287
Kwai Tsing	12 868	2 563	3 315	3 742	752	2 228	402	25 870
Kwun Tong	19 491	2 320	4 624	6 531	648	3 568	464	37 646
North	6 585	1 119	2 150	4 033	216	1 929	295	16 327
Sai Kung	3 828	787	1 351	996	146	595	220	7 923
Sha Tin	9 546	1 656	3 062	4 516	361	1 420	329	20 890
Sham Shui Po	11 835	1 625	4 014	5 383	460	2 882	404	26 603
Southern	3 886	1 050	1 014	755	147	457	142	7 451
Tai Po	4 096	872	1 387	1 634	106	520	254	8 869
Tsuen Wan	3 737	744	889	1 660	152	644	133	7 959
Tuen Mun	10 266	2 237	3 074	3 765	286	1 597	371	21 596
Wan Chai	763	54	148	197	12	187	110	1 471
Wong Tai Sin	9 478	1 198	2 815	3 544	430	1 717	351	19 533
Yau Tsim Mong	3 869	516	1 601	1 923	53	1 542	219	9 723
Yuen Long	10 782	2 010	4 320	5 253	487	3 075	607	26 534
Total	127 549	21 637	38 251	50 287	4 970	25 722	4 941	273 357

[Note 1] The boundaries of the 18 districts in the table may differ from those of the 18 DC districts.

[Note 2] Excluding the number of recipients under the PCSSA Scheme.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(W)345

(Question Serial No. 3421)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Charmaine LEE)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

How many Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) cases and recipients are there in each public housing estate across the territory?

Asked by: Hon TIK Chi-yuen (LegCo internal reference no.: 193)

Reply:

The numbers of CSSA cases and recipients in each public housing estate as at the end of December 2023 are set out at Annex.

Numbers of CSSA cases and recipients in each public housing estate ^[Note] as at end-December 2023

Public housing estate	Number of CSSA cases	Number of CSSA recipients
Ap Lei Chau Estate	393	596
Bo Shek Mansion	28	35
Broadview Garden	24	30
Butterfly Estate	765	1 059
Chai Wan Estate	312	385
Chak On Estate	317	455
Cheung Ching Estate	381	618
Cheung Fat Estate	181	247
Cheung Hang Estate	355	533
Cheung Hong Estate	869	1 328
Cheung Kwai Estate	37	49
Cheung Lung Wai Estate	218	373
Cheung On Estate	294	372
Cheung Sha Wan Estate	282	392
Cheung Shan Estate	115	172
Cheung Wah Estate	370	527
Cheung Wang Estate	528	670
Ching Ho Estate	1 200	1 725
Ching Tin Estate	737	1 335
Cho Yiu Chuen	161	245
Choi Fai Estate	109	161
Choi Fook Estate	657	1 018
Choi Ha Estate	126	165
Choi Hung Estate	900	1 364
Choi Ming Court	366	478
Choi Tak Estate	783	1 093
Choi Wan (I) Estate	470	778
Choi Wan (II) Estate	217	341
Choi Ying Estate	609	806
Choi Yuen Estate	838	1 232
Chuk Yuen (North) Estate	327	420
Chuk Yuen (South) Estate	888	1 267
Chun Seen Mei Chuen	93	127
Chun Shek Estate	256	369
Chun Yeung Estate	490	868
Chung On Estate	310	453
Clague Garden Estate	57	78
Easeful Court	24	39
Fai Ming Estate	123	229
Fortune Estate	555	694
Fu Cheong Estate	1 168	1 462
Fu Heng Estate	406	577

Public housing estate	Number of CSSA cases	Number of CSSA recipients
Fu Shan Estate	263	413
Fu Shin Estate	394	596
Fu Tai Estate	528	881
Fu Tip Estate	100	181
Fu Tung Estate	129	202
Fuk Loi Estate	366	544
Fung Tak Estate	357	444
Fung Wah Estate	78	89
Fung Wo Estate	257	369
Grandeur Terrace	283	638
Hau Tak Estate	454	669
Healthy Village	105	152
Heng On Estate	224	340
High Prosperity Terrace	38	93
Hin Keng Estate	225	328
Hin Yiu Estate	123	165
Hing Man Estate	195	337
Hing Tin Estate	82	114
Hing Tung Estate	195	278
Hing Wah (I) Estate	297	418
Hing Wah (II) Estate	469	646
Ho Man Tin Estate	767	1 078
Hoi Fu Court	482	664
Hoi Lai Estate	429	828
Hoi Tat Estate	312	688
Hoi Ying Estate	164	332
Hong Tung Estate	142	157
Hung Fuk Estate	725	1 174
Hung Hom Estate	519	697
Jat Min Chuen	348	470
Ka Fuk Estate	235	362
Ka Wai Chuen	183	255
Kai Ching Estate	796	1 175
Kai Chuen Court	106	209
Kai Tin Estate	305	443
Kai Yip Estate	671	969
Kam Peng Estate	30	40
Kin Ming Estate	825	1 147
Kin Sang Estate	114	148
King Lam Estate	420	501
Ko Cheung Court	109	235
Ko Yee Estate	192	263
Kwai Chung Estate	1 955	2 603
Kwai Fong Estate	823	1 317
Kwai Hing Estate	84	119
Kwai Luen Estate	402	669

Public housing estate	Number of CSSA cases	Number of CSSA recipients
Kwai Shing East Estate	933	1 312
Kwai Shing West Estate	493	729
Kwai Tsui Estate	89	172
Kwong Fuk Estate	653	1 002
Kwong Tin Estate	224	325
Kwong Yuen Estate	291	389
Kwun Lung Lau	183	274
Kwun Tong Garden Estate	442	627
Lai King Estate	475	701
Lai Kok Estate	509	736
Lai On Estate	191	297
Lai Tak Tsuen	187	259
Lai Tsui Court	132	309
Lai Yiu Estate	309	491
Lakeside Garden	13	25
Lam Tin Estate	469	679
Lee On Estate	423	659
Lei Cheng Uk Estate	293	407
Lei Muk Shue Estate	1 162	1 698
Lei Tung Estate	410	531
Lei Yue Mun Estate	505	721
Lek Yuen Estate	398	612
Leung King Estate	508	670
Lin Tsui Estate	29	46
Lok Fu Estate	505	706
Lok Man Sun Chuen	307	443
Lok Wah (North) Estate	213	358
Lok Wah (South) Estate	1 209	1 648
Long Ching Estate	67	112
Long Ping Estate	473	732
Long Shin Estate	166	302
Lower Ngau Tau Kok Estate	606	935
Lower Wong Tai Sin (I) Estate	532	752
Lower Wong Tai Sin (II) Estate	578	917
Lung Hang Estate	327	533
Lung Tin Estate	89	131
Lung Yat Estate	113	215
Ma Hang Estate	66	84
Ma Tau Wai Estate	300	509
Mei Lam Estate	523	765
Mei Tin Estate	976	1 406
Mei Tung Estate	267	397
Ming Tak Estate	158	221
Ming Wa Dai Ha	220	335
Model Housing Estate	57	118
Moon Lok Dai Ha	89	127

Public housing estate	Number of CSSA cases	Number of CSSA recipients
Mun Tung Estate	342	801
Nam Cheong Estate	135	181
Nam Shan Estate	395	596
Nga Ning Court	38	58
Ngan Wan Estate	52	92
Oi Man Estate	554	920
Oi Tung Estate	797	1 076
On Tai Estate	926	1 817
On Tat Estate	1 105	1 826
On Tin Estate	39	84
On Ting Estate	708	1 005
On Yam Estate	540	1 035
Pak Tin Estate	1 307	1 864
Ping Shek Estate	413	617
Ping Tin Estate	859	1 177
Po Heung Estate	64	123
Po Lam Estate	292	418
Po Shek Wu Estate	85	185
Po Tat Estate	1 046	1 533
Po Tin Estate	1 611	1 787
Pok Hong Estate	270	377
Prosperous Garden	59	66
Queens Hill Estate	1 196	2 522
Sai Wan Estate	42	105
Sam Shing Estate	183	300
Sau Mau Ping (South) Estate	592	836
Sau Mau Ping Estate	1 801	2 661
Sha Kok Estate	854	1 224
Sha Tau Kok Chuen	43	68
Shan King Estate	819	1 194
Shatin Pass Estate	162	217
Shek Kip Mei Estate	1 678	2 495
Shek Lei (I) Estate	640	1 008
Shek Lei (II) Estate	1 160	1 660
Shek Mun Estate	647	1 124
Shek Pai Wan Estate	615	848
Shek Wai Kok Estate	668	995
Shek Yam East Estate	331	475
Shek Yam Estate	368	542
Sheung Lok Estate	113	132
Sheung Tak Estate	641	880
Shin Ming Estate	322	460
Shui Chuen O Estate	1 455	2 465
Shui Pin Wai Estate	420	597
Shun Lee Estate	461	701
Shun On Estate	388	559

Public housing estate	Number of CSSA cases	Number of CSSA recipients
Shun Tin Estate	829	1 242
Siu Sai Wan Estate	505	882
So Uk Estate	836	1 606
Sun Chui Estate	711	1 072
Sun Tin Wai Estate	307	479
Tai Hang Tung Estate	430	550
Tai Hing Estate	1 264	1 785
Tai Ping Estate	36	54
Tai Wo Estate	422	584
Tai Wo Hau Estate	914	1 420
Tai Yuen Estate	551	978
Tak Long Estate	1 190	1 760
Tak Tin Estate	534	661
Tin Chak Estate	558	824
Tin Ching Estate	1 099	1 674
Tin Heng Estate	360	861
Tin King Estate	116	182
Tin Ping Estate	212	315
Tin Shui Estate	730	1 256
Tin Tsz Estate	510	646
Tin Wah Estate	539	806
Tin Wan Estate	447	598
Tin Yan Estate	1 210	1 496
Tin Yat Estate	219	504
Tin Yiu Estate	868	1 461
Tin Yuet Estate	642	932
Tsing Yi Estate	153	214
Tsui Lam Estate	165	282
Tsui Lok Estate	87	123
Tsui Ping (South) Estate	411	591
Tsui Ping (North) Estate	845	1 131
Tsui Wan Estate	106	128
Tsz Ching Estate	1 275	1 730
Tsz Hong Estate	186	362
Tsz Lok Estate	784	1 129
Tsz Man Estate	227	398
Tui Min Hoi Chuen	20	31
Tung Tau Estate	493	665
Tung Wui Estate	466	618
Un Chau Estate	1 368	1 855
Upper Ngau Tau Kok Estate	1 347	1 752
Upper Wong Tai Sin Estate	867	1 192
Verbena Heights	137	153
Wah Fu Estate	747	1 135
Wah Ha Estate	13	37
Wah Kwai Estate	246	300

Public housing estate	Number of CSSA cases	Number of CSSA recipients
Wah Lai Estate	150	208
Wah Ming Estate	329	470
Wah Sum Estate	198	328
Wan Hon Estate	314	408
Wan Tau Tong Estate	160	208
Wan Tsui Estate	372	552
Wang Tau Hom Estate	579	902
Wing Cheong Estate	245	393
Wo Che Estate	615	1 050
Wo Lok Estate	245	368
Wo Tin Estate	606	1 142
Wu King Estate	284	510
Yan On Estate	382	527
Yan Tin Estate	519	998
Yat Tung Estate	1 232	2 228
Yau Lai Estate	1 349	1 945
Yau Oi Estate	876	1 370
Yau Tong Estate	574	825
Yee Ming Estate	259	456
Ying Tung Estate	331	558
Yiu On Estate	209	305
Yiu Tung Estate	537	782
Yue Kwong Chuen	42	59
Yue Wan Estate	306	487
Yung Shing Court	273	376
Total	115 005	172 637

[Note] Including public rental housing estates under the Hong Kong Housing Authority, estates under the Tenants Purchase Scheme and rental estates under the Hong Kong Housing Society.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(W)346

(Question Serial No. 3422)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Charmaine LEE)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

What are the respective numbers of Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) cases and recipients in each public housing estate by case nature (including old age, disability, ill health, single parent, low-earnings, unemployment and others)?

Asked by: Hon TIK Chi-yuen (LegCo internal reference no.: 194)

Reply:

The numbers of CSSA cases and recipients in each public housing estate as at the end of December 2023, broken down by case nature, are set out in Tables 1 and 2 of Annex, respectively.

Table 1 Number of CSSA cases in each public housing estate ^[Note] by case nature

Public housing estate	As at end-December 2023							
	Number of CSSA cases by case nature							
	Old age	Permanent disability	Ill health	Single parent	Low-earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total
Ap Lei Chau Estate	195	50	56	45	2	33	12	393
Bo Shek Mansion	25	-	2	-	-	1	-	28
Broadview Garden	14	3	2	2	-	3	-	24
Butterfly Estate	494	47	77	86	2	55	4	765
Chai Wan Estate	214	23	34	21	2	17	1	312
Chak On Estate	213	11	34	30	-	27	2	317
Cheung Ching Estate	243	20	37	40	8	26	7	381
Cheung Fat Estate	120	22	18	8	2	10	1	181
Cheung Hang Estate	226	31	37	29	4	23	5	355
Cheung Hong Estate	578	65	75	79	7	61	4	869
Cheung Kwai Estate	18	3	5	5	-	6	-	37
Cheung Lung Wai Estate	126	15	16	36	4	18	3	218
Cheung On Estate	200	29	25	10	-	21	9	294
Cheung Sha Wan Estate	172	13	46	30	1	17	3	282
Cheung Shan Estate	64	7	18	13	3	9	1	115
Cheung Wah Estate	203	24	69	29	3	34	8	370
Cheung Wang Estate	318	45	61	28	6	67	3	528
Ching Ho Estate	723	68	146	129	8	124	2	1 200
Ching Tin Estate	303	37	93	216	11	72	5	737
Cho Yiu Chuen	110	6	16	9	6	14	-	161
Choi Fai Estate	59	8	16	8	4	13	1	109
Choi Fook Estate	337	19	75	141	6	72	7	657
Choi Ha Estate	77	6	20	8	1	11	3	126
Choi Hung Estate	503	38	129	132	15	71	12	900
Choi Ming Court	233	30	51	9	4	38	1	366
Choi Tak Estate	475	33	96	95	6	73	5	783
Choi Wan (I) Estate	256	27	57	68	12	46	4	470
Choi Wan (II) Estate	122	13	31	20	6	23	2	217
Choi Ying Estate	363	12	80	63	7	84	-	609
Choi Yuen Estate	499	49	99	84	-	101	6	838
Chuk Yuen (North) Estate	191	12	72	16	2	29	5	327
Chuk Yuen (South) Estate	534	44	130	93	9	69	9	888

Public housing estate	As at end-December 2023							
	Number of CSSA cases by case nature							
	Old age	Permanent disability	Ill health	Single parent	Low-earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total
Chun Seen Mei Chuen	66	5	5	8	-	9	-	93
Chun Shek Estate	157	9	45	27	1	16	1	256
Chun Yeung Estate	169	24	71	132	6	81	7	490
Chung On Estate	166	37	37	32	1	31	6	310
Clague Garden Estate	45	3	2	-	2	5	-	57
Easeful Court	9	1	5	6	-	3	-	24
Fai Ming Estate	38	4	19	41	-	21	-	123
Fortune Estate	350	42	86	23	3	47	4	555
Fu Cheong Estate	790	62	162	56	6	86	6	1 168
Fu Heng Estate	231	33	79	29	1	22	11	406
Fu Shan Estate	144	13	23	52	6	23	2	263
Fu Shin Estate	198	50	65	35	3	25	18	394
Fu Tai Estate	272	47	110	32	13	45	9	528
Fu Tip Estate	23	6	21	41	2	6	1	100
Fu Tung Estate	66	4	30	14	1	9	5	129
Fuk Loi Estate	206	31	41	50	4	33	1	366
Fung Tak Estate	233	24	53	9	4	29	5	357
Fung Wah Estate	49	5	13	2	-	8	1	78
Fung Wo Estate	122	14	37	57	2	24	1	257
Grandeur Terrace	95	14	62	51	7	49	5	283
Hau Tak Estate	251	38	75	39	8	37	6	454
Healthy Village	74	6	10	7	2	4	2	105
Heng On Estate	141	16	22	26	3	10	6	224
High Prosperity Terrace	13	1	9	8	4	3	-	38
Hin Keng Estate	128	17	39	18	-	16	7	225
Hin Yiu Estate	73	12	19	9	-	8	2	123
Hing Man Estate	96	23	31	24	4	17	-	195
Hing Tin Estate	36	7	20	10	1	7	1	82
Hing Tung Estate	117	27	26	14	3	6	2	195
Hing Wah (I) Estate	189	33	32	15	3	24	1	297
Hing Wah (II) Estate	294	32	51	44	1	43	4	469
Ho Man Tin Estate	443	63	117	54	9	69	12	767
Hoi Fu Court	312	22	66	36	4	39	3	482
Hoi Lai Estate	176	28	98	48	13	59	7	429
Hoi Tat Estate	71	16	41	136	5	36	7	312
Hoi Ying Estate	47	6	36	48	3	21	3	164
Hong Tung Estate	111	10	9	6	-	4	2	142
Hung Fuk Estate	339	48	87	166	2	77	6	725
Hung Hom Estate	333	34	74	44	3	30	1	519
Jat Min Chuen	270	14	37	8	1	17	1	348
Ka Fuk Estate	140	14	29	22	1	27	2	235
Ka Wai Chuen	134	7	23	6	-	12	1	183

Public housing estate	As at end-December 2023							
	Number of CSSA cases by case nature							
	Old age	Permanent disability	Ill health	Single parent	Low-earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total
Kai Ching Estate	426	32	90	132	9	95	12	796
Kai Chuen Court	26	4	12	39	1	22	2	106
Kai Tin Estate	183	24	42	16	4	33	3	305
Kai Yip Estate	469	27	78	55	3	35	4	671
Kam Peng Estate	17	-	7	4	1	1	-	30
Kin Ming Estate	417	66	163	78	10	87	4	825
Kin Sang Estate	63	13	19	7	2	8	2	114
King Lam Estate	270	23	72	14	2	37	2	420
Ko Cheung Court	35	11	19	18	8	13	5	109
Ko Yee Estate	138	8	19	14	2	11	-	192
Kwai Chung Estate	1 058	246	201	181	18	228	23	1 955
Kwai Fong Estate	418	68	158	67	14	87	11	823
Kwai Hing Estate	45	7	12	7	1	12	-	84
Kwai Luen Estate	176	21	57	76	11	55	6	402
Kwai Shing East Estate	563	60	137	63	11	89	10	933
Kwai Shing West Estate	290	26	51	60	7	57	2	493
Kwai Tsui Estate	35	1	7	31	1	11	3	89
Kwong Fuk Estate	371	60	80	81	5	48	8	653
Kwong Tin Estate	127	19	31	14	5	24	4	224
Kwong Yuen Estate	170	47	36	18	1	13	6	291
Kwun Lung Lau	90	23	21	28	3	18	-	183
Kwun Tong Garden Estate	302	21	50	22	-	40	7	442
Lai King Estate	305	21	52	47	3	42	5	475
Lai Kok Estate	288	38	70	66	3	38	6	509
Lai On Estate	105	13	31	21	2	18	1	191
Lai Tak Tsuen	113	12	23	17	2	19	1	187
Lai Tsui Court	35	3	22	42	3	26	1	132
Lai Yiu Estate	164	21	44	43	9	25	3	309
Lakeside Garden	6	-	5	1	-	1	-	13
Lam Tin Estate	303	23	57	42	2	42	-	469
Lee On Estate	222	50	77	43	-	25	6	423
Lei Cheng Uk Estate	175	18	43	27	1	24	5	293
Lei Muk Shue Estate	647	116	138	103	18	130	10	1 162
Lei Tung Estate	236	40	52	27	4	32	19	410
Lei Yue Mun Estate	306	36	67	45	4	44	3	505
Lek Yuen Estate	213	21	55	66	-	35	8	398
Leung King Estate	299	42	76	26	5	41	19	508
Lin Tsui Estate	8	3	3	11	1	3	-	29
Lok Fu Estate	269	31	109	50	7	36	3	505

Public housing estate	As at end-December 2023							
	Number of CSSA cases by case nature							
	Old age	Permanent disability	Ill health	Single parent	Low-earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total
Lok Man Sun Chuen	197	10	40	30	1	28	1	307
Lok Wah (North) Estate	112	8	33	30	5	24	1	213
Lok Wah (South) Estate	873	30	106	103	5	77	15	1 209
Long Ching Estate	32	2	5	13	-	15	-	67
Long Ping Estate	286	29	80	38	2	30	8	473
Long Shin Estate	79	9	19	44	1	11	3	166
Lower Ngau Tau Kok Estate	345	20	82	76	4	75	4	606
Lower Wong Tai Sin (I) Estate	277	33	110	47	6	52	7	532
Lower Wong Tai Sin (II) Estate	284	34	114	78	7	56	5	578
Lung Hang Estate	189	18	54	41	4	17	4	327
Lung Tin Estate	55	4	13	8	-	9	-	89
Lung Yat Estate	50	10	11	31	2	9	-	113
Ma Hang Estate	37	5	5	6	1	12	-	66
Ma Tau Wai Estate	145	24	39	58	2	27	5	300
Mei Lam Estate	288	41	75	76	2	34	7	523
Mei Tin Estate	503	65	163	143	11	78	13	976
Mei Tung Estate	153	7	34	41	1	31	-	267
Ming Tak Estate	92	13	30	9	1	11	2	158
Ming Wa Dai Ha	140	9	20	24	4	22	1	220
Model Housing Estate	23	7	7	10	1	8	1	57
Moon Lok Dai Ha	59	6	8	7	1	7	1	89
Mun Tung Estate	63	17	53	121	11	71	6	342
Nam Cheong Estate	83	9	26	7	1	9	-	135
Nam Shan Estate	225	30	56	51	5	26	2	395
Nga Ning Court	17	6	-	6	2	5	2	38
Ngan Wan Estate	30	2	6	6	1	7	-	52
Oi Man Estate	289	42	86	65	15	50	7	554
Oi Tung Estate	486	113	104	50	3	34	7	797
On Tai Estate	397	38	92	221	16	153	9	926
On Tat Estate	561	50	116	252	8	109	9	1 105
On Tin Estate	7	4	7	11	2	4	4	39
On Ting Estate	432	62	80	76	2	52	4	708
On Yam Estate	272	42	84	50	26	56	10	540
Pak Tin Estate	801	66	172	113	10	131	14	1 307
Ping Shek Estate	250	18	47	55	6	32	5	413
Ping Tin Estate	505	69	134	56	11	78	6	859
Po Heung Estate	21	4	16	21	-	2	-	64
Po Lam Estate	163	26	51	28	2	20	2	292

