

Index Page

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

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Constitutional and Mainland Affairs

Session No. : 2

Consolidated e-file name : CMAB-1-e1.docx

Reply Serial No.	Question Serial No.	Name of Member	Head	Programme
CMAB001	2219	CHAN Chun-ying	144	(2) Constitutional and Mainland Affairs
CMAB002	1782	CHAN Chung-yee, Alan	144	-
CMAB003	1566	CHAN Han-pan	144	(3) Mainland and Taiwan Offices
CMAB004	1567	CHAN Han-pan	144	(3) Mainland and Taiwan Offices
CMAB005	1640	CHAN Kapui, Judy	144	-
CMAB006	1641	CHAN Kapui, Judy	144	(4) Rights of the Individual (5) Subvention: Equal Opportunities Commission and Office of the Privacy Commissioner for Personal Data
CMAB007	2251	CHAN Kapui, Judy	144	(3) Mainland and Taiwan Offices
CMAB008	2252	CHAN Kapui, Judy	144	(2) Constitutional and Mainland Affairs
CMAB009	1673	CHAN Man-ki, Maggie	144	(2) Constitutional and Mainland Affairs
CMAB010	2258	CHAN Man-ki, Maggie	144	(3) Mainland and Taiwan Offices
CMAB011	1733	CHAN Wing-kwong	144	(2) Constitutional and Mainland Affairs
CMAB012	1734	CHAN Wing-kwong	144	(3) Mainland and Taiwan Offices
CMAB013	2298	CHAN Wing-kwong	144	(2) Constitutional and Mainland Affairs
CMAB014	2299	CHAN Wing-kwong	144	(3) Mainland and Taiwan Offices
CMAB015	2941	CHAN Wing-kwong	144	(2) Constitutional and Mainland Affairs
CMAB016	1618	CHAN Yung	144	(2) Constitutional and Mainland Affairs
CMAB017	1619	CHAN Yung	144	(3) Mainland and Taiwan Offices
CMAB018	1620	CHAN Yung	144	(3) Mainland and Taiwan Offices
CMAB019	1621	CHAN Yung	144	(3) Mainland and Taiwan Offices
CMAB020	1622	CHAN Yung	144	(5) Subvention: Equal Opportunities Commission and Office of the Privacy Commissioner for Personal Data

Reply Serial No.	Question Serial No.	Name of Member	Head	Programme
CMAB021	1632	CHAN Yung	144	-
CMAB022	2799	CHAN Yung	144	(1) Director of Bureau's Office
CMAB023	2800	CHAN Yung	144	(3) Mainland and Taiwan Offices
CMAB024	2801	CHAN Yung	144	(4) Rights of the Individual
CMAB025	0176	CHU Lap-wai	144	(2) Constitutional and Mainland Affairs
CMAB026	2316	CHU Lap-wai	144	(2) Constitutional and Mainland Affairs
CMAB027	2317	CHU Lap-wai	144	(2) Constitutional and Mainland Affairs (3) Mainland and Taiwan Offices
CMAB028	3081	CHUANG Ka-pun, Albert	144	(3) Mainland and Taiwan Offices
CMAB029	1226	FAN Chun-wah, Andrew	144	(3) Mainland and Taiwan Offices
CMAB030	1227	FAN Chun-wah, Andrew	144	(3) Mainland and Taiwan Offices
CMAB031	1166	KAN Wai-mun, Carmen	144	(5) Subvention: Equal Opportunities Commission and Office of the Privacy Commissioner for Personal Data
CMAB032	3245	KAN Wai-mun, Carmen	144	(5) Subvention: Equal Opportunities Commission and Office of the Privacy Commissioner for Personal Data
CMAB033	3174	KOON Ho-ming, Peter Douglas	144	(3) Mainland and Taiwan Offices
CMAB034	3269	KOON Ho-ming, Peter Douglas	144	(2) Constitutional and Mainland Affairs
CMAB035	2373	LAU Ka-keung	144	(2) Constitutional and Mainland Affairs
CMAB036	0470	LEE Chun-keung	144	(2) Constitutional and Mainland Affairs
CMAB037	2230	LEE Chun-keung	144	(3) Mainland and Taiwan Offices
CMAB038	0157	MAN Wing-ye, Ginny	144	(5) Subvention: Equal Opportunities Commission and Office of the Privacy Commissioner for Personal Data
CMAB039	0164	MAN Wing-ye, Ginny	144	(5) Subvention: Equal Opportunities Commission and Office of the Privacy Commissioner for Personal Data
CMAB040	2313	MAN Wing-ye, Ginny	144	(3) Mainland and Taiwan Offices
CMAB041	0417	NG Kit-chong, Johnny	144	(2) Constitutional and Mainland Affairs
CMAB042	0419	NG Kit-chong, Johnny	144	(3) Mainland and Taiwan Offices