Public housing estate	As at end-December 2023							
	Number of CSSA cases by case nature							
	Old age	Permanent disability	Ill health	Single parent	Low-earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total
Po Shek Wu Estate	24	4	12	33	1	10	1	85
Po Tat Estate	683	48	112	65	18	113	7	1 046
Po Tin Estate	891	142	306	57	2	207	6	1 611
Pok Hong Estate	161	10	55	22	3	16	3	270
Prosperous Garden	55	-	1	2	-	1	-	59
Queens Hill Estate	327	50	155	454	16	182	12	1 196
Sai Wan Estate	20	4	7	6	2	2	1	42
Sam Shing Estate	117	7	27	13	2	17	-	183
Sau Mau Ping (South) Estate	373	17	67	72	4	54	5	592
Sau Mau Ping Estate	1 076	106	245	121	27	206	20	1 801
Sha Kok Estate	526	54	115	88	4	61	6	854
Sha Tau Kok Chuen	18	3	8	4	1	9	-	43
Shan King Estate	506	82	86	65	9	62	9	819
Shatin Pass Estate	81	7	22	22	3	24	3	162
Shek Kip Mei Estate	938	96	220	215	24	172	13	1 678
Shek Lei (I) Estate	383	47	73	71	10	48	8	640
Shek Lei (II) Estate	701	76	136	106	20	108	13	1 160
Shek Mun Estate	241	48	90	177	9	72	10	647
Shek Pai Wan Estate	327	49	84	58	9	70	18	615
Shek Wai Kok Estate	403	57	66	79	4	54	5	668
Shek Yam East Estate	204	25	37	14	7	38	6	331
Shek Yam Estate	223	27	50	35	4	25	4	368
Sheung Lok Estate	91	5	6	7	1	3	-	113
Sheung Tak Estate	383	27	127	35	8	52	9	641
Shin Ming Estate	185	15	43	46	3	27	3	322
Shui Chuen O Estate	707	48	194	366	26	101	13	1 455
Shui Pin Wai Estate	256	21	52	47	3	37	4	420
Shun Lee Estate	294	21	49	42	6	43	6	461
Shun On Estate	254	17	31	43	1	37	5	388
Shun Tin Estate	545	41	85	70	3	77	8	829
Siu Sai Wan Estate	226	61	87	68	17	41	5	505
So Uk Estate	329	31	117	230	18	95	16	836
Sun Chui Estate	431	43	97	74	7	48	11	711
Sun Tin Wai Estate	185	18	34	38	3	25	4	307

Public housing estate	As at end-December 2023							
	Number of CSSA cases by case nature							
	Old age	Permanent disability	Ill health	Single parent	Low-earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total
Tai Hang Tung Estate	275	19	64	29	2	39	2	430
Tai Hing Estate	821	94	128	129	4	77	11	1 264
Tai Ping Estate	18	2	6	1	-	7	2	36
Tai Wo Estate	256	45	52	27	1	32	9	422
Tai Wo Hau Estate	514	114	90	97	10	74	15	914
Tai Yuen Estate	221	51	139	77	5	39	19	551
Tak Long Estate	600	64	143	208	10	151	14	1 190
Tak Tin Estate	369	25	80	19	3	35	3	534
Tin Chak Estate	309	37	97	41	2	67	5	558
Tin Ching Estate	564	58	173	174	8	113	9	1 099
Tin Heng Estate	105	23	79	62	18	63	10	360
Tin King Estate	58	16	20	12	-	5	5	116
Tin Ping Estate	126	10	30	16	2	24	4	212
Tin Shui Estate	353	57	113	80	11	97	19	730
Tin Tsz Estate	296	36	88	30	4	50	6	510
Tin Wah Estate	324	51	83	26	1	50	4	539
Tin Wan Estate	276	34	68	19	9	36	5	447
Tin Yan Estate	791	46	155	68	6	139	5	1 210
Tin Yat Estate	87	12	35	39	7	35	4	219
Tin Yiu Estate	423	47	164	110	14	91	19	868
Tin Yuet Estate	352	38	102	47	13	80	10	642
Tsing Yi Estate	108	16	13	8	-	7	1	153
Tsui Lam Estate	87	5	34	19	1	16	3	165
Tsui Lok Estate	53	11	5	10	-	6	2	87
Tsui Ping (South) Estate	264	27	48	29	7	34	2	411
Tsui Ping (North) Estate	499	49	114	69	7	97	10	845
Tsui Wan Estate	58	17	18	5	-	6	2	106
Tsz Ching Estate	843	78	147	82	15	97	13	1 275
Tsz Hong Estate	86	13	33	28	5	20	1	186
Tsz Lok Estate	467	63	110	56	8	75	5	784
Tsz Man Estate	112	15	34	26	4	34	2	227
Tui Min Hoi Chuen	9	2	7	1	-	-	1	20
Tung Tau Estate	311	28	72	36	4	37	5	493
Tung Wui Estate	295	12	60	43	3	49	4	466
Un Chau Estate	838	79	205	111	8	113	14	1 368
Upper Ngau Tau Kok Estate	887	72	180	72	10	116	10	1 347
Upper Wong Tai Sin Estate	498	59	162	73	6	61	8	867
Verbena Heights	86	14	24	1	-	11	1	137
Wah Fu Estate	406	57	102	72	13	73	24	747
Wah Ha Estate	1	1	2	6	-	3	-	13
Wah Kwai Estate	156	22	32	15	-	13	8	246
Wah Lai Estate	78	12	33	15	2	9	1	150
Wah Ming Estate	183	35	37	27	5	31	11	329
Wah Sum Estate	112	18	24	20	3	19	2	198
Wan Hon Estate	246	8	16	28	1	11	4	314
Wan Tau Tong Estate	95	19	29	9	-	6	2	160
Wan Tsui Estate	188	36	61	41	5	36	5	372

Public housing estate	As at end-December 2023							
	Number of CSSA cases by case nature							
	Old age	Permanent disability	Ill health	Single parent	Low-earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total
Wang Tau Hom Estate	295	40	114	68	7	45	10	579
Wing Cheong Estate	129	8	41	39	1	25	2	245
Wo Che Estate	305	53	104	68	12	57	16	615
Wo Lok Estate	148	10	41	32	1	13	-	245
Wo Tin Estate	228	31	72	200	8	62	5	606
Wu King Estate	155	23	35	40	1	22	8	284
Yan On Estate	220	19	50	50	1	39	3	382
Yan Tin Estate	205	29	72	143	6	58	6	519
Yat Tung Estate	566	82	164	160	30	205	25	1 232
Yau Lai Estate	820	67	160	164	8	119	11	1 349
Yau Oi Estate	522	48	111	99	12	72	12	876
Yau Tong Estate	344	42	92	35	8	51	2	574
Yee Ming Estate	122	16	36	57	8	17	3	259
Ying Tung Estate	139	8	45	92	1	43	3	331
Yiu On Estate	122	22	31	16	1	13	4	209
Yiu Tung Estate	307	62	86	31	10	38	3	537
Yue Kwong Chuen	28	3	5	5	-	-	1	42
Yue Wan Estate	153	30	40	44	4	34	1	306
Yung Shing Court	164	24	31	20	-	29	5	273
Total	64 869	7 560	15 841	13 292	1 269	10 846	1 328	115 005

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[Note] Including public rental housing estates under the Hong Kong Housing Authority (HA), estates under the Tenants Purchase Scheme (TPS) and rental estates under the Hong Kong Housing Society (HKHS).

Table 2 Number of CSSA recipients in each public housing estate ^[Note] by case nature

Public housing estate	As at end-December 2023							
	Number of CSSA recipients by case nature							
	Old age	Permanent disability	Ill health	Single parent	Low-earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total
Ap Lei Chau Estate	265	85	86	96	8	42	14	596
Bo Shek Mansion	31	-	3	-	-	1	-	35
Broadview Garden	18	2	2	4	-	4	-	30
Butterfly Estate	632	55	102	193	4	67	6	1 059
Chai Wan Estate	238	28	56	43	-	19	1	385
Chak On Estate	279	17	44	70	-	39	6	455
Cheung Ching Estate	335	27	52	116	31	45	12	618
Cheung Fat Estate	151	31	27	20	2	16	-	247
Cheung Hang Estate	284	45	75	81	7	32	9	533
Cheung Hong Estate	790	95	117	188	24	109	5	1 328
Cheung Kwai Estate	18	4	11	10	-	6	-	49
Cheung Lung Wai Estate	171	24	37	88	13	35	5	373
Cheung On Estate	247	37	30	25	-	21	12	372
Cheung Sha Wan Estate	207	21	59	71	5	24	5	392
Cheung Shan Estate	78	11	30	32	12	7	2	172
Cheung Wah Estate	265	38	108	55	-	49	12	527
Cheung Wang Estate	377	57	74	68	12	80	2	670
Ching Ho Estate	887	87	230	305	17	197	2	1 725
Ching Tin Estate	391	62	168	528	36	143	7	1 335
Cho Yiu Chuen	134	8	35	25	23	20	-	245
Choi Fai Estate	70	14	28	19	13	17	-	161
Choi Fook Estate	433	28	108	314	14	111	10	1 018
Choi Ha Estate	89	11	27	18	4	14	2	165
Choi Hung Estate	646	53	203	303	34	103	22	1 364
Choi Ming Court	266	45	77	18	9	59	4	478
Choi Tak Estate	589	45	127	217	16	94	5	1 093
Choi Wan (I) Estate	331	36	88	186	38	87	12	778
Choi Wan (II) Estate	169	22	44	56	14	32	4	341
Choi Ying Estate	420	13	121	141	14	97	-	806
Choi Yuen Estate	650	70	173	183	-	150	6	1 232
Chuk Yuen (North) Estate	222	14	98	35	7	40	4	420
Chuk Yuen (South) Estate	675	67	183	208	29	91	14	1 267
Chun Seen Mei Chuen	76	11	4	23	-	13	-	127

Public housing estate	As at end-December 2023							
	Number of CSSA recipients by case nature							
	Old age	Permanent disability	Ill health	Single parent	Low-earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total
Chun Shek Estate	200	15	66	62	1	25	-	369
Chun Yeung Estate	225	41	123	327	25	114	13	868
Chung On Estate	207	52	62	82	4	39	7	453
Clague Garden Estate	55	3	6	-	8	6	-	78
Easeful Court	11	1	10	13	-	4	-	39
Fai Ming Estate	63	8	35	88	-	35	-	229
Fortune Estate	384	60	103	69	18	57	3	694
Fu Cheong Estate	898	86	210	135	13	111	9	1 462
Fu Heng Estate	287	53	121	65	3	30	18	577
Fu Shan Estate	176	21	31	129	20	33	3	413
Fu Shin Estate	267	86	98	79	8	27	31	596
Fu Tai Estate	341	79	200	101	45	96	19	881
Fu Tip Estate	28	8	27	103	3	10	2	181
Fu Tung Estate	85	10	53	33	2	12	7	202
Fuk Loi Estate	264	43	62	122	7	45	1	544
Fung Tak Estate	270	40	62	20	11	34	7	444
Fung Wah Estate	51	5	20	4	-	8	1	89
Fung Wo Estate	139	16	52	130	4	26	2	369
Grandeur Terrace	178	32	137	129	29	124	9	638
Hau Tak Estate	306	54	112	104	27	55	11	669
Healthy Village	100	9	15	20	2	3	3	152
Heng On Estate	182	37	31	56	6	19	9	340
High Prosperity Terrace	21	1	22	25	17	7	-	93
Hin Keng Estate	169	29	61	40	-	21	8	328
Hin Yiu Estate	90	14	27	22	-	10	2	165
Hing Man Estate	127	44	57	59	8	42	-	337
Hing Tin Estate	53	11	24	15	-	9	2	114
Hing Tung Estate	143	38	43	32	11	9	2	278
Hing Wah (I) Estate	222	46	54	46	7	39	4	418
Hing Wah (II) Estate	363	41	78	105	2	51	6	646
Ho Man Tin Estate	510	84	178	147	24	111	24	1 078
Hoi Fu Court	366	31	103	86	8	67	3	664
Hoi Lai Estate	232	55	213	134	53	130	11	828
Hoi Tat Estate	138	30	84	326	15	81	14	688
Hoi Ying Estate	67	14	72	124	13	35	7	332
Hong Tung Estate	114	15	9	11	-	4	4	157
Hung Fuk Estate	421	86	150	382	7	118	10	1 174
Hung Hom Estate	387	45	118	98	6	40	3	697
Jat Min Chuen	348	20	52	20	1	28	1	470
Ka Fuk Estate	178	21	49	60	5	47	2	362
Ka Wai Chuen	172	13	42	14	-	14	-	255
Kai Ching Estate	521	40	129	301	29	128	27	1 175

Public housing estate	As at end-December 2023							
	Number of CSSA recipients by case nature							
	Old age	Permanent disability	Ill health	Single parent	Low-earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total
Kai Chuen Court	41	5	19	99	4	38	3	209
Kai Tin Estate	227	46	55	46	15	46	8	443
Kai Yip Estate	636	34	109	118	10	59	3	969
Kam Peng Estate	23	-	8	7	1	1	-	40
Kin Ming Estate	470	101	253	178	14	122	9	1 147
Kin Sang Estate	80	16	19	14	7	11	1	148
King Lam Estate	294	23	100	35	5	41	3	501
Ko Cheung Court	58	30	37	40	34	26	10	235
Ko Yee Estate	162	7	26	42	8	18	-	263
Kwai Chung Estate	1 228	315	308	401	31	293	27	2 603
Kwai Fong Estate	507	100	263	197	59	175	16	1 317
Kwai Hing Estate	58	9	13	13	10	16	-	119
Kwai Luen Estate	210	40	86	186	38	95	14	669
Kwai Shing East Estate	676	84	207	161	39	132	13	1 312
Kwai Shing West Estate	361	45	76	150	18	75	4	729
Kwai Tsui Estate	51	1	15	75	3	22	5	172
Kwong Fuk Estate	501	94	122	180	13	81	11	1 002
Kwong Tin Estate	153	32	44	38	18	35	5	325
Kwong Yuen Estate	201	61	51	44	-	18	14	389
Kwun Lung Lau	106	34	31	65	11	27	-	274
Kwun Tong Garden Estate	376	35	88	53	-	66	9	627
Lai King Estate	385	26	89	110	17	68	6	701
Lai Kok Estate	358	59	115	146	7	45	6	736
Lai On Estate	113	25	51	64	10	28	6	297
Lai Tak Tsuen	137	15	38	43	6	18	2	259
Lai Tsui Court	50	6	59	118	14	58	4	309
Lai Yiu Estate	198	32	82	110	25	43	1	491
Lakeside Garden	9	-	12	3	-	1	-	25
Lam Tin Estate	388	42	92	98	7	52	-	679
Lee On Estate	289	78	123	105	-	54	10	659
Lei Cheng Uk Estate	227	29	58	57	3	29	4	407
Lei Muk Shue Estate	775	152	213	268	61	208	21	1 698
Lei Tung Estate	282	64	77	52	9	30	17	531
Lei Yue Mun Estate	387	51	100	103	7	69	4	721
Lek Yuen Estate	277	28	86	164	-	44	13	612
Leung King Estate	359	58	91	68	17	59	18	670
Lin Tsui Estate	8	3	3	28	1	3	-	46
Lok Fu Estate	316	31	139	136	19	62	3	706
Lok Man Sun Chuen	251	12	54	72	6	47	1	443

Public housing estate	As at end-December 2023							
	Number of CSSA recipients by case nature							
	Old age	Permanent disability	Ill health	Single parent	Low-earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total
Lok Wah (North) Estate	155	12	61	74	19	34	3	358
Lok Wah (South) Estate	1 156	44	125	208	14	84	17	1 648
Long Ching Estate	43	2	14	34	-	19	-	112
Long Ping Estate	414	44	124	84	4	47	15	732
Long Shin Estate	111	14	40	106	5	21	5	302
Lower Ngau Tau Kok Estate	469	35	118	187	11	110	5	935
Lower Wong Tai Sin (I) Estate	323	45	162	116	19	71	16	752
Lower Wong Tai Sin (II) Estate	355	57	173	195	21	105	11	917
Lung Hang Estate	249	30	107	107	11	25	4	533
Lung Tin Estate	58	5	19	23	-	26	-	131
Lung Yat Estate	74	18	20	83	1	19	-	215
Ma Hang Estate	38	4	9	16	3	14	-	84
Ma Tau Wai Estate	191	40	73	147	4	45	9	509
Mei Lam Estate	359	56	117	177	1	47	8	765
Mei Tin Estate	596	94	240	320	30	109	17	1 406
Mei Tung Estate	192	13	53	91	2	46	-	397
Ming Tak Estate	108	17	58	20	3	10	5	221
Ming Wa Dai Ha	174	16	38	64	12	31	-	335
Model Housing Estate	31	19	18	29	3	17	1	118
Moon Lok Dai Ha	78	6	20	13	4	6	-	127
Mun Tung Estate	122	29	109	330	43	155	13	801
Nam Cheong Estate	106	12	33	15	4	11	-	181
Nam Shan Estate	291	55	85	115	10	38	2	596
Nga Ning Court	18	6	-	15	3	13	3	58
Ngan Wan Estate	39	3	19	17	2	12	-	92
Oi Man Estate	379	71	147	165	51	96	11	920
Oi Tung Estate	583	150	149	127	11	45	11	1 076
On Tai Estate	549	80	198	583	56	326	25	1 817
On Tat Estate	736	95	178	588	22	183	24	1 826
On Tin Estate	8	8	14	31	5	11	7	84
On Ting Estate	553	70	124	175	6	72	5	1 005
On Yam Estate	343	78	198	143	132	111	30	1 035
Pak Tin Estate	971	90	231	286	27	240	19	1 864
Ping Shek Estate	322	25	71	128	16	43	12	617
Ping Tin Estate	577	101	207	162	22	102	6	1 177
Po Heung Estate	30	8	27	53	-	5	-	123
Po Lam Estate	217	40	65	60	5	29	2	418
Po Shek Wu Estate	39	7	27	95	3	13	1	185

Public housing estate	As at end-December 2023							
	Number of CSSA recipients by case nature							
	Old age	Permanent disability	Ill health	Single parent	Low-earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total
Po Tat Estate	885	83	166	159	51	174	15	1 533
Po Tin Estate	968	153	329	121	2	207	7	1 787
Pok Hong Estate	201	13	85	51	9	14	4	377
Prosperous Garden	59	-	2	4	-	1	-	66
Queens Hill Estate	524	110	308	1 127	59	373	21	2 522
Sai Wan Estate	28	10	23	21	12	6	5	105
Sam Shing Estate	163	12	56	34	7	28	-	300
Sau Mau Ping (South) Estate	450	28	105	165	5	78	5	836
Sau Mau Ping Estate	1 308	166	389	311	79	371	37	2 661
Sha Kok Estate	679	75	163	209	8	83	7	1 224
Sha Tau Kok Chuen	23	7	11	11	4	12	-	68
Shan King Estate	689	132	118	143	17	82	13	1 194
Shatin Pass Estate	83	12	24	54	8	30	6	217
Shek Kip Mei Estate	1 170	139	319	517	74	250	26	2 495
Shek Lei (I) Estate	504	79	106	182	32	94	11	1 008
Shek Lei (II) Estate	824	106	208	273	65	162	22	1 660
Shek Mun Estate	294	61	149	431	34	138	17	1 124
Shek Pai Wan Estate	410	59	115	133	29	86	16	848
Shek Wai Kok Estate	499	96	107	182	13	86	12	995
Shek Yam East Estate	234	37	68	37	23	62	14	475
Shek Yam Estate	268	47	75	83	14	51	4	542
Sheung Lok Estate	100	5	7	12	4	4	-	132
Sheung Tak Estate	467	37	164	86	27	88	11	880
Shin Ming Estate	225	24	61	99	13	33	5	460
Shui Chuen O Estate	852	71	345	871	104	195	27	2 465
Shui Pin Wai Estate	324	27	85	97	12	46	6	597
Shun Lee Estate	391	36	78	95	10	80	11	701
Shun On Estate	318	24	63	92	2	55	5	559
Shun Tin Estate	724	66	126	174	5	137	10	1 242
Siu Sai Wan Estate	304	87	163	186	61	72	9	882
So Uk Estate	455	66	210	587	58	195	35	1 606
Sun Chui Estate	581	59	158	171	19	66	18	1 072
Sun Tin Wai Estate	252	28	55	95	9	36	4	479
Tai Hang Tung Estate	307	24	94	59	9	53	4	550

Public housing estate	As at end-December 2023							
	Number of CSSA recipients by case nature							
	Old age	Permanent disability	Ill health	Single parent	Low-earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total
Tai Hing Estate	1 058	131	176	299	4	102	15	1 785
Tai Ping Estate	26	4	7	3	-	12	2	54
Tai Wo Estate	329	72	67	60	-	48	8	584
Tai Wo Hau Estate	671	166	174	252	32	107	18	1 420
Tai Yuen Estate	294	100	260	203	17	68	36	978
Tak Long Estate	738	97	202	464	38	198	23	1 760
Tak Tin Estate	423	39	103	49	5	41	1	661
Tin Chak Estate	376	54	157	99	2	128	8	824
Tin Ching Estate	704	95	279	392	26	164	14	1 674
Tin Heng Estate	178	53	178	172	60	204	16	861
Tin King Estate	81	24	34	30	-	7	6	182
Tin Ping Estate	175	18	51	35	-	32	4	315
Tin Shui Estate	479	105	199	204	41	198	30	1 256
Tin Tsz Estate	337	43	116	71	15	59	5	646
Tin Wah Estate	406	84	136	69	-	104	7	806
Tin Wan Estate	326	39	94	52	33	50	4	598
Tin Yan Estate	901	56	198	149	11	170	11	1 496
Tin Yat Estate	154	34	77	95	35	105	4	504
Tin Yiu Estate	569	70	301	287	44	155	35	1 461
Tin Yuet Estate	438	47	150	138	40	109	10	932
Tsing Yi Estate	141	18	20	17	-	16	2	214
Tsui Lam Estate	139	9	53	47	3	25	6	282
Tsui Lok Estate	66	14	12	22	-	6	3	123
Tsui Ping (South) Estate	320	44	72	76	21	55	3	591
Tsui Ping (North) Estate	620	66	155	143	16	118	13	1 131
Tsui Wan Estate	64	22	19	12	-	9	2	128
Tsz Ching Estate	935	139	195	238	46	165	12	1 730
Tsz Hong Estate	124	22	58	92	14	50	2	362
Tsz Lok Estate	548	108	169	151	22	124	7	1 129
Tsz Man Estate	145	32	61	72	18	69	1	398
Tui Min Hoi Chuen	12	2	10	5	-	-	2	31
Tung Tau Estate	373	34	99	85	9	57	8	665
Tung Wui Estate	329	16	78	104	9	77	5	618
Un Chau Estate	996	103	278	280	34	151	13	1 855
Upper Ngau Tau Kok Estate	1 022	96	230	157	34	197	16	1 752
Upper Wong Tai Sin Estate	594	87	224	172	17	86	12	1 192
Verbena Heights	95	16	26	3	-	12	1	153
Wah Fu Estate	504	96	174	183	43	104	31	1 135
Wah Ha Estate	1	2	5	17	-	12	-	37
Wah Kwai Estate	168	27	47	34	-	16	8	300
Wah Lai Estate	95	17	41	37	6	9	3	208
Wah Ming Estate	224	58	66	57	12	40	13	470
Wah Sum Estate	146	26	54	52	16	29	5	328
Wan Hon Estate	288	18	24	54	1	13	10	408
Wan Tau Tong Estate	114	27	34	22	-	7	4	208
Wan Tsui Estate	233	53	104	100	12	41	9	552
Wang Tau Hom Estate	370	51	186	180	23	73	19	902

Public housing estate	As at end-December 2023							
	Number of CSSA recipients by case nature							
	Old age	Permanent disability	Ill health	Single parent	Low-earnings	Unemployment	Others	Total
Wing Cheong Estate	163	12	72	94	4	40	8	393
Wo Che Estate	406	86	194	177	53	110	24	1 050
Wo Lok Estate	192	12	62	83	4	15	-	368
Wo Tin Estate	285	67	136	499	38	106	11	1 142
Wu King Estate	224	51	74	108	5	37	11	510
Yan On Estate	259	21	77	119	-	48	3	527
Yan Tin Estate	274	47	159	359	20	126	13	998
Yat Tung Estate	692	161	293	405	103	521	53	2 228
Yau Lai Estate	1 003	111	238	373	23	178	19	1 945
Yau Oi Estate	688	68	205	235	27	128	19	1 370
Yau Tong Estate	449	65	125	85	18	75	8	825
Yee Ming Estate	163	23	76	136	27	28	3	456
Ying Tung Estate	177	16	79	216	-	65	5	558
Yiu On Estate	161	26	48	42	2	22	4	305
Yiu Tung Estate	361	94	134	91	20	76	6	782
Yue Kwong Chuen	36	5	6	12	-	-	-	59
Yue Wan Estate	205	46	73	106	11	44	2	487
Yung Shing Court	182	32	61	50	-	45	6	376
Total	80 890	11 378	24 811	32 323	3 952	17 208	2 075	172 637

- No cases

[Note] Including public rental housing estates under HA, TPS estates and rental estates under HKHS.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(W)347

(Question Serial No. 3423)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Charmaine LEE)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Please provide the number of Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) recipients by length of residence in Hong Kong (less than 1 year, 1 year or more but less than 7 years, and 7 years or more), as well as the number of CSSA cases involving families with members of varying lengths of residence in Hong Kong, with a breakdown by 18 districts.

Asked by: Hon TIK Chi-yuen (LegCo internal reference no.: 195)

Reply:

The Social Welfare Department (SWD) only maintains information on the year of residence in Hong Kong for non-Hong Kong born CSSA recipients. As at the end of December 2023, the number of such CSSA recipients who have resided in Hong Kong for less than 1 year, 1 year to less than 7 years, and 7 years or more were 204, 9 051 and 136 276, respectively. SWD does not have the other information sought.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(W)348

(Question Serial No. 3424)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Charmaine LEE)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) households receiving rental allowance in the past 5 years, please provide:

- i. the number of cases, number of recipients and median actual rent;
- ii. the number of CSSA cases with actual rent not exceeding the maximum rent allowance (MRA);
- iii. the number of CSSA cases with actual rent exceeding MRA and the percentage of such cases out of all CSSA cases receiving rent allowance;
- iv. the median rent of CSSA cases with actual rent not exceeding MRA; and
- v. the median rent of CSSA cases with actual rent exceeding MRA.

Asked by: Hon TIK Chi-yuen (LegCo internal reference no.: 196)

Reply:

The numbers of CSSA cases receiving rent allowance in public housing estates or private housing, along with the number of recipients and their median actual rent from 2019-20 to 2023-24, are set out in Table 1 of Annex. The numbers of these cases with actual rent less than, equal to, or exceeding MRA, their respective percentages out of all CSSA cases receiving rent allowance, and the median actual rent are set out in Table 2 of Annex.

Table 1 Numbers of CSSA cases receiving rent allowance in public housing estates ^[Note 1] or private housing, along with the number of recipients and their median actual rent from 2019-20 to 2023-24 ^[Note 2]

Year	Number of CSSA cases receiving rent allowance	Number of CSSA recipients receiving rent allowance	Median actual rent (\$)
2019-20	144 329	245 942	1,323
2020-21	150 293	255 732	1,498
2021-22	144 185	242 025	1,509
2022-23	137 686	227 814	1,501
2023-24 (as at end-December 2023)	132 486	216 257	1,713

[Note 1] Including public rental housing estates under the Housing Authority, estates under the Tenants Purchase Scheme and rental estates under the Hong Kong Housing Society.

[Note 2] The figures do not include CSSA cases where the recipients are residing in residential care homes (RCHs) and receiving rent allowance.

Table 2 Numbers of CSSA cases receiving rent allowance in public housing estates ^[Note 1] or private housing with actual rent less than, equal to, or exceeding MRA, their respective percentages out of all CSSA cases receiving rent allowance, and median actual rent from 2019-20 to 2023-24 ^[Note 2]

Year	Actual rent less than or equal to MRA		Actual rent exceeding MRA	
	Number of cases and its percentage out of all CSSA cases receiving rent allowance	Median actual rent (\$)	Number of cases and its percentage out of all CSSA cases receiving rent allowance	Median actual rent (\$)
2019-20	124 801 (86.5%)	1,248	19 528 (13.5%)	3,600
2020-21	133 727 (89.0%)	1,416	16 566 (11.0%)	4,500
2021-22	126 309 (87.6%)	1,418	17 876 (12.4%)	4,500
2022-23	120 475 (87.5%)	1,406	17 211 (12.5%)	4,200
2023-24 (as at end- December 2023)	113 773 (85.9%)	1,584	18 713 (14.1%)	4,000

[Note 1] Including public rental housing estates under the Housing Authority, estates under the Tenants Purchase Scheme and rental estates under the Hong Kong Housing Society.

[Note 2] The figures do not include CSSA cases where the recipients are residing in RCHs and receiving rent allowance.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(W)349

(Question Serial No. 3425)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Charmaine LEE)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) households receiving rent allowance in the past 5 years, please provide the following information by household size:

- i. the number of cases, number of recipients and median actual rent;
- ii. the number of CSSA cases with actual rent not exceeding the maximum rent allowance (MRA);
- iii. the number of CSSA cases with actual rent exceeding MRA and the percentage of these cases out of all CSSA cases receiving rent allowance;
- iv. the median rent of CSSA cases with actual rent not exceeding MRA; and
- v. the median rent of CSSA cases with actual rent exceeding MRA.

Asked by: Hon TIK Chi-yuen (LegCo internal reference no.: 197)

Reply:

From 2019-20 to 2023-24, the number of CSSA cases receiving rent allowance in public housing estates and private housing and the actual median rents of these cases, broken down by number of eligible household members, are set out in Table 1 of Annex. The number of cases with actual rent less than or equal to, or exceeding MRA, along with the percentage of these cases out of all cases receiving rent allowance, is set out in Table 3 of Annex. The median actual rents of cases with actual rent less than or equal to, or exceeding MRA is set out in Table 4 of Annex.

Some recipients in individual CSSA cases may not be eligible for rent allowance. The Social Welfare Department does not have information on the number of CSSA recipients receiving rent allowance broken down by number of eligible household members.

Table 1 Number of CSSA cases receiving rent allowance in public housing estates ^[Note 1] and private housing from 2019-20 to 2023-24 by number of eligible household members ^[Note 2]

Number of eligible household members	Number of cases receiving rent allowance				
	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24 (as at end-December 2023)
1	81 009	84 991	82 978	81 031	79 444
2	38 918	39 729	37 754	35 260	33 401
3	15 183	15 788	14 608	13 327	12 248
4	6 082	6 512	5 891	5 370	4 909
5	2 087	2 238	2 004	1 800	1 671
6 or more	1 050	1 035	950	898	813
Total	144 329	150 293	144 185	137 686	132 486

[Note 1] Including public rental housing estates under the Hong Kong Housing Authority (HA), estates under the Tenants Purchase Scheme (TPS) and rental estates under the Hong Kong Housing Society (HKHS).

[Note 2] The listed figures do not include CSSA cases where the recipients are residing in residential care homes (RCHs) and receiving rent allowance.

Table 2 Median actual rents of CSSA cases receiving rent allowance in public housing estates ^[Note 1] and private housing and from 2019-20 to 2023-24 by number of eligible household members ^[Note 2]

Number of eligible household members	Median actual rents of cases receiving rent allowance (\$)				
	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24 (as at end-December 2023)
1	1,191	1,331	1,347	1,348	1,553
2	1,573	1,765	1,775	1,763	2,029
3	2,174	2,435	2,477	2,427	2,774
4	2,362	2,684	2,769	2,658	3,083
5	2,584	2,893	2,968	2,942	3,305
6 or more	2,768	3,094	3,184	3,134	3,506

[Note 1] Including public rental housing estates under the HA, estates under the TPS and rental estates under the HKHS.

[Note 2] The listed figures do not include CSSA cases where the recipients are residing in RCHs and receiving rent allowance.

Table 3 Number of CSSA cases receiving rent allowance in public housing estates ^[Note 1] and private housing with actual rent less than, equal to or exceeding MRA and the percentage of these cases out of all cases receiving rent allowance from 2019-20 to 2023-24 by number of eligible household members ^[Note 2]

Number of eligible household members	Number of cases with actual rent less than or equal to MRA and the percentage of these cases out of all cases receiving rent allowance				
	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24 (as at end-December 2023)
1	69 636	76 132	73 015	70 931	67 774
2	34 234	35 502	33 312	31 249	29 373
3	13 136	13 516	12 333	11 340	10 307
4	5 105	5 656	5 050	4 597	4 173
5	1 746	1 984	1 742	1 549	1 424
6 or more	944	937	857	809	722
Total	124 801 (86.5%)	133 727 (89.0%)	126 309 (87.6%)	120 475 (87.5%)	113 773 (85.9%)
Number of eligible household members	Number of cases with actual rent exceeding MRA and the percentage of these cases out of all cases receiving rent allowance				
	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24 (as at end-December 2023)
1	11 373	8 859	9 963	10 100	11 670
2	4 684	4 227	4 442	4 011	4 028
3	2 047	2 272	2 275	1 987	1 941
4	977	856	841	773	736
5	341	254	262	251	247
6 or more	106	98	93	89	91
Total	19 528 (13.5%)	16 566 (11.0%)	17 876 (12.4%)	17 211 (12.5%)	18 713 (14.1%)

[Note 1] Including public rental housing estates under the HA, estates under the TPS and rental estates under the HKHS.

[Note 2] The listed figures do not include CSSA cases where the recipients are residing in RCHs and receiving rent allowance.

Table 4 Median actual rents of CSSA cases receiving rent allowance with actual rent less than, equal to or exceeding MRA in public housing estates ^[Note 1] and private housing from 2019-20 to 2023-24 by number of eligible household members ^[Note 2]

Number of eligible household members	Median actual rents of cases with actual rent less than or equal to MRA (\$)				
	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24 (as at end-December 2023)
1	1,117	1,281	1,285	1,283	1,453
2	1,487	1,696	1,709	1,687	1,935
3	1,949	2,205	2,211	2,119	2,431
4	2,161	2,456	2,491	2,459	2,777
5	2,292	2,725	2,769	2,714	3,083
6 or more	2,702	3,020	3,095	3,036	3,395
Number of eligible household members	Median actual rents of cases with actual rent exceeding MRA (\$)				
	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24 (as at end-December 2023)
1	2,553	3,167	3,200	3,200	3,271
2	4,800	5,000	5,000	5,015	5,100
3	6,000	6,200	6,200	6,300	6,300
4	6,600	7,300	7,500	7,500	7,500
5	7,000	8,050	8,300	8,500	8,500
6 or more	8,400	9,000	9,000	9,300	9,200

[Note 1] Including public rental housing estates under the HA, estates under the TPS and rental estates under the HKHS.

[Note 2] The listed figures do not include CSSA cases where the recipients are residing in RCHs and receiving rent allowance.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(W)350

(Question Serial No. 3426)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Charmaine LEE)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) households residing in private and public housing and receiving rent allowance in the past 5 years, please provide the following information by household size:

- i. the number of cases, number of recipients, and median actual rent;
- ii. the number of CSSA cases with actual rent not exceeding the maximum rent allowance (MRA);
- iii. the number of CSSA cases with actual rent exceeding MRA and the percentage of such cases in its own type of housing (i.e. public/private housing);
- iv. the median rent of CSSA cases with actual rent not exceeding MRA; and
- v. the median rent of CSSA cases with actual rent exceeding MRA.

Asked by: Hon TIK Chi-yuen (LegCo internal reference no.: 198)

Reply:

From 2019-20 to 2023-24, the number of CSSA cases receiving rent allowance, and the median actual rent, broken down by number of eligible household members and type of housing, are set out in Tables 1 and 2 of Annex, respectively. The number of cases with actual rent exceeding MRA, the percentage of these cases out of the number of cases receiving rent allowance in respective types of housing, and the median actual rent, are set out in Tables 3 and 4 of Annex, respectively. The number of cases with actual rent less than or equal to MRA, the percentage of these cases out of the number of cases receiving rent allowance in respective types of housing, and the median actual rent, are set out in Tables 5 and 6 of Annex, respectively.

Some recipients in individual CSSA cases may not be eligible for rent allowance. The Social Welfare Department does not have information on the number of CSSA recipients receiving rent allowance broken down by number of eligible household members and type of housing.

Table 1 Number of CSSA cases receiving rent allowance from 2019-20 to 2023-24 by number of eligible household members and type of housing

Number of eligible household members	Number of cases where the recipients are residing in public housing estates ^[Note]				
	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24 (as at end-December 2023)
1	68 423	70 113	68 248	67 021	65 838
2	31 225	31 223	29 647	28 360	26 835
3	11 041	11 195	10 412	9 838	8 965
4	4 468	4 676	4 275	3 986	3 616
5	1 613	1 717	1 542	1 400	1 287
6 or more	882	852	791	764	672
Total	117 652	119 776	114 915	111 369	107 213
Number of eligible household members	Number of cases where the recipients are residing in private housing				
	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24 (as at end-December 2023)
1	12 586	14 878	14 730	14 010	13 606
2	7 693	8 506	8 107	6 900	6 566
3	4 142	4 593	4 196	3 489	3 283
4	1 614	1 836	1 616	1 384	1 293
5	474	521	462	400	384
6 or more	168	183	159	134	141
Total	26 677	30 517	29 270	26 317	25 273

^[Note] Including public rental housing estates under the Hong Kong Housing Authority (HA), estates under the Tenants Purchase Scheme (TPS) and rental estates under the Hong Kong Housing Society (HKHS).

Table 2 Median actual rent of CSSA cases receiving rent allowance from 2019-20 to 2023-24 by number of eligible household members and type of housing

Number of eligible household members	Median actual rent of cases where the recipients are residing in public housing estates ^[Note] (\$)				
	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24 (as at end-December 2023)
1	1,138	1,265	1,276	1,279	1,465
2	1,467	1,645	1,666	1,664	1,918
3	1,787	1,988	2,019	1,987	2,257
4	2,039	2,270	2,314	2,288	2,597
5	2,247	2,522	2,589	2,570	2,898
6 or more	2,637	2,950	3,022	3,019	3,357
Number of eligible household members	Median actual rent of cases where the recipients are residing in private housing (\$)				
	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24 (as at end-December 2023)
1	2,200	2,500	2,600	2,700	2,800
2	4,100	4,365	4,500	4,500	4,500
3	5,000	5,300	5,500	5,500	5,500
4	5,700	6,000	6,200	6,325	6,500
5	6,200	6,590	7,000	7,150	7,400
6 or more	7,500	8,000	8,100	8,500	8,400

[Note] Including public rental housing estates under the HA, estates under the TPS and rental estates under the HKHS.

Table 3 Number of CSSA cases with actual rent exceeding MRA and the percentage of these cases out of the number of cases receiving rent allowance in respective types of housing from 2019-20 to 2023-24 by number of eligible household members and type of housing

Number of eligible household members	Number of cases with actual rent exceeding MRA in public housing estates ^[Note] and the percentage of these cases out of the number of cases receiving rent allowance in public housing estates				
	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24 (as at end-December 2023)
1	3 221	2 059	2 299	2 442	3 917
2	146	188	190	169	347
3	29	59	48	39	78
4	14	16	21	14	19
5	4	6	6	6	12
6 or more	3	-	-	-	3
Total	3 417 (2.9%)	2 328 (1.9%)	2 564 (2.2%)	2 670 (2.4%)	4 376 (4.1%)
Number of eligible household members	Number of cases with actual rent exceeding MRA in private housing and the percentage of these cases out of the number of cases receiving rent allowance in private housing				
	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24 (as at end-December 2023)
1	8 152	6 800	7 664	7 658	7 753
2	4 538	4 039	4 252	3 842	3 681
3	2 018	2 213	2 227	1 948	1 863
4	963	840	820	759	717
5	337	248	256	245	235
6 or more	103	98	93	89	88
Total	16 111 (60.4%)	14 238 (46.7%)	15 312 (52.3%)	14 541 (55.3%)	14 337 (56.7%)

- No cases

[Note] Including public rental housing estates under the HA, estates under the TPS and rental estates under the HKHS.

Table 4 Median actual rent of CSSA cases with actual rent exceeding MRA from 2019-20 to 2023-24 by number of eligible household members and type of housing

Number of eligible household members	Median actual rent of cases with actual rent exceeding MRA in public housing estates ^[Note] (\$)				
	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24 (as at end-December 2023)
1	2,322	2,880	2,900	2,900	2,986
2	4,412	4,956	5,037	5,021	4,789
3	5,703	5,991	6,000	5,922	5,786
4	6,721	7,000	6,800	6,900	7,546
5	6,093	7,829	7,521	7,240	7,709
6 or more	7,075	-	-	-	7,910
Number of eligible household members	Median actual rent of cases with actual rent exceeding MRA in private housing (\$)				
	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24 (as at end-December 2023)
1	2,800	3,400	3,500	3,500	3,500
2	4,800	5,000	5,000	5,015	5,200
3	6,000	6,200	6,200	6,300	6,300
4	6,600	7,300	7,500	7,500	7,500
5	7,000	8,150	8,300	8,500	8,500
6 or more	8,500	9,000	9,000	9,300	9,300

- No cases

^[Note] Including public rental housing estates under the HA, estates under the TPS and rental estates under the HKHS.