Reply Serial No.	Question Serial No.	Name of Member	Head	Programme
CMAB043	1142	QUAT Elizabeth	144	(5) Subvention: Equal Opportunities Commission and Office of the Privacy Commissioner for Personal Data
CMAB044	1544	SO Shiu-tsung, Thomas	144	(4) Rights of the Individual
CMAB045	1545	SO Shiu-tsung, Thomas	144	(5) Subvention: Equal Opportunities Commission and Office of the Privacy Commissioner for Personal Data
CMAB046	1546	SO Shiu-tsung, Thomas	144	(4) Rights of the Individual
CMAB047	1547	SO Shiu-tsung, Thomas	144	(5) Subvention: Equal Opportunities Commission and Office of the Privacy Commissioner for Personal Data
CMAB048	1548	SO Shiu-tsung, Thomas	144	(5) Subvention: Equal Opportunities Commission and Office of the Privacy Commissioner for Personal Data
CMAB049	2383	SO Shiu-tsung, Thomas	144	(2) Constitutional and Mainland Affairs
CMAB050	3147	SO Shiu-tsung, Thomas	144	(3) Mainland and Taiwan Offices
CMAB051	3148	SO Shiu-tsung, Thomas	144	(5) Subvention: Equal Opportunities Commission and Office of the Privacy Commissioner for Personal Data
CMAB052	3114	TANG Ming-sum, Michelle	144	(3) Mainland and Taiwan Offices
CMAB053	2275	WONG Kwok, Kingsley	144	(2) Constitutional and Mainland Affairs
CMAB054	3035	YAO Cho-fai, Andrew	144	(2) Constitutional and Mainland Affairs
CMAB055	0915	YIM Kong, Erik	144	(2) Constitutional and Mainland Affairs
CMAB056	2295	YIM Kong, Erik	144	(2) Constitutional and Mainland Affairs
CMAB057	2243	YIU Pak-leung	144	(3) Mainland and Taiwan Offices
CMAB058	2253	CHAN Kapui, Judy	163	Electoral Services
CMAB059	1735	CHAN Wing-kwong	163	Electoral Services
CMAB060	1736	CHAN Wing-kwong	163	Electoral Services
CMAB061	1623	CHAN Yung	163	Electoral Services
CMAB062	2248	CHAN Yung	163	Electoral Services
CMAB063	0647	LAM Chun-sing	163	Electoral Services
CMAB064	1543	SO Shiu-tsung, Thomas	163	Electoral Services

Reply Serial No.	Question Serial No.	Name of Member	Head	Programme
CMAB065	3564	CHAN Wing-kwong	144	(5) Subvention: Equal Opportunities Commission and Office of the Privacy Commissioner for Personal Data
CMAB066	3437	LEE Tsz-king, Dominic	144	(5) Subvention: Equal Opportunities Commission and Office of the Privacy Commissioner for Personal Data
CMAB067	3644	LEUNG Tsz-wing, Dennis	144	(3) Mainland and Taiwan Offices

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

CMAB001

(Question Serial No. 2219)

Head: (144) Government Secretariat: Constitutional and Mainland Affairs Bureau

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

Programme: (2) Constitutional and Mainland Affairs

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Constitutional and Mainland Affairs (Ms Maggie WONG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Constitutional and Mainland Affairs

Question:

Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2026-27 include supporting the Steering Group on Integration into National Development chaired by the Chief Executive to proactively dovetail with major national strategies including the National 15th Five-Year Plan and the Greater Bay Area development, strengthening regional co-operation with the Mainland and other weighty responsibilities. Please advise of:

1. the membership composition of the Steering Group; and
2. the manpower and estimated expenditure involved.