Table 5 Number of CSSA cases with actual rent less than or equal to MRA and the percentage of these cases out of the number of cases receiving rent allowance in respective types of housing from 2019-20 to 2023-24 by number of eligible household members and type of housing

Number of eligible household members	Number of cases with actual rent less than or equal to MRA in public housing estates ^[Note] and the percentage of these cases out of the number of cases receiving rent allowance in public housing estates				
	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24 (as at end-December 2023)
1	65 202	68 054	65 949	64 579	61 921
2	31 079	31 035	29 457	28 191	26 488
3	11 012	11 136	10 364	9 799	8 887
4	4 454	4 660	4 254	3 972	3 597
5	1 609	1 711	1 536	1 394	1 275
6 or more	879	852	791	764	669
Total	114 235 (97.1%)	117 448 (98.1%)	112 351 (97.8%)	108 699 (97.6%)	102 837 (95.9%)
Number of eligible household members	Number of cases with actual rent less than or equal to MRA in private housing and the percentage of these cases out of the number of cases receiving rent allowance in private housing				
	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24 (as at end-December 2023)
1	4 434	8 078	7 066	6 352	5 853
2	3 155	4 467	3 855	3 058	2 885
3	2 124	2 380	1 969	1 541	1 420
4	651	996	796	625	576
5	137	273	206	155	149
6 or more	65	85	66	45	53
Total	10 566 (39.6%)	16 279 (53.3%)	13 958 (47.7%)	11 776 (44.7%)	10 936 (43.3%)

^[Note] Including public rental housing estates under the HA, estates under the TPS and rental estates under the HKHS.

Table 6 Median actual rent of CSSA cases with actual rent less than or equal to MRA from 2019-20 to 2023-24 by number of eligible household members and type of housing

Number of eligible household members	Median actual rent of cases with actual rent less than or equal to MRA in public housing estates ^[Note] (\$)				
	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24 (as at end-December 2023)
1	1,114	1,247	1,257	1,257	1,423
2	1,463	1,641	1,663	1,660	1,904
3	1,785	1,986	2,009	1,986	2,246
4	2,030	2,258	2,305	2,286	2,581
5	2,245	2,522	2,589	2,568	2,886
6 or more	2,637	2,950	3,022	3,019	3,347
Number of eligible household members	Median actual rent of cases with actual rent less than or equal to MRA in private housing (\$)				
	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24 (as at end-December 2023)
1	1,450	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000
2	3,000	3,600	3,600	3,500	3,600
3	4,500	4,600	4,700	4,800	4,800
4	4,700	5,135	5,200	5,366	5,500
5	4,800	5,500	5,500	5,600	5,700
6 or more	6,000	6,400	6,450	6,200	6,800

^[Note] Including public rental housing estates under the HA, estates under the TPS and rental estates under the HKHS.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(W)351

(Question Serial No. 3427)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Charmaine LEE)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) households receiving rent allowance in private and public housing in the past 5 years, please provide the following information by case nature:

- i. the number of cases, number of recipients, and median actual rent;
- ii. the number of CSSA cases with actual rent not exceeding the maximum rent allowance (MRA);
- iii. the number of CSSA cases with actual rent exceeding MRA and the percentage of such cases in its own type of housing (i.e. public/private housing);
- iv. the median rent of CSSA cases with actual rent not exceeding MRA; and
- v. the median rent of CSSA cases with actual rent exceeding MRA.

Asked by: Hon TIK Chi-yuen (LegCo internal reference no.: 199)

Reply:

From 2019-20 to 2023-24, the number of CSSA cases receiving rent allowance, broken down by case nature and type of housing, is set out in Tables 1 and 2 of Annex, respectively. The median actual rents of these cases are set out in Tables 3 and 4 of Annex, respectively.

Some recipients in individual cases may not be eligible for rent allowance. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) does not have the breakdown of CSSA recipients receiving rent allowance by case nature and type of housing. SWD also does not have information on the number of CSSA cases receiving rent allowance with actual rent less than or equal to, or exceeding MRA, the percentage of these cases out of the number of cases receiving rent allowance in respective types of housing, or the actual median rent, broken down by case nature and type of housing.

Table 1 Number of CSSA cases receiving rent allowance in public housing estates ^[Note] from 2019-20 to 2023-24 by case nature

Case nature	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24 (as at end-December 2023)
Old age	74 523	71 699	67 648	64 290	61 639
Permanent disability	6 957	7 305	7 254	7 188	7 034
Ill health	12 618	13 718	13 969	14 428	14 553
Single parent	13 995	14 292	13 679	13 396	12 406
Low-earnings	1 907	1 623	1 456	1 238	1 061
Unemployment	6 793	10 252	10 096	10 069	9 837
Others	859	887	813	760	683
Total	117 652	119 776	114 915	111 369	107 213

[Note] Including public rental housing estates under the Hong Kong Housing Authority (HA), estates under the Tenants Purchase Scheme (TPS) and rental estates under the Hong Kong Housing Society (HKHS).

Table 2 Number of CSSA cases receiving rent allowance in private housing from 2019-20 to 2023-24 by case nature

Case nature	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24 (as at end-December 2023)
Old age	9 737	9 653	9 231	8 243	7 927
Permanent disability	1 424	1 595	1 617	1 573	1 529
Ill health	3 778	4 422	4 504	4 345	4 281
Single parent	7 577	8 468	8 049	6 859	6 510
Low-earnings	491	413	370	283	251
Unemployment	2 977	5 231	4 798	4 356	4 096
Others	693	735	701	658	679
Total	26 677	30 517	29 270	26 317	25 273

Table 3 Median actual rent of CSSA cases receiving rent allowance in public housing estates ^[Note] from 2019-20 to 2023-24 by case nature

Case nature	Median actual rent (\$)				
	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24 (as at end-December 2023)
Old age	1,196	1,331	1,341	1,340	1,543
Permanent disability	1,252	1,389	1,399	1,396	1,589
Ill health	1,268	1,407	1,402	1,398	1,589
Single parent	1,601	1,779	1,789	1,776	2,040
Low-earnings	2,186	2,422	2,441	2,429	2,735
Unemployment	1,317	1,421	1,414	1,406	1,576
Others	1,487	1,636	1,707	1,610	1,819

[Note] Including public rental housing estates under the HA, estates under the TPS and rental estates under the HKHS.

Table 4 Median actual rent of CSSA cases receiving rent allowance in private housing from 2019-20 to 2023-24 by case nature

Case nature	Median actual rent (\$)				
	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24 (as at end- December 2023)
Old age	2,000	2,300	2,500	2,500	2,515
Permanent disability	3,000	3,000	3,200	3,200	3,200
Ill health	3,000	3,300	3,500	3,400	3,400
Single parent	4,800	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,200
Low-earnings	5,700	6,000	6,200	6,500	6,600
Unemployment	3,200	3,200	3,300	3,200	3,200
Others	4,000	4,100	4,200	4,000	4,150

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(W)352

(Question Serial No. 3428)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Charmaine LEE)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) households residing in private and public housing and receiving rent allowance in the past 5 years, please provide the following information by 18 districts and household size:

- i. the number of cases, number of recipients and median actual rent.

Asked by: Hon TIK Chi-yuen (LegCo internal reference no.: 200)

Reply:

From 2019-20 to 2023-24, the number of CSSA cases receiving rent allowance, broken down by district, number of eligible household members and type of housing, are set out in Tables 1 and 2 of Annex, respectively. The median actual rents of these cases are set out in Tables 3 and 4 of Annex, respectively.

Some recipients in individual CSSA cases may not be eligible for rent allowance. The Social Welfare Department does not have information on the number of CSSA recipients receiving rent allowance broken down by district, number of eligible household members and type of housing.

Table 1 Number of CSSA cases receiving rent allowance in public housing estates from 2019-20 to 2023-24 by district and number of eligible household members

(i) 2019-20

District ^[Note 1]	Number of CSSA cases receiving rent allowance in public housing estates ^[Note 2]					
	Number of eligible household members					
	1	2	3	4	5	6 or more
Central & Western	119	53	29	19	8	2
Eastern	3 213	1 245	414	186	57	38
Islands	955	578	374	198	91	79
Kowloon City	2 925	1 279	466	170	54	27
Kwai Tsing	7 997	3 364	1 141	488	215	144
Kwun Tong	13 265	6 265	2 025	803	302	123
North	2 478	1 245	446	174	64	14
Sai Kung	2 742	980	385	156	43	27
Sha Tin	5 460	3 059	1 138	437	114	45
Sham Shui Po	6 819	2 700	989	406	125	71
Southern	1 772	822	295	88	28	17
Tai Po	1 503	893	286	95	31	11
Tsuen Wan	1 465	754	252	96	32	16
Tuen Mun	5 536	2 605	744	313	121	52
Wan Chai	1	-	-	-	-	-
Wong Tai Sin	6 640	2 656	924	384	138	72
Yau Tsim Mong	343	128	28	16	5	3
Yuen Long	5 190	2 599	1 105	439	185	141
Overall	68 423	31 225	11 041	4 468	1 613	882

[Note 1] The boundaries of the 18 districts in the table may differ from those of the 18 District Council (DC) districts.

[Note 2] Including public rental housing estates under the Hong Kong Housing Authority (HA), estates under the Tenants Purchase Scheme (TPS) and rental estates under the Hong Kong Housing Society (HKHS).

- No cases

(ii) 2020-21

District ^[Note 1]	Number of CSSA cases receiving rent allowance in public housing estates ^[Note 2]					
	Number of eligible household members					
	1	2	3	4	5	6 or more
Central & Western	125	56	27	21	9	1
Eastern	3 257	1 258	433	189	59	38
Islands	1 038	623	375	232	96	80
Kowloon City	3 037	1 306	474	182	60	26
Kwai Tsing	8 195	3 297	1 162	514	240	133
Kwun Tong	13 488	6 147	2 029	845	319	116
North	2 535	1 277	478	178	57	15
Sai Kung	2 801	935	380	136	46	28
Sha Tin	5 821	3 228	1 237	501	129	45
Sham Shui Po	6 921	2 772	1 001	443	150	64
Southern	1 768	804	283	88	28	18
Tai Po	1 531	871	289	106	27	11
Tsuen Wan	1 470	748	241	89	37	18
Tuen Mun	5 720	2 583	757	309	111	49
Wan Chai	1	-	-	-	-	-
Wong Tai Sin	6 747	2 640	917	411	164	68
Yau Tsim Mong	348	126	33	15	5	3
Yuen Long	5 310	2 552	1 079	417	180	139
Overall	70 113	31 223	11 195	4 676	1 717	852

[Note 1] The boundaries of the 18 districts in the table may differ from those of the 18 DC districts.

[Note 2] Including public rental housing estates under the HA, estates under the TPS and rental estates under the HKHS.

- No cases

(iii) 2021-22

District ^[Note 1]	Number of CSSA cases receiving rent allowance in public housing estates ^[Note 2]					
	Number of eligible household members					
	1	2	3	4	5	6 or more
Central & Western	128	55	27	15	7	1
Eastern	3 177	1 191	406	174	56	40
Islands	1 041	602	343	204	86	60
Kowloon City	2 950	1 236	435	184	53	18
Kwai Tsing	7 982	3 090	1 057	462	214	127
Kwun Tong	13 067	5 820	1 842	741	264	120
North	2 505	1 323	497	203	57	29
Sai Kung	2 691	889	323	124	48	23
Sha Tin	5 805	3 089	1 135	434	123	45
Sham Shui Po	6 804	2 639	1 008	425	134	67
Southern	1 726	755	253	77	27	17
Tai Po	1 446	838	282	91	23	11
Tsuen Wan	1 472	695	220	87	34	12
Tuen Mun	5 441	2 414	706	263	100	41
Wan Chai	1	-	-	-	-	-
Wong Tai Sin	6 539	2 517	877	396	156	61
Yau Tsim Mong	337	124	27	15	4	3
Yuen Long	5 136	2 370	974	380	156	116
Overall	68 248	29 647	10 412	4 275	1 542	791

[Note 1] The boundaries of the 18 districts in the table may differ from those of the 18 DC districts.

[Note 2] Including public rental housing estates under the HA, estates under the TPS and rental estates under the HKHS.

- No cases

(iv) 2022-23

District ^[Note 1]	Number of CSSA cases receiving rent allowance in public housing estates ^[Note 2]					
	Number of eligible household members					
	1	2	3	4	5	6 or more
Central & Western	114	53	26	18	4	1
Eastern	3 075	1 103	375	181	52	36
Islands	1 059	548	308	172	70	60
Kowloon City	2 924	1 139	408	162	55	15
Kwai Tsing	7 671	2 886	970	437	178	128
Kwun Tong	12 693	5 410	1 659	635	224	114
North	2 669	1 596	629	232	71	33
Sai Kung	2 563	824	288	113	41	20
Sha Tin	5 704	2 884	1 043	382	118	43
Sham Shui Po	6 618	2 492	944	409	117	64
Southern	1 663	725	216	62	26	17
Tai Po	1 422	798	267	87	18	11
Tsuen Wan	1 450	638	209	73	28	18
Tuen Mun	5 733	2 579	864	270	108	45
Wan Chai	1	-	-	-	-	-
Wong Tai Sin	6 329	2 351	776	381	150	56
Yau Tsim Mong	324	108	26	16	4	3
Yuen Long	5 009	2 226	830	356	136	100
Overall	67 021	28 360	9 838	3 986	1 400	764

[Note 1] The boundaries of the 18 districts in the table may differ from those of the 18 DC districts.

[Note 2] Including public rental housing estates under the HA, estates under the TPS and rental estates under the HKHS.

- No cases

(v) 2023-24 (as at end-December 2023)

District ^[Note 1]	Number of CSSA cases receiving rent allowance in public housing estates ^[Note 2]					
	Number of eligible household members					
	1	2	3	4	5	6 or more
Central & Western	116	51	27	11	5	2
Eastern	3 026	1 049	364	148	47	33
Islands	1 063	490	268	158	60	54
Kowloon City	2 893	1 086	369	163	48	13
Kwai Tsing	7 463	2 742	872	424	159	110
Kwun Tong	12 500	5 100	1 520	549	207	98
North	2 662	1 507	569	206	62	29
Sai Kung	2 532	766	272	108	38	19
Sha Tin	5 633	2 741	935	325	111	38
Sham Shui Po	6 428	2 406	835	388	114	57
Southern	1 632	694	206	55	20	18
Tai Po	1 391	748	237	78	19	10
Tsuen Wan	1 469	573	183	80	22	12
Tuen Mun	5 586	2 451	787	255	94	42
Wan Chai	1	-	-	-	-	-
Wong Tai Sin	6 191	2 230	729	336	139	49
Yau Tsim Mong	327	105	27	11	5	1
Yuen Long	4 925	2 096	765	321	137	87
Overall	65 838	26 835	8 965	3 616	1 287	672

[Note 1] The boundaries of the 18 districts in the table may differ from those of the 18 DC districts.

[Note 2] Including public rental housing estates under the HA, estates under the TPS and rental estates under the HKHS.

- No cases

Table 2 Number of CSSA cases receiving rent allowance in private housing from 2019-20 to 2023-24 by district and number of eligible household members

(i) 2019-20

District ^[Note]	Number of CSSA cases receiving rent allowance in private housing					
	Number of eligible household members					
	1	2	3	4	5	6 or more
Central & Western	312	125	57	19	7	3
Eastern	617	384	185	48	21	6
Islands	216	122	69	28	6	6
Kowloon City	993	544	324	156	52	21
Kwai Tsing	257	291	165	51	21	12
Kwun Tong	462	417	255	113	36	20
North	912	779	456	183	58	15
Sai Kung	115	91	46	11	4	1
Sha Tin	295	222	127	36	8	5
Sham Shui Po	2 211	994	442	169	57	11
Southern	86	76	49	18	2	-
Tai Po	460	413	243	94	18	6
Tsuen Wan	406	315	205	85	18	7
Tuen Mun	632	470	254	93	25	9
Wan Chai	278	75	28	11	2	2
Wong Tai Sin	243	249	145	57	15	5
Yau Tsim Mong	2 311	909	398	125	49	6
Yuen Long	1 780	1 217	694	317	75	33
Overall	12 586	7 693	4 142	1 614	474	168

[Note] The boundaries of the 18 districts in the table may differ from those of the 18 DC districts.

- No cases

(ii) 2020-21

District ^[Note]	Number of CSSA cases receiving rent allowance in private housing					
	Number of eligible household members					
	1	2	3	4	5	6 or more
Central & Western	346	135	66	19	5	4
Eastern	734	418	179	62	22	6
Islands	238	122	74	31	4	5
Kowloon City	1 093	608	359	161	49	21
Kwai Tsing	311	306	183	80	21	14
Kwun Tong	512	475	283	125	33	14
North	1 062	883	513	205	66	16
Sai Kung	138	99	47	13	4	1
Sha Tin	326	265	144	49	11	4
Sham Shui Po	2 534	1 094	463	181	61	10
Southern	99	76	42	17	4	1
Tai Po	516	459	271	108	29	8
Tsuen Wan	479	336	228	75	23	9
Tuen Mun	709	504	299	114	31	12
Wan Chai	345	101	45	16	5	1
Wong Tai Sin	303	288	158	63	22	5
Yau Tsim Mong	3 108	1 018	459	159	51	15
Yuen Long	2 025	1 319	780	358	80	37
Overall	14 878	8 506	4 593	1 836	521	183

[Note] The boundaries of the 18 districts in the table may differ from those of the 18 DC districts.

(iii) 2021-22

District ^[Note]	Number of CSSA cases receiving rent allowance in private housing					
	Number of eligible household members					
	1	2	3	4	5	6 or more
Central & Western	339	128	55	23	4	4
Eastern	726	423	160	42	16	4
Islands	240	118	65	30	5	5
Kowloon City	1 074	579	334	140	36	19
Kwai Tsing	318	298	185	67	23	11
Kwun Tong	506	461	262	99	25	18
North	1 019	825	477	186	49	11
Sai Kung	132	109	32	11	8	-
Sha Tin	331	259	143	49	6	4
Sham Shui Po	2 488	1 023	415	151	54	12
Southern	110	72	33	12	3	2
Tai Po	510	435	242	88	24	7
Tsuen Wan	488	347	214	83	20	8
Tuen Mun	679	460	253	90	35	10
Wan Chai	318	103	39	14	7	-
Wong Tai Sin	290	268	151	57	13	6
Yau Tsim Mong	3 145	961	411	151	47	11
Yuen Long	2 017	1 238	725	323	87	27
Overall	14 730	8 107	4 196	1 616	462	159

[Note] The boundaries of the 18 districts in the table may differ from those of the 18 DC districts.

- No cases

(iv) 2022-23

District ^[Note]	Number of CSSA cases receiving rent allowance in private housing					
	Number of eligible household members					
	1	2	3	4	5	6 or more
Central & Western	333	128	56	21	5	4
Eastern	743	373	150	39	15	2
Islands	237	110	65	28	5	3
Kowloon City	977	534	275	118	31	14
Kwai Tsing	313	269	152	70	22	8
Kwun Tong	489	430	232	92	25	14
North	923	623	391	145	34	12
Sai Kung	128	89	36	12	8	-
Sha Tin	326	258	119	39	6	6
Sham Shui Po	2 378	908	375	146	50	13
Southern	101	57	24	9	2	3
Tai Po	472	328	181	79	16	6
Tsuen Wan	454	312	206	67	20	4
Tuen Mun	580	329	170	69	25	11
Wan Chai	301	92	32	14	6	1
Wong Tai Sin	273	250	131	55	14	4
Yau Tsim Mong	2 927	809	363	127	42	9
Yuen Long	2 055	1 001	531	254	74	20
Overall	14 010	6 900	3 489	1 384	400	134

[Note] The boundaries of the 18 districts in the table may differ from those of the 18 DC districts.

- No cases

(v) 2023-24 (as at end-December 2023)

District ^[Note]	Number of CSSA cases receiving rent allowance in private housing					
	Number of eligible household members					
	1	2	3	4	5	6 or more
Central & Western	305	121	50	19	6	4
Eastern	718	344	134	39	18	4
Islands	235	91	56	23	6	3
Kowloon City	920	489	243	107	25	13
Kwai Tsing	323	238	145	62	21	10
Kwun Tong	454	386	220	89	28	12
North	895	636	374	146	31	11
Sai Kung	172	101	43	6	7	-
Sha Tin	301	256	115	41	5	4
Sham Shui Po	2 199	838	352	120	43	18
Southern	110	54	29	11	4	2
Tai Po	485	315	163	83	15	7
Tsuen Wan	458	309	198	58	19	4
Tuen Mun	563	314	156	62	20	10
Wan Chai	283	94	35	12	2	1
Wong Tai Sin	280	241	124	50	13	4
Yau Tsim Mong	2 680	729	329	108	44	11
Yuen Long	2 225	1 010	517	257	77	23
Overall	13 606	6 566	3 283	1 293	384	141

[Note] The boundaries of the 18 districts in the table may differ from those of the 18 DC districts.

- No cases

Table 3 Median actual rent of CSSA cases receiving rent allowance in public housing estates ^[Note 1] from 2019-20 to 2023-24 by district and number of eligible household members

(i) 2019-20

District ^[Note 2]	Median actual rent (\$)					
	Number of eligible household members					
	1	2	3	4	5	6 or more
Central & Western	1,507	1,627	1,583	1,963	1,634	1,913
Eastern	1,210	1,543	1,682	1,844	2,116	2,473
Islands	873	1,242	1,644	1,940	2,307	3,073
Kowloon City	1,184	1,623	2,236	2,252	2,676	2,946
Kwai Tsing	1,196	1,538	1,927	2,189	2,516	2,692
Kwun Tong	1,250	1,601	2,238	2,634	2,741	2,970
North	920	1,096	1,537	1,572	1,862	1,928
Sai Kung	1,041	1,396	1,913	1,943	2,347	2,293
Sha Tin	1,080	1,443	1,887	1,949	2,099	2,199
Sham Shui Po	1,225	1,606	2,248	2,575	2,622	3,209
Southern	1,305	1,464	1,679	1,790	2,564	2,597
Tai Po	909	1,151	1,360	1,547	1,640	1,827
Tsuen Wan	1,249	1,406	1,631	1,761	1,742	2,591
Tuen Mun	887	1,004	1,236	1,365	1,563	1,779
Wan Chai	1,471	-	-	-	-	-
Wong Tai Sin	1,236	1,573	1,794	1,960	2,309	2,456
Yau Tsim Mong	1,178	1,620	2,464	2,783	2,108	4,441
Yuen Long	848	1,181	1,564	1,783	2,049	2,267
Overall	1,138	1,467	1,787	2,039	2,247	2,637

[Note 1] Including public rental housing estates under the HA, estates under the TPS and rental estates under the HKHS.

[Note 2] The boundaries of the 18 districts in the table may differ from those of the 18 DC districts.

- No cases

(ii) 2020-21

District ^[Note 2]	Median actual rent (\$)					
	Number of eligible household members					
	1	2	3	4	5	6 or more
Central & Western	1,635	1,809	1,729	1,815	1,821	2,182
Eastern	1,345	1,742	1,873	2,091	2,414	2,856
Islands	971	1,368	1,779	2,114	2,161	3,278
Kowloon City	1,326	1,812	2,500	2,511	3,060	3,280
Kwai Tsing	1,330	1,726	2,123	2,429	2,662	3,020
Kwun Tong	1,390	1,788	2,498	2,908	3,061	3,310
North	1,029	1,225	1,722	1,760	2,085	2,161
Sai Kung	1,164	1,561	2,141	2,141	2,596	2,676
Sha Tin	1,202	1,644	2,305	2,217	2,347	2,456
Sham Shui Po	1,364	1,762	2,457	2,841	2,943	3,580
Southern	1,445	1,628	1,875	1,993	2,830	2,560
Tai Po	1,048	1,287	1,565	1,722	1,756	1,894
Tsuen Wan	1,417	1,555	1,809	1,859	1,997	2,651
Tuen Mun	984	1,115	1,370	1,529	1,806	1,975
Wan Chai	1,614	-	-	-	-	-
Wong Tai Sin	1,380	1,770	2,012	2,218	2,642	2,912
Yau Tsim Mong	1,352	1,817	2,763	3,241	3,567	3,567
Yuen Long	938	1,309	1,734	1,975	2,272	2,634
Overall	1,265	1,645	1,988	2,270	2,522	2,950

[Note 2] The boundaries of the 18 districts in the table may differ from those of the 18 DC districts.

- No cases

(iii) 2021-22

District ^[Note 2]	Median actual rent (\$)					
	Number of eligible household members					
	1	2	3	4	5	6 or more
Central & Western	1,654	1,737	1,737	1,823	1,829	2,491
Eastern	1,358	1,753	1,985	2,319	2,589	3,080
Islands	976	1,396	1,802	2,173	2,337	3,293
Kowloon City	1,335	1,821	2,513	2,524	3,137	3,226
Kwai Tsing	1,338	1,738	2,150	2,436	2,752	3,104
Kwun Tong	1,399	1,796	2,512	2,917	3,138	3,362
North	1,037	1,251	1,742	2,040	2,078	2,330
Sai Kung	1,169	1,568	2,158	2,169	2,712	2,929
Sha Tin	1,211	1,660	2,369	2,346	2,398	2,862
Sham Shui Po	1,369	1,771	2,500	2,915	3,054	3,733
Southern	1,465	1,634	1,882	2,000	2,150	2,880
Tai Po	1,168	1,296	1,581	1,723	1,843	1,907
Tsuen Wan	1,431	1,564	1,820	1,877	2,009	3,599
Tuen Mun	989	1,121	1,379	1,524	1,721	1,989
Wan Chai	1,630	-	-	-	-	-
Wong Tai Sin	1,387	1,777	2,019	2,239	2,732	3,089
Yau Tsim Mong	1,329	2,250	2,900	2,986	3,570	3,733
Yuen Long	942	1,318	1,730	1,986	2,282	2,837
Overall	1,276	1,666	2,019	2,314	2,589	3,022

[Note 2] The boundaries of the 18 districts in the table may differ from those of the 18 DC districts.

- No cases

(iv) 2022-23

District ^[Note 2]	Median actual rent (\$)					
	Number of eligible household members					
	1	2	3	4	5	6 or more
Central & Western	1,654	1,737	1,785	1,901	2,014	2,191
Eastern	1,353	1,779	1,939	2,484	2,547	3,184
Islands	976	1,567	1,802	2,151	2,182	3,136
Kowloon City	1,335	1,823	2,513	2,523	3,137	3,226
Kwai Tsing	1,338	1,737	2,155	2,452	2,789	3,115
Kwun Tong	1,399	1,798	2,512	2,928	3,139	3,275
North	1,037	1,254	1,762	2,078	2,078	2,330
Sai Kung	1,169	1,568	2,156	2,218	2,714	2,710
Sha Tin	1,212	1,663	2,392	2,362	2,398	2,911
Sham Shui Po	1,370	1,774	2,500	2,900	3,036	3,733
Southern	1,465	1,636	1,883	1,961	1,979	3,184
Tai Po	1,168	1,296	1,581	1,692	1,907	1,886
Tsuen Wan	1,431	1,564	1,788	1,877	2,010	2,796
Tuen Mun	927	1,196	1,670	1,670	1,947	2,445
Wan Chai	1,621	-	-	-	-	-
Wong Tai Sin	1,387	1,779	2,018	2,320	2,802	2,909
Yau Tsim Mong	1,419	2,171	2,819	3,407	3,733	5,084
Yuen Long	942	1,311	1,743	1,984	2,282	2,619
Overall	1,279	1,664	1,987	2,288	2,570	3,019

[Note 2] The boundaries of the 18 districts in the table may differ from those of the 18 DC districts.

- No cases

(v) 2023-24 (as at end-December 2023)

District ^[Note 2]	Median actual rent (\$)					
	Number of eligible household members					
	1	2	3	4	5	6 or more
Central & Western	1,912	2,018	2,096	2,096	2,096	2,506
Eastern	1,559	2,087	2,318	2,817	2,770	3,559
Islands	1,093	1,807	2,049	2,428	2,565	3,397
Kowloon City	1,559	2,081	2,672	2,877	3,140	3,697
Kwai Tsing	1,498	1,989	2,494	2,784	3,132	3,423
Kwun Tong	1,559	2,059	2,879	3,271	3,526	3,594
North	1,199	1,446	2,033	2,397	2,397	2,557
Sai Kung	1,348	1,818	2,509	2,524	3,078	3,078
Sha Tin	1,397	1,935	2,672	2,759	2,763	3,282
Sham Shui Po	1,559	2,070	2,867	3,291	3,427	4,114
Southern	1,692	1,884	2,149	2,218	3,528	3,559
Tai Po	1,321	1,570	1,820	1,939	2,187	2,216
Tsuen Wan	1,632	1,740	2,046	2,096	2,290	2,782
Tuen Mun	1,031	1,348	1,922	1,903	2,235	3,121
Wan Chai	1,980	-	-	-	-	-
Wong Tai Sin	1,559	2,021	2,397	2,667	3,083	3,463
Yau Tsim Mong	1,708	2,523	3,153	3,784	4,114	5,481
Yuen Long	1,031	1,472	1,919	2,175	2,513	3,092
Overall	1,465	1,918	2,257	2,597	2,898	3,357

[Note 2] The boundaries of the 18 districts in the table may differ from those of the 18 DC districts.

- No cases

Table 4 Median actual rent of CSSA cases receiving rent allowance in private housing from 2019-20 to 2023-24 by district and number of eligible household members

(i) 2019-20

District ^[Note]	Median actual rent (\$)					
	Number of eligible household members					
	1	2	3	4	5	6 or more
Central & Western	2,200	4,500	5,000	7,000	6,000	11,000
Eastern	2,000	4,200	5,400	6,000	6,200	8,900
Islands	2,000	4,000	5,000	6,000	5,500	7,750
Kowloon City	2,380	4,000	5,300	5,500	6,250	8,000
Kwai Tsing	2,100	4,300	5,300	6,100	6,500	7,500
Kwun Tong	2,300	4,200	5,200	5,800	6,900	8,000
North	2,600	4,300	5,000	5,500	6,000	7,000
Sai Kung	1,087	1,208	5,000	6,000	5,351	8,700
Sha Tin	1,143	1,394	5,200	5,950	8,800	6,600
Sham Shui Po	2,200	4,200	5,000	5,500	6,200	6,500
Southern	2,500	4,200	5,000	5,275	4,568	-
Tai Po	2,500	4,300	5,000	6,150	6,800	6,400
Tsuen Wan	2,425	4,500	5,000	5,500	6,400	7,000
Tuen Mun	2,100	4,000	5,000	5,600	6,000	8,000
Wan Chai	2,000	4,000	5,375	7,500	6,250	10,500
Wong Tai Sin	2,000	4,300	5,200	5,800	6,000	7,500
Yau Tsim Mong	2,100	4,100	5,100	5,600	6,500	8,400
Yuen Long	2,500	4,000	5,000	6,000	6,000	7,000
Overall	2,200	4,100	5,000	5,700	6,200	7,500

[Note] The boundaries of the 18 districts in the table may differ from those of the 18 DC districts.

- No cases

(ii) 2020-21

District ^[Note]	Median actual rent (\$)					
	Number of eligible household members					
	1	2	3	4	5	6 or more
Central & Western	2,500	4,500	5,500	7,000	5,700	9,000
Eastern	2,500	4,500	5,600	6,300	8,988	9,250
Islands	2,400	4,200	5,300	6,000	5,500	8,300
Kowloon City	2,500	4,370	5,395	6,000	6,700	7,000
Kwai Tsing	2,500	4,400	5,300	6,000	6,000	8,500
Kwun Tong	2,500	4,300	5,300	6,100	7,000	8,000
North	2,800	4,500	5,300	5,800	6,000	7,300
Sai Kung	1,186	1,338	4,800	7,000	7,850	7,500
Sha Tin	1,167	3,800	5,550	6,000	8,500	6,164
Sham Shui Po	2,500	4,400	5,200	5,600	6,400	8,000
Southern	2,600	4,500	5,000	5,910	8,400	9,000
Tai Po	2,750	4,500	5,400	6,000	6,000	7,000
Tsuen Wan	2,700	4,500	5,200	6,200	6,900	6,800
Tuen Mun	2,500	4,000	5,300	6,003	7,500	8,600
Wan Chai	2,500	4,500	5,500	7,500	7,000	3,119
Wong Tai Sin	2,300	4,400	5,500	5,700	6,000	8,000
Yau Tsim Mong	2,500	4,300	5,200	6,200	6,500	8,100
Yuen Long	2,500	4,300	5,300	6,000	6,400	8,000
Overall	2,500	4,365	5,300	6,000	6,590	8,000

[Note] The boundaries of the 18 districts in the table may differ from those of the 18 DC districts.

(iii) 2021-22

District ^[Note]	Median actual rent (\$)					
	Number of eligible household members					
	1	2	3	4	5	6 or more
Central & Western	2,600	4,500	5,800	6,005	5,750	10,500
Eastern	2,725	4,500	5,800	7,100	8,500	9,250
Islands	2,500	4,420	5,500	6,700	6,000	8,300
Kowloon City	2,700	4,500	5,500	6,450	7,550	8,400
Kwai Tsing	2,800	4,500	5,500	6,000	7,000	9,300
Kwun Tong	2,650	4,500	5,400	6,200	7,300	8,400
North	3,000	4,600	5,500	6,000	5,800	7,600
Sai Kung	1,327	1,574	4,900	7,200	8,000	-
Sha Tin	1,268	4,100	6,000	7,000	7,750	10,250
Sham Shui Po	2,550	4,500	5,300	5,900	6,900	7,200
Southern	2,700	4,550	5,200	6,000	10,000	8,400
Tai Po	3,000	4,500	5,500	6,005	6,808	8,000
Tsuen Wan	2,800	4,500	5,500	6,000	6,950	6,550
Tuen Mun	2,500	4,200	5,500	6,500	7,535	8,600
Wan Chai	2,500	4,500	5,600	6,003	7,200	-
Wong Tai Sin	2,500	4,500	5,500	6,000	6,800	7,500
Yau Tsim Mong	2,600	4,500	5,300	6,300	6,300	9,500
Yuen Long	2,800	4,500	5,500	6,300	7,000	7,000
Overall	2,600	4,500	5,500	6,200	7,000	8,100

[Note] The boundaries of the 18 districts in the table may differ from those of the 18 DC districts.

- No cases

(iv) 2022-23

District ^[Note]	Median actual rent (\$)					
	Number of eligible household members					
	1	2	3	4	5	6 or more
Central & Western	2,800	4,500	5,950	7,000	6,800	8,825
Eastern	2,900	4,700	5,500	6,800	9,000	12,050
Islands	2,500	4,800	5,500	7,150	7,000	6,400
Kowloon City	2,800	4,520	5,500	6,500	7,400	8,450
Kwai Tsing	2,800	4,500	5,600	6,550	7,200	8,400
Kwun Tong	2,800	4,500	5,500	6,250	7,300	8,900
North	3,000	4,800	5,600	6,300	6,600	8,250
Sai Kung	1,302	1,499	5,000	6,550	7,750	-
Sha Tin	1,327	4,290	6,000	6,400	8,750	12,400
Sham Shui Po	2,700	4,500	5,330	6,000	7,400	8,000
Southern	3,000	4,500	5,415	7,000	9,050	8,500
Tai Po	3,000	4,500	5,500	6,000	7,200	9,000
Tsuen Wan	3,000	4,500	5,500	6,000	7,300	6,150
Tuen Mun	2,515	4,300	5,500	6,800	8,300	9,000
Wan Chai	2,515	4,850	5,925	7,400	6,800	8,500
Wong Tai Sin	2,500	4,500	5,600	6,500	6,900	8,600
Yau Tsim Mong	2,700	4,500	5,500	6,300	6,750	8,100
Yuen Long	2,750	4,500	5,500	6,500	7,000	8,700
Overall	2,700	4,500	5,500	6,325	7,150	8,500

[Note] The boundaries of the 18 districts in the table may differ from those of the 18 DC districts.

- No cases

(v) 2023-24 (as at end-December 2023)

District ^[Note]	Median actual rent (\$)					
	Number of eligible household members					
	1	2	3	4	5	6 or more
Central & Western	2,900	4,600	5,540	6,800	7,400	8,825
Eastern	3,000	4,600	5,500	7,000	9,000	9,250
Islands	2,500	4,800	5,500	7,300	8,000	6,400
Kowloon City	2,900	4,600	5,600	6,500	8,000	8,500
Kwai Tsing	2,800	4,550	5,800	6,900	8,000	7,650
Kwun Tong	2,800	4,500	5,500	6,400	7,250	8,150
North	3,000	4,800	5,600	6,375	7,000	8,000
Sai Kung	2,012	1,919	5,330	6,550	7,500	-
Sha Tin	1,672	4,400	6,000	7,500	10,000	12,400
Sham Shui Po	2,800	4,500	5,450	6,003	7,500	8,150
Southern	3,000	4,500	6,000	5,100	10,000	8,150
Tai Po	3,000	4,500	5,500	6,000	6,800	9,000
Tsuen Wan	3,000	4,500	5,500	6,005	7,300	6,250
Tuen Mun	2,600	4,400	5,500	6,300	7,750	8,850
Wan Chai	2,515	5,000	5,900	6,500	6,850	8,500
Wong Tai Sin	2,515	4,500	5,500	6,500	6,400	8,600
Yau Tsim Mong	2,750	4,600	5,500	6,400	6,650	9,500
Yuen Long	2,700	4,440	5,330	6,500	6,695	7,800
Overall	2,800	4,500	5,500	6,500	7,400	8,400

[Note] The boundaries of the 18 districts in the table may differ from those of the 18 DC districts.

- No cases

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(W)353

(Question Serial No. 3429)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Charmaine LEE)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Please provide the number and percentage of Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) cases in each of the 3 categories, namely “able-bodied/50% disabled”, “100% disabled” and “requiring constant attendance”, in the past 5 years.

Asked by: Hon TIK Chi-yuen (LegCo internal reference no.: 201)

Reply:

The respective numbers of CSSA cases involving households with recipients who are 50% disabled, 100% disabled and requiring constant attendance from 2019-20 to 2023-24 are as follows:

Year	Number of CSSA cases		
	Households with recipients who are 50% disabled ^[Note]	Households with recipients who are 100% disabled	Households with recipients requiring constant attendance
2019-20	4 718	81 874	22 163
2020-21	5 062	83 757	22 179
2021-22	5 047	82 849	21 128
2022-23	4 991	82 087	20 474
2023-24 (as at end-December 2023)	4 815	81 861	21 034

^[Note] Persons aged 65 or above and those aged between 60 and 64 who have received elderly CSSA before 1 February 2019 receive the same CSSA standard rate irrespective of whether they are able-bodied or 50% disabled. Due to limitations in statistical compilation, the figures above do not include cases of 50% disabled recipients aged 65 or above, as well as cases of 50% disabled recipients aged between 60 and 64 who have received elderly CSSA before 1 February 2019.

Since there may be overlap among the different categories of cases mentioned above, the Social Welfare Department does not have the percentage of cases in each category in relation to the total number of cases.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(W)354

(Question Serial No. 3430)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Charmaine LEE)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Please provide the number of Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) cases over the past 5 years by the following categories:

- i. Households with members aged 65 or above
- ii. Households with members aged 15 or below
- iii. Households with disabled members
- iv. Households with ill-health members
- v. Households with able-bodied adults
- vi. Households with members with full-time/long-term employment
- vii. Households with members with part-time/casual employment
- viii. Households with unemployed members
- ix. Households with members who have resided in Hong Kong for less than 7 years

Asked by: Hon TIK Chi-yuen (LegCo internal reference no.: 202)

Reply:

From 2019-20 to 2023-24, the respective numbers of CSSA cases involving households with members aged below 15 or aged 65 or above are set out in Table 1 of Annex; the respective numbers of CSSA cases involving households with disabled, ill-health or able-bodied adult recipients are set out in Table 2 of Annex; and the number of CSSA cases involving households with recipients who have resided in Hong Kong for less than 7 years is set out in Table 3 of Annex.

As for the number of CSSA cases involving households with recipients who are employed on a full-time, part-time/casual basis or unemployed, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) does not have the relevant information.

Table 1 Number of CSSA cases involving households with members aged below 15 or aged 65 or above from 2019-20 to 2023-24

Year	Number of CSSA cases	
	Households with members aged below 15	Households with members aged 65 or above
2019-20	30 419	117 720
2020-21	31 727	116 996
2021-22	29 335	114 161
2022-23	26 701	110 238
2023-24 (as at end-December 2023)	24 761	109 718

Table 2 Number of CSSA cases involving households with disabled, ill-health or able-bodied adult recipients from 2019-20 to 2023-24

Year	Number of CSSA cases		
	Households with disabled recipients [Note]	Households with ill-health recipients	Households with able-bodied adult recipients
2019-20	106 988	3 650	40 342
2020-21	109 160	3 748	47 477
2021-22	107 149	3 507	44 491
2022-23	105 672	3 170	41 158
2023-24 (as at end-December 2023)	105 768	2 944	38 448

[Note] Disabled recipients refer to those receiving the standard rate for 50% disabled, 100% disabled or being in need of constant attendance. However, the number does not include cases involving recipients aged 65 or above being 50% disabled, or cases involving recipients aged between 60 and 64 being 50% disabled who were receiving elderly CSSA before 1 February 2019.

Table 3 Number of CSSA cases involving households with recipients who have resided in Hong Kong for less than 7 years ^[Note] from 2019-20 to 2023-24

Year	Number of CSSA cases
2019-20	10 017
2020-21	10 600
2021-22	9 331
2022-23	7 946
2023-24 (as at end-December 2023)	6 627

[Note] SWD only maintains information on the year of residence in Hong Kong for non-Hong Kong born CSSA recipients.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(W)355

(Question Serial No. 3431)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Charmaine LEE)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Please provide the number of Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) recipients over the past 5 years by the following categories:

- i. CSSA recipients aged 65 or above
- ii. CSSA recipients aged 15 or below
- iii. Disabled persons
- iv. Ill-health persons
- v. Able-bodied adults
- vi. CSSA recipients with full-time/long-term employment
- vii. CSSA recipients with part-time/casual employment
- viii. Unemployed CSSA recipients
- ix. Members who have resided in Hong Kong for less than 7 years

Asked by: Hon TIK Chi-yuen (LegCo internal reference no.: 203)

Reply:

From 2019-20 to 2023-24, the numbers of CSSA recipients aged below 15 and those aged 65 or above are set out in Table 1 of Annex; the numbers of CSSA recipients who are disabled, ill-health and able-bodied adults are set out in Table 2 of Annex; the number of CSSA recipients with a breakdown by full-time and part-time/casual employment is set out in Table 3 of Annex; the number of unemployed CSSA recipients is set out in Table 4 of Annex; and the number of CSSA recipients having resided in Hong Kong for less than 7 years is set out in Table 5 of Annex.