Asked by: Hon CHAN Chun-ying (LegCo internal reference no.: 5)

Reply:

The Steering Group on Integration into National Development (Steering Group) is chaired by the Chief Executive, with the three Secretaries of Departments as deputies, and all Deputy Secretaries of Departments and Directors of Bureaux as members. The Constitutional and Mainland Affairs Bureau (CMAB) is responsible for providing secretariat support to the Steering Group in taking forward its work. As the provision of the relevant secretariat support is an integral part of the work of the CMAB, the expenditure and manpower involved cannot be singled out and itemised.

- End -

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

CMAB002

(Question Serial No. 1782)

Head: (144) Government Secretariat: Constitutional and Mainland Affairs Bureau

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: Not Specified

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Constitutional and Mainland Affairs (Ms Maggie WONG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Constitutional and Mainland Affairs

Question:

It is mentioned in Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2026-27 that the Bureau will assist in the work on integrating into the overall national development and facilitate co-operation with different Mainland provinces, municipalities and autonomous regions. In this connection, please advise this Committee of the following:

1. While Hong Kong has a relatively well-established talent base and system of professional services, and in recent years, the Government has made progress on the mutual recognition of professional qualifications with the Mainland in areas such as finance, law and engineering, certain limitations remain (e.g. the pilot scheme for lawyers practising in the Greater Bay Area is restricted to the nine Mainland cities of the Greater Bay Area). Will the Government set annual targets for the number of new mutual recognition or inter-connection arrangements, and what criteria are applied to prioritise the professions to be covered?
2. In view of the differences between the two places in standards relating to assessment, practice, continuing professional development and professional ethics, how will the Government promote "same standard, same quality" so as to reduce the costs of duplicative certification and facilitate the deep talent integration between Hong Kong and the Mainland?

Asked by: Hon CHAN Chung-ye, Alan (LegCo internal reference no.: 11)

Reply:

Regarding the co-operation between professional services sectors and the Mainland as mentioned in the question, the Constitutional and Mainland Affairs Bureau, as the bureau responsible for co-ordinating regional co-operation with the Mainland, has consulted the bureaux responsible for the policies on these professional services, including the Commerce and Economic Development Bureau, the Development Bureau (DEVB), the Financial

Services and the Treasury Bureau, and the Department of Justice (DoJ). A consolidated reply is set out below:

2. As regards the accounting profession, examination exemption arrangements have been established between the Mainland and Hong Kong to help reduce duplicated qualification costs. Qualified Hong Kong accountants are only required to pass three subjects of the Uniform Certified Public Accountant Examination of the Mainland (“Taxation Laws”, “Economic Laws” and “Comprehensive Level Examination”) to obtain Mainland Certified Public Accountant (CPA) qualification. Conversely, qualified Chinese CPAs are only required to pass the subject of “Taxation” and “Capstone” (including workshops and the Final Examination) of the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants Qualification Programme to obtain Hong Kong CPA qualification.

3. In addition, under the framework of the Mainland and Hong Kong Closer Economic Partnership Arrangement (CEPA) Agreement on Trade in Services, when Hong Kong accountants apply for practising qualifications in the Mainland or apply to become partners of accounting firms in the Mainland, the length of auditing experience that they have acquired in Hong Kong is considered equivalent to the length of auditing experience acquired in the Mainland.

4. For legal services, since the implementation of the pilot scheme for lawyers practising in the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area (Greater Bay Area) in 2020, the threshold for Hong Kong legal practitioners to practise law in the Mainland has been relaxed.

5. Since October 2023, the practice experience threshold for enrolling in the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area Legal Professional Examination (Greater Bay Area Examination) has been lowered from 5 years to 3 years. Furthermore, in December last year, the Ministry of Justice expanded the scope of civil litigation cases relating to Hong Kong in which the Greater Bay Area lawyers can act as agents from the original coverage of 237 types of civil cases under 5 major categories to 299 types of civil cases under 9 major categories. It is believed that these liberalisation measures will facilitate more Hong Kong legal practitioners taking the Greater Bay Area Examination and broaden their prospects in the Greater Bay Area.

6. The Greater Bay Area lawyers’ practice regime is currently at the stage of a pilot scheme. The period of the pilot scheme was 3 years and was extended in October 2023 to run until October this year. The DoJ maintains communication with the relevant Mainland authorities, actively striving for regularisation and improvement of the Greater Bay Area lawyers’ regime.

7. Under “One Country, Two Systems”, Hong Kong and the Mainland have different legal systems: Hong Kong practises the common law, while the Mainland follows a civil law system. Pursuant to the liberalisation measures under the CEPA, Hong Kong legal practitioners (including the Greater Bay Area lawyers as mentioned above or those who have passed the National Unified Legal Professional Qualification Examination and obtained Mainland legal professional qualification) can now practise law in the Mainland through more convenient channels. As for Mainland legal practitioners, they may apply to The Law Society of Hong Kong for registration as “foreign lawyers” in order to provide Mainland legal services in Hong Kong.

8. The DoJ has been actively working with the legal departments of Guangdong Province and the Macao Special Administrative Region to promote the interface of mechanisms and regulatory frameworks for arbitration and mediation among the three places. These efforts include the formulation of various “Greater Bay Area standards” such as best practices, which serve as reference benchmarks for the legal institutions and legal sectors in the three places to be adopted according to their actual circumstances and operational needs.

9. Regarding arbitration services, the legal departments of Guangdong, Hong Kong and Macao officially promulgated and implemented the Working Guidelines on the Panel of the Greater Bay Area Arbitrators in July 2025. Following their respective nomination exercises, the Greater Bay Area Arbitrator Panel comprising 143 arbitrators from the three places was released on 30 December 2025. The legal departments of the three places have also agreed to jointly explore pathways to promoting the establishment of the Greater Bay Area arbitration model rules, and to further examine and discuss specific task details to provide a set of unified and effective standards for the arbitral proceedings to be conducted in the Greater Bay Area, thereby enhancing the co-ordination and efficiency of the arbitration regimes of the three places.

10. As for mediation services, the Greater Bay Area Legal Departments Joint Conference has endorsed and promulgated the Greater Bay Area Mediator Accreditation Standards, the Greater Bay Area Mediator Code of Conduct Best Practice and the Greater Bay Area Cross-Boundary Disputes Mediation Model Rules respectively. The legal departments of Guangdong, Hong Kong and Macao released on 30 December 2025 the updated Greater Bay Area Mediator Panel 2025, which comprises 233 mediators from the three places.

11. Looking ahead, we will further advance the establishment of a platform for the Greater Bay Area commercial mediation and arbitration. By sharing professional resources and fostering mutual capacity development, the platform advocates the adoption of the Mediator Panel and the Arbitrator Panel as well as a wider adoption of “Greater Bay Area standards” jointly developed by the three places across various Greater Bay Area cities, including the Greater Bay Area Cross-boundary Disputes Mediation Model Rules and the Greater Bay Area Mediator Code of Conduct Best Practice, so as to strengthen the interface of regulatory frameworks and promote the “soft connectivity” of non-litigation dispute resolution mechanisms within the Greater Bay Area, reducing the costs for businesses in resolving cross-boundary disputes and facilitating the in-depth talent integration between Hong Kong and the Mainland.

12. For engineering, with the joint efforts and facilitation of the governments, professional bodies and industries of the two places, the work on the alignment of professional qualifications in the construction and engineering sectors has been taken forward, and the following policy measures have been implemented.

13. Firstly, for mutual recognition of professional qualifications under the framework of the CEPA, the statutory professional institutes in Hong Kong and relevant institutions in the Mainland have signed a total of 6 agreements for mutual recognition of professional qualifications, covering architects, structural engineers, planners, building surveyors, general practice surveyors, and quantity surveyors. To date, approximately 1 600 professionals

from each of the two places have obtained the corresponding professional qualifications of the other side through the mutual recognition arrangements.

14. In addition, in line with the national strategy of high-quality development of the Greater Bay Area, the DEVB successfully discussed with relevant departments of Guangdong Province to put in place the Registration system in the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area (Registration System) starting from 2021. The Registration System allows consultant firms on the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) Government's 2 lists of consultants, i.e. the Architectural and Associated Consultants Selection Board and the Engineering and Associated Consultants Selection Board, as well as professionals registered with the 5 professional registration boards of the construction and engineering sectors (covering engineering, architecture, surveying, urban planning and landscape architecture professions) in Hong Kong, to register with relevant Mainland departments for obtaining equivalent enterprise qualifications or professional qualifications in the Mainland, thereby facilitating their direct provision of services in the Mainland cities of the Greater Bay Area. As at end-2025, a total of around 900 professionals have completed registration in the nine cities of the Greater Bay Area, Qianhai, Hengqin and Nansha. During the period, there were Hong Kong enterprises and professionals, through the Registration System, participating in the construction projects in the Greater Bay Area.