Table 1 Number of CSSA recipients aged below 15 and those aged 65 or above from 2019-20 to 2023-24

Year	Number of CSSA recipients	
	Aged below 15	Aged 65 or above
2019-20	45 807	132 775
2020-21	47 507	131 425
2021-22	43 751	127 782
2022-23	39 910	122 883
2023-24 (as at end-December 2023)	37 080	121 851

Table 2 Number of CSSA recipients who are disabled, ill-health and able-bodied adults from 2019-20 to 2023-24

Year	Number of CSSA recipients		
	Disabled ^[Note]	Ill-health	Able-bodied adults
2019-20	114 270	3 678	45 319
2020-21	116 786	3 780	53 972
2021-22	114 932	3 533	50 108
2022-23	113 669	3 195	46 093
2023-24 (as at end-December 2023)	113 961	2 967	42 893

[Note] Disabled CSSA recipients refer to those receiving the standard rate for 50% disabled, 100% disabled or being in need of constant attendance. Persons aged 65 or above and those aged between 60 and 64 who have received elderly CSSA before 1 February 2019 receive the same CSSA standard rate irrespective of whether they are able-bodied or 50% disabled. Due to limitations in statistical compilation, the above number of CSSA recipients does not include persons aged 65 or above who are 50% disabled, as well as persons aged between 60 and 64 who have received elderly CSSA before 1 February 2019 while being 50% disabled.

Table 3 Number of CSSA recipients with a breakdown by full-time and part-time/casual employment from 2019-20 to 2023-24

Year	Number of CSSA recipients	
	Full-time employment ^[Note 1]	Part-time/casual employment ^[Note 2]
2019-20	3 921	10 524
2020-21	3 340	9 313
2021-22	3 145	9 096
2022-23	2 733	8 967
2023-24 (as at end-December 2023)	2 446	9 062

[Note 1] Based on the categorisation of CSSA cases, recipients with full-time employment refer to those with no less than 120 working hours per month.

[Note 2] Based on the categorisation of CSSA cases, recipients with part-time/casual employment refer to those with less than 120 working hours per month.

Table 4 Number of unemployed CSSA recipients from 2019-20 to 2023-24

Year	Number of unemployed CSSA recipients
2019-20	14 767
2020-21	21 677
2021-22	20 023
2022-23	18 726
2023-24 (as at end-December 2023)	17 617

Table 5 Number of CSSA recipients having resided in Hong Kong for less than 7 years ^[Note] from 2019-20 to 2023-24

Year	Number of CSSA recipients
2019-20	14 195
2020-21	14 905
2021-22	12 964
2022-23	11 074
2023-24 (as at end-December 2023)	9 255

^[Note] The Social Welfare Department only maintains information on the year of residence in Hong Kong for non-Hong Kong born CSSA recipients.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(W)356

(Question Serial No. 3432)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Charmaine LEE)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Please provide the number of Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) recipients over the past 5 years by the following categories, with a breakdown by 18 districts:

- i. CSSA recipients aged 65 or above
- ii. CSSA recipients aged 15 or below
- iii. Disabled persons
- iv. Ill-health persons
- v. Able-bodied adults
- vi. CSSA recipients with full-time/long-term employment
- vii. CSSA recipients with part-time/casual employment
- viii. Unemployed CSSA recipients

Asked by: Hon TIK Chi-yuen (LegCo internal reference no.: 204)

Reply:

From 2019-20 to 2023-24, the number of CSSA recipients aged 65 or above, broken down by district, is set out in Table 1 of Annex; the number of CSSA recipients aged below 15 is set out in Table 2 of Annex; the number of disabled CSSA recipients is set out in Table 3 of Annex; the number of ill-health CSSA recipients is set out in Table 4 of Annex; the number of able-bodied adult CSSA recipients is set out in Table 5 of Annex; and the number of unemployed CSSA recipients is set out in Table 6 of Annex.

The Social Welfare Department does not have a breakdown of the number of CSSA recipients with full-time, part-time/casual employment by district.

Table 1 Number of CSSA recipients ^[Note 2] aged 65 or above from 2019-20 to 2023-24 by district ^[Note 1]

District ^[Note 1]	Number of CSSA recipients aged 65 or above				
	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24 (as at end-December 2023)
Central & Western	1 671	1 672	1 573	1 487	1 405
Eastern	6 876	6 812	6 577	6 244	6 179
Islands	1 758	1 849	1 883	1 863	1 820
Kowloon City	7 334	7 339	7 121	6 660	6 572
Kwai Tsing	13 323	13 126	12 746	12 289	12 177
Kwun Tong	20 464	20 199	19 326	18 532	18 192
North	6 440	6 350	6 232	6 152	6 167
Sai Kung	3 898	3 830	3 785	3 634	3 598
Sha Tin	9 257	9 309	9 232	9 064	9 017
Sham Shui Po	12 065	11 916	11 705	11 357	11 282
Southern	4 336	4 208	4 040	3 782	3 745
Tai Po	4 640	4 554	4 315	4 059	4 072
Tsuen Wan	4 103	3 971	3 895	3 687	3 692
Tuen Mun	10 332	10 239	9 889	9 841	9 746
Wan Chai	694	701	718	746	763
Wong Tai Sin	10 055	9 871	9 603	9 121	8 970
Yau Tsim Mong	3 652	3 808	3 857	3 760	3 823
Yuen Long	10 796	10 770	10 500	9 950	10 047
Total	131 694	130 524	126 997	122 228	121 267

[Note 1] The boundaries of the 18 districts in the table may differ from those of the 18 District Council (DC) districts.

[Note 2] Excluding the number of CSSA recipients under the Portable Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (PCSSA) Scheme.

Table 2 Number of CSSA recipients aged below 15 from 2019-20 to 2023-24 by district ^[Note]

District ^[Note]	Number of CSSA recipients aged below 15				
	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24 (as at end-December 2023)
Central & Western	295	329	328	313	284
Eastern	1 632	1 681	1 578	1 483	1 376
Islands	1 564	1 587	1 427	1 283	1 128
Kowloon City	2 700	2 696	2 434	2 104	1 923
Kwai Tsing	3 866	3 984	3 625	3 284	3 068
Kwun Tong	6 338	6 346	5 692	5 041	4 590
North	2 849	2 989	2 976	3 114	2 944
Sai Kung	1 047	1 029	940	870	830
Sha Tin	3 535	3 918	3 588	3 237	2 976
Sham Shui Po	4 501	4 675	4 473	4 099	3 807
Southern	800	765	722	612	561
Tai Po	1 505	1 638	1 469	1 258	1 231
Tsuen Wan	1 378	1 419	1 337	1 209	1 139
Tuen Mun	3 135	3 208	2 814	3 020	2 743
Wan Chai	183	245	227	223	216
Wong Tai Sin	3 038	3 146	2 980	2 767	2 567
Yau Tsim Mong	1 715	1 954	1 842	1 609	1 446
Yuen Long	5 726	5 898	5 299	4 384	4 251
Total	45 807	47 507	43 751	39 910	37 080

^[Note] The boundaries of the 18 districts in the table may differ from those of the 18 DC districts.

Table 3 Number of disabled CSSA recipients ^[Note 2] from 2019-20 to 2023-24 by district ^[Note 1]

District ^[Note 1]	Number of disabled CSSA recipients ^[Note 3]				
	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24 (as at end-December 2023)
Central & Western	1 876	1 875	1 764	1 681	1 585
Eastern	6 668	6 692	6 518	6 380	6 332
Islands	1 712	1 847	1 884	1 842	1 750
Kowloon City	6 957	7 068	6 958	6 563	6 448
Kwai Tsing	11 241	11 351	11 196	10 987	11 089
Kwun Tong	12 928	13 334	13 122	13 087	13 073
North	5 952	6 019	5 942	6 094	6 103
Sai Kung	3 379	3 431	3 391	3 360	3 381
Sha Tin	8 298	8 668	8 591	8 586	8 515
Sham Shui Po	10 023	10 313	10 282	10 363	10 546
Southern	4 959	4 990	4 778	4 595	4 558
Tai Po	4 568	4 673	4 496	4 317	4 361
Tsuen Wan	3 604	3 615	3 556	3 512	3 600
Tuen Mun	9 653	9 752	9 457	9 587	9 518
Wan Chai	715	758	758	790	817
Wong Tai Sin	7 304	7 406	7 411	7 375	7 394
Yau Tsim Mong	3 762	4 193	4 318	4 310	4 454
Yuen Long	10 509	10 699	10 450	10 186	10 378
Total	114 108	116 684	114 872	113 615	113 902

[Note 1] The boundaries of the 18 districts in the table may differ from those of the 18 DC districts.

[Note 2] Excluding the number of CSSA recipients under the PCSSA Scheme.

[Note 3] Disabled CSSA recipients refer to those receiving the standard rate for 50% disabled, 100% disabled or being in need of constant attendance. Persons aged 65 or above and those aged between 60 and 64 who have received elderly CSSA before 1 February 2019 receive the same CSSA standard rate irrespective of whether they are able-bodied or 50% disabled. Due to limitations in statistical compilation, the above number of CSSA recipients does not include persons aged 65 or above who are 50% disabled, as well as persons aged between 60 and 64 who have received elderly CSSA before 1 February 2019 while being 50% disabled.

Table 4 Number of ill-health CSSA recipients from 2019-20 to 2023-24 by district ^[Note]

District ^[Note]	Number of ill-health CSSA recipients				
	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24 (as at end-December 2023)
Central & Western	16	15	11	16	12
Eastern	40	52	46	32	38
Islands	75	90	71	64	70
Kowloon City	163	178	160	136	131
Kwai Tsing	330	347	321	268	265
Kwun Tong	616	586	547	494	468
North	180	209	225	239	208
Sai Kung	240	231	209	177	173
Sha Tin	225	245	256	241	234
Sham Shui Po	323	341	316	307	274
Southern	28	37	26	23	23
Tai Po	199	224	219	218	192
Tsuen Wan	95	88	90	82	79
Tuen Mun	248	249	221	215	193
Wan Chai	7	8	7	5	5
Wong Tai Sin	445	422	375	301	271
Yau Tsim Mong	144	144	144	128	93
Yuen Long	304	314	289	249	238
Total	3 678	3 780	3 533	3 195	2 967

^[Note] The boundaries of the 18 districts in the table may differ from those of the 18 DC districts.

Table 5 Number of able-bodied adult CSSA recipients from 2019-20 to 2023-24 by district ^[Note]

District ^[Note]	Number of able-bodied adult CSSA recipients				
	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24 (as at end-December 2023)
Central & Western	309	349	315	292	268
Eastern	1 535	1 872	1 753	1 638	1 552
Islands	1 490	1 758	1 555	1 385	1 227
Kowloon City	2 462	2 906	2 704	2 393	2 179
Kwai Tsing	3 874	4 430	4 152	3 882	3 633
Kwun Tong	6 649	7 616	7 076	6 482	6 021
North	2 597	3 172	3 151	3 215	3 076
Sai Kung	1 177	1 284	1 191	1 058	1 070
Sha Tin	3 266	4 196	3 849	3 467	3 152
Sham Shui Po	4 806	5 727	5 424	4 963	4 577
Southern	813	873	818	730	682
Tai Po	1 265	1 527	1 405	1 197	1 141
Tsuen Wan	1 281	1 508	1 413	1 324	1 214
Tuen Mun	2 980	3 499	3 119	3 272	3 004
Wan Chai	178	300	247	218	205
Wong Tai Sin	3 043	3 647	3 435	3 277	3 070
Yau Tsim Mong	1 917	2 778	2 534	2 189	1 941
Yuen Long	5 677	6 530	5 967	5 110	4 881
Total	45 319	53 972	50 108	46 092	42 893

^[Note] The boundaries of the 18 districts in the table may differ from those of the 18 DC districts.

Table 6 Number of unemployed CSSA recipients from 2019-20 to 2023-24 by district ^[Note]

District ^[Note]	Number of unemployed CSSA recipients				
	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24 (as at end-December 2023)
Central & Western	137	121	109	116	102
Eastern	543	686	647	588	570
Islands	516	766	673	598	529
Kowloon City	799	1 197	1 153	987	891
Kwai Tsing	1 163	1 676	1 606	1 530	1 419
Kwun Tong	2 103	3 101	2 901	2 721	2 594
North	718	1 128	1 087	1 164	1 148
Sai Kung	405	498	462	429	463
Sha Tin	895	1 477	1 358	1 222	1 122
Sham Shui Po	1 835	2 565	2 387	2 199	2 029
Southern	291	321	299	276	242
Tai Po	322	435	398	351	358
Tsuen Wan	384	588	519	493	475
Tuen Mun	938	1 375	1 211	1 226	1 150
Wan Chai	107	153	126	108	106
Wong Tai Sin	1 037	1 491	1 390	1 335	1 269
Yau Tsim Mong	891	1 560	1 409	1 276	1 121
Yuen Long	1 683	2 539	2 288	2 107	2 029
Total	14 767	21 677	20 023	18 726	17 617

^[Note] The boundaries of the 18 districts in the table may differ from those of the 18 DC districts.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(W)357

(Question Serial No. 3433)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Charmaine LEE)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Please provide the number and percentage of Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) households residing in private rental housing (i.e. non-public housing units) and receiving CSSA rent allowance, while being eligible for the Subsidy for CSSA Recipients Living in Rented Private Housing implemented by the Community Care Fund (CCF), with actual rent exceeding the maximum rent allowance (MRA) by \$0 to \$300, \$301 to \$600, and \$601 or above.

Asked by: Hon TIK Chi-yuen (LegCo internal reference no.: 205)

Reply:

CCF launched an assistance programme to provide a subsidy to CSSA households residing in private rental housing and paying rent that exceeds MRA under the CSSA Scheme. The monthly subsidy is either 50% of the portion of the eligible CSSA household's rental amount exceeding the applicable MRA or 15% of the applicable MRA, whichever is the less. The assistance programme ended on 30 April 2021. The number of CSSA cases where the recipients were eligible for the CCF subsidy and receiving CSSA rent allowance, with actual rent exceeding the total subsidy amount ^[Note] in 2020-21, broken down by number of household members, along with the percentage of these cases out of the number of cases where the recipients were residing in private rental housing and receiving CSSA rent allowance, is set out in Table 1 of Annex.

[Note] Total subsidy amount refers to the sum of MRA corresponding to the number of eligible household members under the CSSA Scheme and the average monthly subsidy provided by CCF for cases of the same category.

Number of CSSA cases where the recipients were residing in private rental housing and eligible for the CCF subsidy while receiving CSSA rent allowance, with actual rent exceeding the total subsidy amount ^[Note] in 2020-21, broken down by number of eligible household members, and the percentage of these cases out of the number of cases where the recipients were residing in private rental housing and receiving CSSA rent allowance

Number of eligible household members	Number of cases where the actual rent exceeded the total subsidy amount and the percentage of these cases out of the number of cases where the recipients were residing in private rental housing and receiving CSSA rent allowance			
	Less than \$301	\$301 to \$600	\$601 or above	Total
1	2 615	748	3 214	6 577 (52%)
2	2 020	817	1 041	3 878 (55%)
3	687	682	738	2 107 (51%)
4	201	192	407	800 (47%)
5	54	41	139	234 (49%)
6 or more	25	26	42	93 (54%)
Total	5 602	2 506	5 581	13 689 (52%)

[Note] Total subsidy amount refers to the sum of MRA corresponding to the number of eligible household members under the CSSA Scheme and the average monthly subsidy provided by CCF for cases of the same category.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**LWB(W)358****(Question Serial No. 3434)**Head: (170) Social Welfare DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): ()Programme: (2) Social SecurityControlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Charmaine LEE)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and WelfareQuestion:

Please provide the number of Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) recipients with employment earnings in the past 5 years (year-end figures), with a breakdown by employment earnings (\$1,200 or below, \$1,201 to \$2,500, \$2,501 to \$5,000, \$5,001 to \$6,800, \$6,801 to \$10,000, and \$10,000 or above).

Asked by: Hon TIK Chi-yuen (LegCo internal reference no.: 206)Reply:

The number of CSSA recipients with employment earnings from 2019-20 to 2023-24, with a breakdown by monthly employment earnings, is tabulated as follows:

Monthly employment earnings	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24 (as at end-December 2023)
\$1,200 or below	5 413	5 235	4 984	4 951	4 955
\$1,201 to \$2,500	2 313	1 842	1 787	1 655	1 681
\$2,501 to \$5,000	3 567	2 843	2 598	2 327	2 198
\$5,001 to \$6,800	1 556	1 271	1 254	1 222	1 224
\$6,801 to \$10,000	1 084	908	1 042	1 001	959
\$10,001 or above	512	554	576	544	491

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(W)359

(Question Serial No. 3435)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Charmaine LEE)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Please provide the number of Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) cases with employment earnings in the past 5 years (year-end figures), with a breakdown by total household employment earnings (\$1,200 or below, \$1,201 to \$2,500, \$2,501 to \$5,000, \$5,001 to \$6,800, \$6,801 to \$10,000, and \$10,000 or above) and household size (1 member, 2 members, 3 members, 4 members or more).

Asked by: Hon TIK Chi-yuen (LegCo internal reference no.: 207)

Reply:

The Social Welfare Department does not have breakdowns on the number of CSSA cases by total household employment earnings and household size.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(W)360

(Question Serial No. 3436)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: Not Specified

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Charmaine LEE)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

The Labour and Welfare Bureau (LWB) announced last year that the Task Force appointed by the Secretary for Labour and Welfare had completed the review on the Lump Sum Grant Subvention System (LSGSS) and released its Review Report. The Task Force considered that the LSGSS, including the prevailing method of calculating subventions to non-governmental organisations (NGOs), should be retained, and made 30 recommendations under 5 domains to enhance the system. Regarding the recommendations:

1. Has any funding been earmarked for implementing the recommendations in the 5 domains? If so, how much has been earmarked, and what are the details?
2. How much funding has the Government provided to NGOs in the form of Lump Sum Grant (LSG) in the past 10 years?
3. At present, how many social workers are being paid less than the mid-point salaries of the pay system of the social welfare sector, and what is the percentage they represent of all contract social workers?
4. For the following 17 types of services, please provide the notional subvented staffing establishment set by the Social Welfare Department (SWD), the actual staffing establishment of the NGOs, and the salary expenditure projected with reference to relevant civil service pay scales in the past 5 years

Notional subvented staffing establishment set by SWD Actual subvented staffing establishment of the NGOs Notional and actual salary expenditure calculated with reference to starting-point salaries Notional and actual salary expenditure calculated with reference to mid-point salaries Notional and actual salary expenditure calculated with reference to maximum-point salaries

1. Hostel for moderately mentally handicapped persons
2. Small group home
3. Neighbourhood elderly centre
4. Hostel for severely mentally handicapped persons
5. Care-and-attention home

6. Integrated children and youth services centre
 7. Integrated family service centre
 8. Integrated community centre for mental wellness
 9. Special child care centre
 10. Early education and training centre
 11. Day care centre for the elderly
 12. Home care service for persons with severe disabilities
 13. Integrated vocational rehabilitation services centre
 14. Day activity centre
 15. Foster care
 16. District youth outreaching social work team
 17. District elderly community centre
5. Some NGOs have established their own salary structures and pay scales for their employees, leading to situation of “unequal pay for equal work”. Furthermore, when employees switch jobs or start a new position, their seniority may not always be fully recognised. Will the Government consider stepping up the review of the subvention benchmark at mid-point salaries so as to align the salaries of NGO employees with the salary structures and pay scales of the Government?

Asked by: Hon TIK Chi-yuen (LegCo internal reference no.: 208)

Reply:

1. The review on the enhancement of the LSGSS was completed in July 2021. The Review Report made 30 recommendations under 5 domains, namely (1) quality of welfare services; (2) staffing establishment, subvention benchmark and human resource management matters; (3) financial planning; (4) relevance of utilising LSG subvention; and (5) accountability and corporate governance of NGOs. SWD has been implementing the recommendations from 2022-23 onwards. For recommendations that involve additional financial resources, SWD will seek the required resources in accordance with the established procedures where the financial conditions of the Government permit.
2. The amount of LSG allocated by SWD to NGOs under the LSGSS to operate subvented services in each of the past 5 years is tabulated below:

Year	Amount of LSG (\$ billion)
2019-20 (Actual)	16.836
2020-21 (Actual)	18.541
2021-22 (Actual)	19.603
2022-23 (Actual)	20.050
2023-24 (Revised estimate)	21.856

- 3 & 4. The LSGSS seeks to focus on the effectiveness of service delivery and hence allows NGOs greater flexibility and efficiency in utilising public funds and providing quality services. It also helps simplify administrative work and enhance the quality of service substantively. Subject to their compliance with the

requirements of the Funding and Service Agreements and the relevant statutory staffing requirements, NGOs may determine their staffing establishment in accordance with their human resources policies, and flexibly deploy resources and employ staff to achieve the service output and outcome required. SWD does not have information on the actual staffing establishment of NGOs or their staff remuneration. For staffing establishment of individual service areas, please refer to SWD's website

(<https://www.swd.gov.hk/en/ngo/subventions/suballoc/subvention/>).