15. On the other hand, "Professional Title" is a unique evaluation system in the Mainland for assessing a professional's technical skill level, which serves as an important basis for the employment, assessment and promotion of talents. In the past, Hong Kong professionals found it quite difficult to apply for Mainland "Professional Title" evaluation due to institutional differences. Through active communication and co-operation between the DEVB and the Guangdong Provincial Department of Human Resources and Social Security (DHRSS), the DHRSS has been gradually developing a "Professional Title" evaluation mechanism for Hong Kong professionals in the construction and engineering sectors since 2023. The relevant mechanism was regularised in 2025, covering the engineering, architecture and surveying professions to date, with a total of around 580 Hong Kong professionals having obtained Mainland "Professional Title" qualifications. We aim to further extend the mechanism to cover the urban planning and landscape architecture professions in 2026. In tandem with the advancement of "Professional Title" evaluation work, Hong Kong's relevant professional institutes and the Guangdong Institution of Engineers have been actively pursuing the mutual recognition of institute membership qualifications.

16. We will continue to maintain close communication with relevant Mainland departments to jointly deepen and take forward measures for mutual recognition of professional qualifications in the construction and engineering sectors, as well as explore other suitable measures, thereby facilitating in-depth talent integration between Hong Kong and the Mainland.

17. Furthermore, the HKSAR Government has been promoting trade and investment liberalisation and facilitation between the two places through the CEPA, under the framework of which, the Mainland implements various preferential and facilitation measures for Hong Kong service suppliers in most areas of services trade, such as relaxing qualification requirements for the provision of services by Hong Kong professionals, allowing relevant professionals to sit for examinations, register, practise and set up enterprises in the Mainland

as well as encouraging mutual recognition of professional qualifications by the professional bodies of both sides. These arrangements are meant to facilitate Hong Kong professionals to enter the Mainland market and participate in the national development.

18. At present, various government bureaux and departments facilitate the discussion of agreements or arrangements for mutual recognition of professional qualifications as well as their specific contents (e.g. accreditation, exemption of examination subjects, etc.) between professional bodies and regulatory authorities of the two places in accordance with the needs and relevant regulatory requirements of the professional sectors. Once signed, the relevant agreements or arrangements can be incorporated under the framework of the CEPA as preferential liberalisation measures for trade in services between the two places. To date, the sectors where the mutual recognition of professional qualifications, or exemption arrangements for papers of professional qualification examinations have been put in place include securities and futures, accounting, and construction and related engineering. The HKSAR Government will continue to actively seek to enrich the contents of the CEPA by striving for further liberalisation, aiming especially at those professional services sectors that Hong Kong enjoys competitive advantages, for the Greater Bay Area as well as the entire Mainland.

- End -

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

CMAB003

(Question Serial No. 1566)

Head: (144) Government Secretariat: Constitutional and Mainland Affairs Bureau

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

Programme: (3) Mainland and Taiwan Offices

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Constitutional and Mainland Affairs (Ms Maggie WONG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Constitutional and Mainland Affairs

Question:

Regarding “disturbance allowance” under Subhead 000, the estimate for the coming year reaches \$6.02 million, representing a sharp increase of approximately \$2 million (nearly 50%) over the revised estimate.

1. Is this sharply increased recurrent expenditure on allowance related to the Bureau’s deployment of additional civil servants to the Mainland Offices in support of the Task Force on Supporting Mainland Enterprises in Going Global?
2. How many staff members deployed are involved in the increased allowance of \$2 million?
3. How does the Bureau assess the actual economic returns on this additional financial commitment in facilitating Mainland enterprises in “going global” via Hong Kong?

Asked by: Hon CHAN Han-pan (LegCo internal reference no.: 23)

Reply:

In 2026-27, the civil service establishment of the Mainland Offices remains unchanged. The estimated expenditure on personal emoluments and personnel related expenses (including the disturbance allowance) of the Mainland Offices is calculated based on the civil service establishment of the Mainland Offices. In general, civil servants posted to the Mainland Offices and their Liaison Units serve a term of approximately 2 to 3 years. They are entitled to receive the disturbance allowance when they assume office outside Hong Kong and when they return to Hong Kong upon completion of their tours. As the number of civil servants being posted to Mainland Offices and their Liaison Units or returning to Hong Kong upon completion of their tours varies from year to year, the estimated expenditure for the disturbance allowance is adjusted according to the actual number of civil servants being posted in the respective year.

- End -

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

CMAB004

(Question Serial No. 1567)

Head: (144) Government Secretariat: Constitutional and Mainland Affairs Bureau

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (3) Mainland and Taiwan Offices

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Constitutional and Mainland Affairs (Ms Maggie WONG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Constitutional and Mainland Affairs

Question:

Regarding Programme (3), the estimated provision for the coming year is increased by \$19.2 million, and supporting the Task Force on Supporting Mainland Enterprises in Going Global is listed as a new key task.

1. Of the total estimated provision of \$370.5 million, what dedicated provision and staff establishment has the Bureau specifically set aside for supporting the promotional work of the GoGlobal Task Force?
2. In view of the enormous demand from Mainland enterprises looking to go global, what specific key performance indicators has the Bureau set to assess the actual economic returns from this public fund?
3. Specifically, of the resources for supporting the Task Force on Supporting Mainland Enterprises in Going Global, what is the estimated amount of public fund allocated to assist quality Chinese medicine enterprises in the Mainland to leverage Hong Kong as a platform to go global?

Asked by: Hon CHAN Han-pan (LegCo internal reference no.: 24)

Reply:

As the representative offices of the HKSAR Government in the Mainland, the key functions of the Mainland Offices of the HKSAR Government include enhancing liaison and communication between Hong Kong and the Central People's Government as well as the provincial and municipal governments in the Mainland to promote exchange and co-operation in support of the HKSAR's efforts to integrate into and serve the overall national development; telling Hong Kong's good stories in the Mainland to promote Hong Kong's unique advantages and opportunities of enjoying strong support of the Motherland and being closely connected to the world, so as to encourage and attract Mainland enterprises and talents to establish presence in Hong Kong; fostering youth and cultural exchange between Hong

Kong and the Mainland; and providing information and other appropriate support and assistance to Hong Kong people and enterprises in the Mainland, etc.

2. The 2025 Policy Address announces to consolidate Hong Kong's overseas offices, including those under Invest Hong Kong and the Hong Kong Trade Development Council as well as the Mainland Offices to form a one-stop platform and set up the Task Force on Supporting Mainland Enterprises in Going Global (GoGlobal Task Force) to devise diversified solutions to assist Mainland enterprises looking to go global to establish presence in Hong Kong, and then access the world market by leveraging Hong Kong's international network and professional services. The GoGlobal Task Force will also organise various types of activities in Mainland provinces and municipalities to strengthen the promotion of Hong Kong's unique advantages. The Mainland Offices are working with relevant departments and organisations and actively making plans and arrangements to support the work of the GoGlobal Task Force. As the work on supporting the GoGlobal Task Force is an integral part of the work of the Mainland Offices, the manpower and resources required have not been singled out and itemised.

3. The 2026 key performance indicators for the Mainland Offices set out in the 2025 Policy Address are higher than those of last year, including organising no less than 3 400 visits to Mainland authorities or bodies, attending no less than 290 speaking occasions, conducting no less than 350 media interviews or briefings, and participating in no less than 880 business and trade meetings. In 2026, the indicators of "new projects generated" and "projects completed" for the Dedicated Teams for Attracting Businesses and Talents of the Mainland Offices are 384 projects and 295 projects respectively. The Dedicated Teams for Attracting Businesses and Talents will, having regard to the circumstances of individual provinces, municipalities and autonomous regions as well as the needs of enterprises, flexibly deploy resources with a view to attracting quality enterprises from different sectors to set up business in Hong Kong.