5. Under the LSGSS, the subvention benchmark at mid-point salaries is adopted by SWD to calculate individual NGOs' funding. It is not intended to prescribe NGOs' pay practices. The existing arrangement aims to allow NGOs to exercise the flexibility to deploy resources and employ staff, and, in line with their human resource management and service development strategies, respond to service needs swiftly and provide welfare services efficiently.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(W)361

(Question Serial No. 3503)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): ()
Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Charmaine LEE)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

The Government subsidises non-governmental organisations (NGOs) to provide child care services (nurseries/child care centres (CCCs)/child-minding services) and After School Care Programme (ASCP), as well as the Neighbourhood Support Child Care Project (NSCCP) (including home-based child carers and centre care, etc.) to meet the child care needs of parents in Hong Kong.

Regarding these services in Hong Kong, please provide the following information for the past 5 years:

1. Child care services
 - a. the number of care workers (including teachers/carers) of nurseries/day CCCs;
 - b. the number of service places, number of applicants and expenditure of nurseries/day CCCs;# Please provide the overall numbers and a breakdown of the figures by 18 districts.
2. NSCCP (ASCP and home-based child care service (HCCS))

ASCP centres (including Enhanced ASCP)

 - a. the number of persons providing ASCP services (including social workers, tutors);
 - b. the number of service places, number of applicants and expenditure;Home-based child carers
 - c. the number of persons providing care services (including social workers, home-based child carers);
 - d. the number of service places, number of applicants and expenditure.# Please provide the overall numbers and a breakdown of the figures by 18 districts.

Asked by: Hon TIK Chi-yuen (LegCo internal reference no.: 32)

Reply:

- 1a & b. The number of service places for various types of day child care services (including aided standalone CCCs, aided CCC attached to kindergartens (KGs), Occasional

Child Care Service (OCCS), Extended Hours Service (EHS) and Mutual Help Child Care Centres (MHCCCs)) for the past 5 financial years, broken down by 18 districts, is set out at Annex 1. The corresponding amount of subventions granted is tabulated as follows.

In accordance with the Child Care Services Regulations (CCSR) (Cap 243A), child care staff serving in a CCC have to be registered as child care workers upon successfully completing a training course approved by the Director of Social Welfare. In accordance with the Child Care Services Ordinance (Cap. 243) and CSSR, the manning ratio for qualified child care workers taking care of children aged 0 to below 2 in day CCCs is 1:8, while the manning ratio for taking care of children aged 2 to below 3 is 1:14. To improve service quality, the Government has allocated additional resources to enhance the above manning ratios to 1:6 and 1:11 respectively since the 2019/20 school year. In addition, parents can directly apply for the aforementioned child care services from the service operators according to their needs, without the need to waitlist the services under a central system. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) does not have information on the numbers of care workers or applicants of these services.

Year	Amount of subventions (\$ million)			
	Aided standalone CCC	Aided CCC attached to KG	OCCS	EHS
2019-20 (Actual)	33.1	100.5	44.6	58.5
2020-21 (Actual)	40.4	120.7	46.0	66.4
2021-22 (Actual)	51.1	124.7	62.9	90.9
2022-23 (Actual)	53.8	146.1	62.9	88.6
2023-24 (Revised estimate)	65.9	178.5	61.2	93.1

Operated by NGOs on a fee-charging and self-financing basis, MHCCCs provide flexible child care service for children aged below 3. If necessary, children aged below 6 may also use the service.

- 2a & b. The number of service places of ASCP and Enhanced ASCP for the past 5 financial years, broken down by 18 districts, is set out at Annex 2. The corresponding amount of subsidy granted is tabulated as follows. SWD does not have information on the number of persons providing these services or the number of applicants.

Year	Amount of subsidy ^[Note] (\$ million)	
	ASCP	Enhanced ASCP
2019-20	18	19
2020-21	30	23
2021-22	52	31
2022-23	57	34
2023-24 (Revised estimate)	54	37

[Note] ASCP and Enhanced ASCP are operated by NGOs on a self-financing and fee-charging basis. Under the Fee-waiving Subsidy Scheme for ASCP, SWD provides financial assistance to low-income families in need by waiving and reducing the fees of ASCP for their children. Eligible families in need may approach service operators directly for application for subsidies of full fee-waiving, half fee-reduction or one-third fee-reduction.

SWD has been re-engineering MHCCCs from 2021-22 onwards to provide after-school care service for pre-primary children in phases. The number of service places of After School Care Programme for Pre-primary Children (ASCP(PC)) for the past 3 financial years, broken down by 18 districts, is set out at Annex 3. The corresponding amount of subsidy granted is tabulated as follows. The operating expenditure of ASCP(PC) is subsidised through Lump Sum Grant subvention. Each centre of ASCP(PC) provides 42 service places, and the staffing establishment includes 1 Assistant Social Work Officer and 2 supporting staff. As parents can directly apply for the service from the service operators according to their needs, without the need to waitlist the service under a central system, SWD does not have information on the number of applicants for the service.

Year	Amount of subsidy (\$ million)
2021-22 (Actual)	12.4 ^[Note]
2022-23 (Actual)	8.0 ^[Note]
2023-24 (Revised estimate)	27.5

[Note] SWD has been re-engineering MHCCCs from 2021-22 onwards to provide after-school care service for pre-primary children in phases. According to the Service Agreements, 10 of these centres received a portion of their subsidies for 2022-23 in March 2022.

- 2c & d. The number of home-based child carers, number of places and expenditure on NSCCP for the past 5 financial years, broken down by 18 districts, are set out at Annex 4. The staffing establishment of each service operator consists of 2 registered social workers, 1 child care worker and 2 supporting staff. As parents can directly apply for the services from the service operators according to their needs, without the need to waitlist the services under a central system. SWD does not have information on the number of applicants for the services.

Table 1: Number of places for aided standalone CCCs, aided CCCs attached to KGs, OCCS, EHS and MHCCCs (2019-20)

District	Aided standalone CCC	Aided CCC attached to KG ^[Note]	OCCS	EHS	MHCCC
	Number of places	Number of places	Number of places	Number of places	Number of places
Central & Western	48	459	13	99	14
Southern	-	343	17	73	28
Islands	-	195	12	27	-
Eastern	64	361	24	189	-
Wan Chai	48	161	17	94	-
Kwun Tong	-	582	52	226	42
Wong Tai Sin	-	379	36	210	14
Sai Kung	-	609	21	94	-
Kowloon City	67	479	22	151	-
Yau Tsim Mong	99	240	22	139	-
Sham Shui Po	62	304	28	165	37
Sha Tin	72	450	29	112	-
Tai Po	-	189	17	94	14
North	51	282	16	82	14
Yuen Long	64	340	33	122	42
Tsuen Wan	76	223	19	98	14
Kwai Tsing	32	410	35	138	42
Tuen Mun	64	510	36	173	-
Total	747	6 516	449	2 286	261

[Note] Figures provided by the Education Bureau (EDB) as at September 2019.

Table 2: Number of places for aided standalone CCCs, aided CCCs attached to KGs, OCCS, EHS and MHCCCs (2020-21)

District	Aided standalone CCC	Aided CCC attached to KG ^[Note]	OCCS	EHS	MHCCC
	Number of places	Number of places	Number of places	Number of places	Number of places
Central & Western	48	509	12	99	14
Southern	-	342	17	73	28
Islands	-	311	12	27	-
Eastern	64	347	24	189	-
Wan Chai	48	170	17	94	-
Kwun Tong	-	527	53	226	42
Wong Tai Sin	-	363	35	210	14
Sai Kung	-	907	23	94	-
Kowloon City	67	536	22	151	-
Yau Tsim Mong	99	276	23	139	-
Sham Shui Po	62	299	28	165	37
Sha Tin	177	458	30	135	-
Tai Po	-	297	17	94	14
North	51	331	17	82	14
Yuen Long	64	343	33	122	42
Tsuen Wan	76	241	19	98	14
Kwai Tsing	32	432	37	138	42
Tuen Mun	64	455	33	173	-
Total	852	7 144	452	2 309	261

[Note] Figures provided by EDB as at September 2020.

Table 3: Number of places for aided standalone CCCs, aided CCCs attached to KGs, OCCS, EHS and MHCCCs (2021-22)

District	Aided standalone CCC	Aided CCC attached to KG ^[Note 1]	OCCS	EHS	MHCCC ^[Note 2]
	Number of places	Number of places	Number of places	Number of places	Number of places
Central & Western	48	566	12	99	14
Southern	-	324	17	73	28
Islands	-	297	12	27	-
Eastern	64	413	24	189	-
Wan Chai	48	221	17	94	-
Kwun Tong	-	566	53	226	14
Wong Tai Sin	-	409	35	210	-
Sai Kung	-	821	23	94	-
Kowloon City	67	495	22	151	-
Yau Tsim Mong	99	341	23	139	-
Sham Shui Po	62	384	28	165	-
Sha Tin	177	540	30	135	-
Tai Po	-	341	17	94	-
North	51	416	17	82	-
Yuen Long	64	424	33	122	28
Tsuen Wan	76	281	19	98	14
Kwai Tsing	32	510	37	138	28
Tuen Mun	64	524	33	173	-
Total	852	7 873	452	2 309	126

[Note 1] Figures provided by EDB as at September 2021.

[Note 2] 10 MHCCCs in Kwun Tong, Wong Tai Sin, Sham Shui Po, Tai Po, North, Yuen Long and Kwai Tsing districts have been re-engineered to provide after-school care service for pre-primary children. As a result, there has been a reduction in the number of service places.

Table 4: Number of places for aided standalone CCCs, aided CCCs attached to KGs, OCCS, EHS and MHCCCs (2022-23)

District	Aided standalone CCC [Note 1]	Aided CCC attached to KG [Note 2]	OCCS	EHS	MHCCC [Note 3]
	Number of places	Number of places	Number of places	Number of places	Number of places
Central & Western	48	499	12	99	14
Southern	-	287	17	73	14
Islands	-	367	12	27	-
Eastern	64	375	22	175	-
Wan Chai	48	246	17	94	-
Kwun Tong	-	611	53	226	-
Wong Tai Sin	-	400	35	210	-
Sai Kung	-	965	23	94	-
Kowloon City	67	547	22	151	-
Yau Tsim Mong	99	365	23	139	-
Sham Shui Po	62	463	28	165	-
Sha Tin	177	589	30	135	-
Tai Po	92	424	20	111	-
North	51	379	17	82	-
Yuen Long	152	385	36	139	28
Tsuen Wan	76	273	19	98	14
Kwai Tsing	32	488	37	138	14
Tuen Mun	64	490	33	173	-
Total	1 032	8 153	456	2 329	84

[Note 1] 2 aided standalone CCCs in Tai Po and Yuen Long districts commenced service in January and March 2023 respectively.

[Note 2] Figures provided by EDB as at September 2022.

[Note 3] 13 MHCCCs in Southern, Kwun Tong, Wong Tai Sin, Sham Shui Po, Tai Po, North, Yuen Long and Kwai Tsing districts have been re-engineered to provide after-school care service for pre-primary children. As a result, there has been a reduction in the number of service places.

Table 5: Number of places for aided standalone CCCs, aided CCCs attached to KGs, OCCS, EHS and MHCCCs (April to December 2023)

District	Aided standalone CCC	Aided CCC attached to KG ^[Note 1]	OCCS	EHS	MHCCC ^[Note 2]
	Number of places	Number of places	Number of places	Number of places	Number of places
Central & Western	48	474	14	99	-
Southern	-	274	17	73	14
Islands	-	349	12	27	-
Eastern	64	358	22	175	-
Wan Chai	48	235	17	94	-
Kwun Tong	-	579	48	226	-
Wong Tai Sin	-	381	32	210	-
Sai Kung	-	919	22	94	-
Kowloon City	67	520	23	151	-
Yau Tsim Mong	99	347	22	139	-
Sham Shui Po	62	441	29	162	-
Sha Tin	177	560	31	138	-
Tai Po	92	403	19	111	-
North	51	360	18	82	-
Yuen Long	152	393	39	139	-
Tsuen Wan	76	261	19	98	-
Kwai Tsing	32	464	37	138	-
Tuen Mun	64	466	34	173	-
Total	1 032	7 784	455	2 329	14

[Note 1] Figures provided by EDB as at September 2023.

[Note 2] 17 MHCCCs in Central & Western, Southern, Kwun Tong, Wong Tai Sin, Sham Shui Po, Tai Po, North, Yuen Long and Kwai Tsing districts have been re-engineered to provide after-school care service for pre-primary children. As a result, there has been a reduction in the number of service places.

Table 1: Number of service places of ASCP and Enhanced ASCP in various districts (2019-20)

District	ASCP	Enhanced ASCP
	Number of places	Number of places
Central & Western	90	-
Southern	286	16
Islands	248	42
Eastern	365	44
Wan Chai	174	8
Kowloon City	211	8
Yau Tsim Mong	171	20
Sham Shui Po	262	43
Kwun Tong	485	14
Wong Tai Sin	387	12
Sai Kung	125	-
Sha Tin	623	54
Tai Po	203	6
North	315	28
Yuen Long	412	91
Tsuen Wan	175	8
Kwai Tsing	503	69
Tuen Mun	494	35
Total	5 529	498

**Table 2: Number of service places of ASCP and Enhanced ASCP in various districts
(2020-21)**

District	ASCP	Enhanced ASCP
	Number of places	Number of places
Central & Western	90	-
Southern	306	16
Islands	254	52
Eastern	405	44
Wan Chai	220	8
Kowloon City	194	8
Yau Tsim Mong	155	20
Sham Shui Po	329	43
Kwun Tong	557	14
Wong Tai Sin	374	12
Sai Kung	142	-
Sha Tin	688	54
Tai Po	224	6
North	208	24
Yuen Long	502	95
Tsuen Wan	191	8
Kwai Tsing	464	76
Tuen Mun	476	35
Total	5 779	515

**Table 3: Number of service places of ASCP and Enhanced ASCP in various districts
(2021-22)**

District	ASCP	Enhanced ASCP
	Number of places	Number of places
Central & Western	88	-
Southern	321	16
Islands	276	52
Eastern	338	52
Wan Chai	156	8
Kowloon City	210	8
Yau Tsim Mong	137	39
Sham Shui Po	293	43
Kwun Tong	572	14
Wong Tai Sin	348	12
Sai Kung	126	-
Sha Tin	807	54
Tai Po	237	6
North	244	24
Yuen Long	504	118
Tsuen Wan	201	8
Kwai Tsing	562	86
Tuen Mun	497	40
Total	5 917	580

Table 4: Number of service places of ASCP and Enhanced ASCP in various districts (2022-23)

District	ASCP	Enhanced ASCP
	Number of places	Number of places
Central & Western	84	-
Southern	311	16
Islands	194	52
Eastern	360	52
Wan Chai	189	8
Kowloon City	209	8
Yau Tsim Mong	134	45
Sham Shui Po	283	43
Kwun Tong	563	14
Wong Tai Sin	321	24
Sai Kung	154	-
Sha Tin	652	66
Tai Po	552	6
North	240	22
Yuen Long	524	147
Tsuen Wan	197	8
Kwai Tsing	533	97
Tuen Mun	543	43
Total	6 043	651

**Table 5: Number of service places of ASCP and Enhanced ASCP in various districts
(April to December 2023)**

District	ASCP	Enhanced ASCP
	Number of places	Number of places
Central & Western	84	-
Southern	281	16
Islands	178	52
Eastern	354	52
Wan Chai	182	8
Kowloon City	193	8
Yau Tsim Mong	163	45
Sham Shui Po	252	46
Kwun Tong	595	22
Wong Tai Sin	295	24
Sai Kung	170	-
Sha Tin	699	69
Tai Po	207	6
North	249	22
Yuen Long	491	149
Tsuen Wan	185	8
Kwai Tsing	542	99
Tuen Mun	533	43
Total	5 653	669

**Number of places of ASCP(PC)
(2021-22, 2022-23 & April to December 2023)**

District	2021-22	2022-23	April to December 2023
	Number of places [Note 1]	Number of places [Note 2]	Number of places [Note 3]
Central & Western	-	-	42
Southern	-	42	42
Islands	-	-	-
Eastern	-	-	-
Wan Chai	-	-	-
Kwun Tong	84	126	126
Wong Tai Sin	42	42	42
Sai Kung	-	-	-
Kowloon City	-	-	-
Yau Tsim Mong	-	-	-
Sham Shui Po	126	126	126
Sha Tin	-	-	-
Tai Po	42	42	42
North	42	42	42
Yuen Long	42	42	126
Tsuen Wan	-	-	-
Kwai Tsing	42	84	126
Tuen Mun	-	-	-
Total	420	546	714

[Note 1] 10 centres in Kwun Tong, Sham Shui Po, Tai Po, Kwai Tsing, Wong Tai Sin, North and Yuen Long districts commenced service in August 2021 and February 2022.

[Note 2] 3 centres in Southern, Kwun Tong and Kwai Tsing districts commenced service in February 2023.

[Note 3] 4 centres in Central & Western, Yuen Long and Kwai Tsing districts commenced service in August 2023. As at 31 December 2023, 17 centres provided a total 714 places (42 places per centre), of which 2 will cease service after March 2024. In addition, 1 MHCCC completed re-engineering to commence service in the first quarter of 2024. Therefore, there will be a net increase of centres of ASCP(PC) from 13 to 16 by the end of 2023-24 compared to 2022-23, while the number of places will increase from 546 to 672.

Table 1: Number of home-based child carers, number of places and expenditure on NSCCP (2019-2020)

District	Number of home-based child carers (December 2019)	Number of places [Note 1]	Actual expenditure for 2019-20 [Note 2] (\$ million)
Central & Western	40	53	54.1
Wan Chai	161	53	
Eastern	176	53	
Southern	29	53	
Yau Tsim Mong	267	53	
Sham Shui Po	74	53	
Kowloon City	473	53	
Wong Tai Sin	59	53	
Kwun Tong	52	53	
Kwai Tsing	88	53	
Tsuen Wan	56	53	
Tuen Mun	42	53	
Yuen Long	58	53	
North	58	53	
Tai Po	64	53	
Sha Tin	87	53	
Sai Kung	114	53	
Islands	16	53	
Total	1 914	954	

[Note 1] Service operators are required to provide a minimum of 53 service places in each district (i.e. the total number of places in all 18 districts should be at least 954). Service operators may flexibly increase the number of HCCS places beyond this requirement so as to meet the actual service demand.

[Note 2] The expenditure for each year includes the operator's administrative expenses and subsidies granted to service users from low-income families.

Table 2: Number of home-based child carers, number of places and expenditure on NSCCP (2020-2021)

District	Number of home-based child carers (December 2020)	Number of places [Note 1]	Actual expenditure for 2020-21 [Note 2] (\$ million)
Central & Western	46	53	58.5
Wan Chai	114	53	
Eastern	183	53	
Southern	28	53	
Yau Tsim Mong	299	53	
Sham Shui Po	38	53	
Kowloon City	489	53	
Wong Tai Sin	22	53	
Kwun Tong	51	53	
Kwai Tsing	41	53	
Tsuen Wan	43	53	
Tuen Mun	36	53	
Yuen Long	32	53	
North	54	53	
Tai Po	69	53	
Sha Tin	49	53	
Sai Kung	130	53	
Islands	80	53	
Total	1 804	954	

[Note 1] Service operators are required to provide a minimum of 53 service places in each district (i.e. the total number of places in all 18 districts should be at least 954). Service operators may flexibly increase the number of HCCS places beyond this requirement so as to meet the actual service demand.

[Note 2] The expenditure for each year includes the operator's administrative expenses and subsidies granted to service users from low-income families.

Table 3: Number of home-based child carers, number of places and expenditure on NSCCP (2021-2022)

District	Number of home-based child carers (December 2021)	Number of places [Note 1]	Actual expenditure for 2021-22 [Note 2] (\$ million)
Central & Western	32	53	51.2
Wan Chai	98	53	
Eastern	58	53	
Southern	26	53	
Yau Tsim Mong	314	53	
Sham Shui Po	49	53	
Kowloon City	515	53	
Wong Tai Sin	45	53	
Kwun Tong	56	53	
Kwai Tsing	55	53	
Tsuen Wan	56	53	
Tuen Mun	31	53	
Yuen Long	72	53	
North	70	53	
Tai Po	73	53	
Sha Tin	42	53	
Sai Kung	135	53	
Islands	88	53	
Total	1 815	954	

[Note 1] Service operators are required to provide a minimum of 53 service places in each district (i.e. the total number of places in all 18 districts should be at least 954). Service operators may flexibly increase the number of HCCS places beyond this requirement so as to meet the actual service demand.

[Note 2] The expenditure for each year includes the operator's administrative expenses and subsidies granted to service users from low-income families.

Table 4: Number of home-based child carers, number of places and expenditure on NSCCP (2022-2023)

District	Number of home-based child carers (December 2022)	Number of places [Note 1]	Actual expenditure for 2022-23 [Note 2] (\$ million)
Central & Western	29	53	28.3
Wan Chai	73	53	
Eastern	59	53	
Southern	27	53	
Yau Tsim Mong	278	53	
Sham Shui Po	57	53	
Kowloon City	521	53	
Wong Tai Sin	45	53	
Kwun Tong	44	53	
Kwai Tsing	72	53	
Tsuen Wan	63	53	
Tuen Mun	33	53	
Yuen Long	65	53	
North	61	53	
Tai Po	69	53	
Sha Tin	41	53	
Sai Kung	139	53	
Islands	83	53	
Total	1 759	954	

[Note 1] Service operators are required to provide a minimum of 53 service places in each district (i.e. the total number of places in all 18 districts should be at least 954). Service operators may flexibly increase the number of HCCS places beyond this requirement so as to meet the actual service demand.

[Note 2] The expenditure for each year includes the operator's administrative expenses and subsidies granted to service users from low-income families. The decrease in expenditure was due to the fact that part of the funding for 2022-23 was disbursed in 2023-24.

Table 5: Number of home-based child carers, number of places and expenditure on NSCCP (April to December 2023)

District	Number of home-based child carers (December 2023)	Number of places [Note 1]	Revised estimate for 2023-24 [Note 2] (\$ million)
Central & Western	59	53	107.7
Wan Chai	67	53	
Eastern	103	53	
Southern	30	53	
Yau Tsim Mong	126	53	
Sham Shui Po	59	53	
Kowloon City	525	53	
Wong Tai Sin	112	53	
Kwun Tong	46	53	
Kwai Tsing	82	53	
Tsuen Wan	77	53	
Tuen Mun	37	53	
Yuen Long	67	53	
North	78	53	
Tai Po	77	53	
Sha Tin	42	53	
Sai Kung	83	53	
Islands	100	53	
Total	1 770	954	

[Note 1] Service operators are required to provide a minimum of 53 service places in each district (i.e. the total number of places in all 18 districts should be at least 954). Service operators may flexibly increase the number of HCCS places beyond this requirement so as to meet the actual service demand.

[Note 2] The expenditure for each year includes the operator's administrative expenses and subsidies granted to service users from low-income families. The increase in expenditure was due to the fact that part of the funding for 2022-23 was disbursed in 2023-24.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(W)362

(Question Serial No. 3698)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Charmaine LEE)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

What was the cost per place per month for on-site pre-school rehabilitation services (OPRS) provided by the Social Welfare Department (SWD) for children with mild disabilities under the age of 6 in the past 3 financial years?

Asked by: Hon TIK Chi-yuen (LegCo internal reference no.: 443)

Reply:

The average cost per place per month for the overall pre-school rehabilitation services subsidised by SWD in the past 3 years is tabulated as follows:

Service type	Average cost per place per month		
	2021-22 (Actual) (\$)	2022-23 (Actual) (\$)	2023-24 (Revised estimate) (\$)
Overall pre-school rehabilitation service	9,764	9,950	10,695

SWD does not have information on the cost per place per month for various types of pre-school rehabilitation services (including OPRS).

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(W)363

(Question Serial No. 3699)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Charmaine LEE)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

In the past 3 financial years, what was the annual expenditure of the Social Welfare Department (SWD) on providing the Agency-based Enhancement of Professional Staff Support Services in Residential Care Homes for agencies operating residential child care services (RCCS)?

Asked by: Hon TIK Chi-yuen (LegCo internal reference no.: 444)

Reply:

SWD's annual expenditure on providing the Agency-based Enhancement of Professional Staff Support Services in Residential Care Homes for agencies operating RCCS in the past 3 financial years is as follows:

Year	Expenditure (\$ million)
2021-22 (Actual)	29.4
2022-23 (Actual)	29.8
2023-24 (Revised estimate)	31.5

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

LWB(W)364

(Question Serial No. 3701)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Charmaine LEE)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

In the past 3 financial years, what was the annual expenditure of the Social Welfare Department (SWD) on providing the Agency-based Enhancement of Clinical Psychological Support Services for Children under Foster Care for agencies operating foster care service?

Asked by: Hon TIK Chi-yuen (LegCo internal reference no.: 445)

Reply:

SWD's annual expenditure on providing the Agency-based Enhancement of Clinical Psychological Support Services for Children under Foster Care for agencies operating foster care service in the past 3 financial years is as follows:

Year	Expenditure (\$ million)
2021-22 (Actual)	3.7
2022-23 (Actual)	3.8
2023-24 (Revised estimate)	4.0

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

S-LWB(W)02

(Question Serial No. S029)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

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

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Charmaine LEE)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

I would like to follow up on the controlling officer's reply to an initial question raised by a Legislative Council Member regarding the examination of the Estimates of Expenditure 2024-25 (Reply Serial No. LWB(W)048). According to the reply from the Labour and Welfare Bureau, the Government has commissioned the Tung Wah Group of Hospitals (TWGHs) to operate the 24-hour Designated Hotline for Carer Support (the Carer Hotline), with 30 phone lines answered by over 100 professional social workers on shift duties. The annual expenditure involved is about \$12 million. In the connection, would the Government please advise the following:

- (1) The Government has indicated that, in order to provide prompt assistance to carers, the number of phone lines has been increased to 30, thus ensuring that there are no situations where calls go unanswered or lines are busy. TWGHs collects specific statistics for evaluation purposes, such as the waiting time for callers to be connected to operators during different time periods and the frequency of callers aborting the call or experiencing sudden disconnections while waiting to be connected to operators. Would the Government please advise when will the related statistics be provided?
- (2) The Social Welfare Department (SWD) currently does not maintain related statistics. Does the Government have any plans to develop an electronic system for maintaining such statistics?
- (3) Are there any measures in place to evaluate the follow-up work on the calls received by the Carer Hotline?

Asked by: Hon CHAN Man-ki, Maggie

Reply:

- (1) According to supplementary information provided by the service operator, since the launch of the Carer Hotline on 26 September 2023, hotline social workers have answered calls within 30 seconds during morning, afternoon and overnight hours. In the fourth quarter of 2023, an average of about 800 calls per month were aborted by callers while waiting to be connected. If calls were unanswered due to busy lines,

hotline social workers would try to contact the callers according to voicemail messages. The telephone system of the service operator does not keep records of sudden disconnections.

- (2) SWD will regularly collect relevant statistics and other information related to the service from the operator.
- (3) The service operator is required to provide the services specified in the relevant Funding and Service Agreement, which sets out the essential service requirements, as well as output and outcome standards. To collect feedback from service users, social workers answering the Carer Hotline will ask callers about their level of satisfaction with the hotline service before ending the conversation. SWD will review the service operator's performance and service effectiveness under the existing Service Performance Monitoring System, and will maintain liaison with the service operator to continuously improve the services.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

S-LWB(W)03

(Question Serial No. SV060)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

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

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Charmaine LEE)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

The Social Welfare Department (SWD) has commissioned the Tung Wah Group of Hospitals (TWGHs) to operate the Designated Hotline for Carer Support (the Carer Hotline). In this connection, would SWD and TWGHs please provide the following information:

- (a) the waiting time for callers to be connected to operators during different time periods;
- (b) the frequency of callers aborting the call or experiencing sudden disconnections while waiting to be connected to operators;
- (c) the number of hours per shift for social workers who answer the Carer Hotline, and the average handling time for each case; and
- (d) whether resources have been set aside to survey the opinions of the service users of the Carer Hotline and their situations after using the service, in order to assess the effectiveness of the Carer Hotline and related follow-up work.

Asked by: Hon CHAN Man-ki, Maggie

Reply:

- (a) According to supplementary information provided by the service operator, since the launch of the Carer Hotline on 26 September 2023, hotline social workers have answered calls within 30 seconds on average during morning, afternoon and overnight hours.
- (b) In the fourth quarter of 2023, an average of about 800 calls per month were aborted by callers while waiting to be connected. If calls were unanswered due to busy lines, hotline social workers would try to contact the callers according to voicemail messages. The telephone system of the operator does not keep records of sudden disconnections.
- (c) Social workers are assigned to the 24-hour Carer Hotline in 3 shifts per day. The average handling time for each case is 21 minutes.
- (d) The service operator is required to provide the services specified in the relevant Funding and Service Agreement, which sets out the essential service requirements, as well as output and outcome standards. To collect feedback from service users, social workers

answering the Carer Hotline will ask callers about their level of satisfaction with the hotline service before ending the conversation. SWD will review the service operator's performance and service effectiveness under the existing Service Performance Monitoring System, and will maintain liaison with the service operator to continuously improve the services.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

S-LWB(W)04

(Question Serial No. SV056)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (2) Social Security

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Charmaine LEE)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

In 2024-25, the estimated expenditure on the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) Scheme is about \$23.055 billion, representing an increase of 1.9% compared to the revised estimate of expenditure for 2023-24, and accounting for 19.2% of the estimated total expenditure of the Social Welfare Department (SWD) for 2024-25. During the same year, the estimated expenditures on the Old Age Allowance (OAA), the Old Age Living Allowance (OALA), the Guangdong (GD) Scheme and the Fujian (FJ) Scheme under the Social Security Allowance (SSA) Scheme are expected to increase by 10.4%, 17.8%, 38.6% and 31.3%, respectively. The total subsidy amount will reach \$51.6 billion, accounting for 42.9% of SWD's estimated total expenditure for the year. Given the ageing population, the expenditure on SSA is expected to continue growing, posing a significant financial burden on the Government. In this regard, what measures does the Department plan to take in response, and what preparations have been made?

Asked by: Hon HONG Wen, Wendy

Reply:

The Government implements a non-contributory social security system to provide suitable cash assistance for needy individuals. This system comprises the CSSA Scheme and the SSA Scheme (which includes OAA, OALA and Disability Allowance). With an ageing population, Hong Kong is expected to see a continuous rise in the number of recipients under the social security system. The Government will closely monitor the situation and review the cash assistance schemes as necessary, depending on the circumstances, to ensure financial sustainability.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

S-LWB(W)05

(Question Serial No. SV057)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): ()
Programme: (2) Social Security
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Charmaine LEE)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

The expenditure on the Integrated Employment Assistance Programme for Self-reliance (IEAPS) and enhanced employment support services provided by non-governmental organisations (NGOs) commissioned by the Social Welfare Department (SWD) in 2023-24 is about \$160 million. From April to the end of December 2023, a total headcount of 15 292 persons received employment support services under the scheme, accounting for about 5% of Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) recipients. Among them, only 351 and 37 headcounts of persons left the CSSA net after securing employment and returning to mainstream schooling respectively. Collectively, they account for 2.5% of IEAPS participants in headcount and 0.1% of CSSA recipients, indicating a relatively low success rate. What is the Government's view on the effectiveness of IEAPS? Is it worthwhile to continue implementing the scheme in the long run?

Asked by: Hon HONG Wen, Wendy

Reply:

In January 2013, SWD launched IEAPS, under which NGOs are commissioned to provide services to able-bodied CSSA recipients aged between 15 and 64. The aim of IEAPS is to encourage and assist them in increasing their employability and securing paid employment.

In April 2020, SWD enhanced the services to improve the effectiveness of NGOs in providing the relevant services. The enhanced employment support services include (a) providing employment counselling and training services; (b) assisting recipients in obtaining up-to-date information on labour market, job vacancies and retraining courses; (c) assessing the needs of recipients and providing them with tailor-made and focused employment support services; and (d) arranging job matching for them. Furthermore, NGOs will provide post-employment support services for at least 3 months to those who have secured employment. SWD has also enhanced its collaborations with the Labour Department, the Employees Retraining Board (ERB) and NGOs. For example, arranging for NGOs to use ERB's Training Consultancy Service and relaxing the arrangement for Temporary Financial Aid to cover more job seeking-related activities, such as transport and taking meals away from home.

For recipients to leave the CSSA net after securing paid employment, their income has to meet their basic household needs. If it does not, CSSA, as a safety net of last resort, will continue to provide them with cash assistance. Therefore, it is not advisable to evaluate the effectiveness and worthiness of the scheme simply by the number of persons in headcount leaving the CSSA net alone.

Based on past experience, the causes of unemployment amongst able-bodied CSSA recipients vary. In addition to personal behavioural and family issues, it may also involve external environmental factors such as the impact of the pandemic on the general economy, families and individuals. SWD's contract with NGOs will expire in September 2025. SWD will review the relevant services before the contract expires.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

S-LWB(W)06

(Question Serial No. SV059)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): ()
Programme: (3) Services for The Elderly
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Charmaine LEE)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

The annual actual expenditure on the Navigation Scheme for Young Persons in Care Services (the Navigation Scheme) increased from \$67.8 million in 2020-21 to \$82 million in 2023-24 (as at end-December 2023). Meanwhile, the number of admissions decreased from 418 to 225, with the expenditure per trainee increasing from about \$160,000 to \$360,000. Given the drop in admissions, what factors contributed to the increase in the overall actual expenditure or expenditure per trainee?

Asked by: Hon KWOK Ling-lai, Lillian

Reply:

The Social Welfare Department (SWD) launched the Navigation Scheme in 2015-16. The annual expenditure includes the operating cost of the operating agencies, training fees, and training subsidies for the service units. To attract more young people to the social welfare care sector, SWD enhanced the Navigation Scheme in 2020-21 by increasing the training subsidies provided to the service units, and introducing a new incentive allowance for the trainees on top of their salaries, etc.

As trainees can join or drop out of the Navigation Scheme at different times, the actual number of trainees admitted by each operating agency and the number of trainees eligible for the incentive allowance vary each year. Therefore, the average expenditure per trainee cannot be deduced and compared based on the number of admissions or expenditure incurred in individual year.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

S-LWB(W)07

(Question Serial No. SV053)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Charmaine LEE)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

What is the number/headcount of beneficiaries under the Ethnic Minority (EM) District Ambassador pilot scheme (pilot scheme) since its launch? Has the Government evaluated whether adequate welfare support services and relevant resources have been provided to EMs under the pilot scheme? If yes, how was the evaluation conducted?

Asked by: Hon LAM Lam, Nixie

Reply:

The pilot scheme was launched in October 2020. As at December 2023, it has contacted over 27 000 EMs. With positive feedback and support from various stakeholders, the Government has extended the pilot scheme for 3 years to 2026. The Social Welfare Department will keep reviewing the implementation of the pilot scheme and examine the way forward for the services.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

S-LWB(W)08

(Question Serial No. SV054)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department
Subhead (No. & title): ()
Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare
Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Charmaine LEE)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the Neighbourhood Support Child Care Programme (NSCCP), please provide the following information:

- (a) What are the percentages of home-based child carers under NSCCP who meet and do not meet the relevant performance standards, respectively?
- (b) Is there a need to allocate additional resources to strengthen the evaluation and follow-up of the performance of home-based child carers? If yes, is it financially feasible?
- (c) Are the overall resources provided for NSCCP sufficient? Will additional resources be allocated to meet the demand for home-based child care service (HCCS) in the community?

Asked by: Hon LAM Lam, Nixie

Reply:

- (a) To ensure service quality, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) has consistently required service operators under NSCCP to establish mechanisms for recruiting, assessing, selecting and training home-based child carers, as well as for service matching. Social workers from service operators are required to conduct monthly home visits to home-based child carers currently providing services, while child care workers will provide them with individual training/supervision. In addition, service operators are required to continuously evaluate and follow up on the performance of home-based child carers. Under NSCCP, only home-based child carers whose performance meets the standards will be assigned to provide care services.
- (b) & (c) SWD will increase the incentive payment for home-based child carers under NSCCP from April 2024 and the number of places of HCCS from the fourth quarter of 2024. It will also strengthen the training and monitoring of home-based child carers, and the training framework will be applicable to existing home-based child carers, too. The above measures will incur an additional annual recurrent expenditure of about \$293.3 million.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

S-LWB(W)09

(Question Serial No. SV055)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (1) Family and Child Welfare

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Charmaine LEE)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Please provide the specific timetable and order for extending the After School Care Programme for Pre-primary Children (ASCP(PC)) to cover the remaining 9 districts. Have resources been earmarked for implementing this extension, or will additional resources be required in the future?

Asked by: Hon LAM Lam, Nixie

Reply:

The Social Welfare Department (SWD) will extend ASCP(PC) to cover all districts in Hong Kong in phases within a period of 3 years starting from 2024. The number of centres participating in ASCP(PC) will increase from 16 to 28, while the number of places will increase from 672 to 1 176. SWD is currently formulating details of the service extension, and plans to invite non-governmental organisations to submit proposals in the second quarter of 2024, with a view to launching the first phase of service extension in the first quarter of 2025. The annual estimated expenditure for the service extension is about \$14.2 million.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

S-LWB(W)10

(Question Serial No. SV050)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (7) Young People

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Charmaine LEE)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Does the Government plan to extend the existing School-based After School Care Service Scheme (the Scheme) to kindergartens? If so, when is the implementation expected?

Asked by: Hon TIEN Puk-sun, Michael

Reply:

The Government implemented the Scheme in the 2023/24 school year. There are currently a total of 59 primary schools participating, offering a total of 2 915 service places. The Scheme allows primary students in need (especially those from single-parent families) to stay after school to receive care and learning support, enabling their parents to go to work. The Government will evaluate the effectiveness of the Scheme in due course, and determine its way forward based on the evaluation results and views from stakeholders.

Currently, the Social Welfare Department subsidises non-governmental organisations to operate Extended Hours Service at 169 pre-primary institutions, allowing pre-primary children under the age of 6 in need to continue receiving care in the original institutions they attend. The aim is to support parents who cannot take care of their children temporarily due to work or other reasons.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

S-LWB(W)11

(Question Serial No. SV051)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

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

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Charmaine LEE)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

In late September last year, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) launched the Designated Hotline for Carer Support 182 183 (the Carer Hotline), which is answered by professional social workers. The purpose of the Carer Hotline is to reduce stress and burden experienced by carers in their daily caregiving responsibilities. Will SWD consider developing a mobile phone application to provide similar services?

Asked by: Hon TIEN Puk-sun, Michael

Reply:

SWD has requested the service operator of the Carer Hotline to develop a mobile phone application that provides non-voice chat functionality. The application is expected to be launched in mid-2024.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

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(Question Serial No. 0408)

Head: (170) Social Welfare Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Social Welfare (Charmaine LEE)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:

The Social Welfare Department (SWD) strengthened the manpower of counselling centres for psychotropic substance abusers (CCPSAs) and centres for drug counselling (CDCs) in 2023. In this connection, would the Government please inform this committee of:

1. the number of psychotropic substance abusers (PSAs) requiring counselling services in each of the past 5 years, broken down by age group and gender, and whether the effectiveness of such services has been evaluated;
2. the number of drug abusers requiring drug counselling services in each of the past 5 years, broken down by age group and gender, and whether the effectiveness of such services has been evaluated; and
3. the respective manpower and expenditure involved in counselling services for PSAs and drug counselling services in the past 5 years.

Asked by: Hon CHAN Pui-leung (LegCo internal reference no.: 29)

Reply:

1. The number of PSAs receiving counselling services at the 11 CCPSAs across the territory in the past 5 years, by age group, is set out below:

Year	2019-20 (no. of cases)	2020-21 (no. of cases)	2021-22 (no. of cases)	2022-23 (no. of cases)	2023-24 (as at December 2023) (no. of cases)
Age group					
Below 21	389	339	342	373	306
21 or above	2 472	2 564	2 778	2 722	2 459
Total	2 861	2 903	3 120	3 095	2 765

SWD does not have information on the gender of service users.

Among the cases that received counselling services at the 11 CCPSAs across the territory in each of the past 5 years, except for 2023-24 where there is no full-year statistics for effectiveness evaluation, 60% or more are drug-free PSA cases before termination.

2. The number of drug abusers/ex-drug abusers receiving counselling services at CDCs in the past 5 years, by age group, is set out below:

Year \ Age group	2019-20 (no. of cases)	2020-21 (no. of cases)	2021-22 (no. of cases)	2022-23 (no. of cases)	2023-24 (as at December 2023) (no. of cases)
Below 21	20	26	22	13	9
21 or above	375	377	363	383	330
Total	395	403	385	396	339

SWD does not have information on the gender of service users.

Among the cases that received counselling services at CDCs in each of the past 5 years, except for 2023-24 where there is no full-year statistics for effectiveness evaluation, 60% or more are drug-free PSA cases before termination.

3. The staffing establishments of CCPSAs and CDCs are set out at Annex. Service operators of subvented organisations may flexibly deploy resources and arrange manpower as appropriate under the Lump Sum Grant Subvention System to meet the requirements of the Funding and Service Agreements.

The total annual expenditure on drug treatment and rehabilitation services operated by subvented organisations (including CCPSAs and CDCs) in the past 5 years is as follows:

2019-20 (Actual expenditure) (\$ million)	2020-21 (Actual expenditure) (\$ million)	2021-22 (Actual expenditure) (\$ million)	2022-23 (Actual expenditure) (\$ million)	2023-24 (Revised estimate) (\$ million)
134.7	139.3	141.6	142.7	171.7

Staffing establishments of CCPSAs and CDCs

Table1 : CCPSAs

Rank/Post	No. of persons				
	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
Social Work Officer (SWO)	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	1 ^{Note 1}
Assistant Social Work officer (ASWO)	4	4	4	4	5.5 ^{Note 1}
Social Work Assistant (SWA)	3	3	3	3	3
Registered Nurse (Psychiatric) [RN(Psy)]	1	1	1	1	1
Welfare Worker (WW)	1	1	1	1	1
Assistant Clerical Officer (ACO)	1	1	1	1	1
Peer Supporter (PS)	0	2 ^{Note 2}	2	2	2
Workman II	1	1	1	1	1
Family Aide (FA)	0	0	0	0	1 ^{Note 1}

Table 2: CDCs

Rank/Post	No. of persons				
	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
SWO	1	1	1	1	1
ASWO	2	2	2	2	3.5 ^{Note 1}
SWA	6	6	6	6	6
RN(Psy)	1	1	1	1	1
ACO	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5
PS	0	2 ^{Note 2}	2	2	2
Workman II	1	1	1	1	1
FA	0	0	0	0	1 ^{Note 1}

Note 1 Additional resources have been allocated since June 2023 to strengthen manpower for CCPSAs and CDCs, and enhance support for pregnant drug abusers and drug-abusing parents.

Note 2 Additional resources have been allocated since October 2020 to deploy PSs in CCPSAs and CDCs to provide peer support services for PSAs and their families.

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