- End -

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

CMAB005

(Question Serial No. 1640)

Head: (144) Government Secretariat: Constitutional and Mainland Affairs Bureau

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: Not Specified

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Constitutional and Mainland Affairs (Ms Maggie WONG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Constitutional and Mainland Affairs

Question:

Regarding visits outside Hong Kong of the HKSAR Government, would the Government advise this Committee of the following:

1. Please set out by bureau the (i) number of visits; (ii) destinations; (iii) purposes and details of visits; (iv) expenditure involved (including air tickets, board and lodging expenses, and travelling expenses); and (v) manpower of the entourage of visits made by all politically appointed officials and directorate grade officers in the past 3 years (with (d) details of all visits broken down by (a) bureau/department, (b) rank, and (c) date).
2. Please provide a detailed breakdown of the following information in respect of visits outside Hong Kong of the HKSAR Government in the past 3 years: (i) the number of memoranda of understanding and agreements signed; (ii) the number of events and meetings attended; and (iii) the number of enterprises brought to Hong Kong (with a breakdown by year and individual visit).
3. Has the Government set corresponding key performance indicators for each visit outside Hong Kong to ensure prudent use of public money? If so, what are the details and the completion rate of relevant indicators? If not, what are the reasons and considerations?

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

Reply:

The expenditure for visits outside Hong Kong by politically appointed officials of the HKSAR Government is separately charged to the heads of respective offices/bureaux. After collating information provided by various offices of secretaries of departments and directors of bureaux, the Constitutional and Mainland Affairs Bureau's reply to various parts of the question is as follows:

2. Generally, politically appointed officials make the most use of their time during visits outside Hong Kong to meet with the relevant local officials and organisations, so as to deepen mutual understanding, explore opportunities for co-operation, and tell good stories of China and Hong Kong, thereby leveraging Hong Kong's unique advantages of having close connectivity with both the Chinese Mainland and the world under "One Country, Two Systems". The numbers, destinations, details and expenditures of visits outside Hong Kong made by principal officials under the Political Appointment System and their entourage, as well as the numbers of memoranda of understanding and co-operation agreements signed during these visits, in the past 3 financial years are at Annex.

3. Visits and study tours outside Hong Kong mostly focus on establishing connections, enhancing understanding, promoting Hong Kong's advantages, and cultivating interest in partnership. It is not always possible to independently quantify the outcomes of each visit. Whether the governments and enterprises concerned will ultimately collaborate with the HKSAR Government and the business sector of Hong Kong depends on multiple factors, including the international landscape, policy and investment considerations, and the willingness and readiness of the parties involved. Such collaboration may not be forged directly through a single visit alone.

**Overview of Visits outside Hong Kong by Principal Officials under
the Political Appointment System in the Past 3 Years (2023-24 to 2025-26)**

Principal Officials	Number of Visits	Destinations	Purposes	Number of Entourage from the Office/Bureau Concerned	Expenditure¹ (HK\$)	Number of Memoranda of Understanding and Co-operation Agreements Signed²
Chief Secretary for Administration	24	Chinese Mainland (Beijing, Shanghai, Chongqing, Hangzhou, Harbin, Guangzhou, Shenzhen, Foshan, Dongguan, Huizhou and Hainan), Switzerland (Geneva)	Called on the Hong Kong and Macao Affairs Office of the State Council (HKMAO), the central ministries and commissions, national institutions, and provincial and municipal governments; attended international and regional conferences, seminars, visits and events (e.g. Hong Kong/Zhejiang Co-operation Conference, Hong Kong/Chongqing Co-operation Conference, the meeting of the Universal Periodic Review Working Group and plenary meeting of the United Nations Human Rights Council, etc), and met with relevant officials and leaders from various places to exchange views and share experiences, promote Hong Kong and strengthen liaison and bilateral relations.	0-3	1.33 million	4

¹ Part of the expenses for visits towards the end of the year are estimated expenditures and are subjected to final calculation and verification. Some accommodation and/or travelling expenses sponsored by host governments/organisers, or incidental expenses arising from same-day return visits are not included.

² Figures do not include occasions where principal officials witnessed the signing of memoranda of understanding and co-operation agreements.

Principal Officials	Number of Visits	Destinations	Purposes	Number of Entourage from the Office/Bureau Concerned	Expenditure ¹ (HK\$)	Number of Memoranda of Understanding and Co-operation Agreements Signed ²
Financial Secretary	35	Chinese Mainland (Beijing, Shanghai, Nanjing, Hangzhou, Suzhou, Tianjin and Hebei), Macao, France (Paris), United Kingdom (London), Germany (Berlin and Frankfurt), Morocco (Marrakech), United States (San Francisco, New York, Berkeley and Washington), Switzerland (Davos), Georgia (Tbilisi), Spain (Madrid), Australia (Melbourne and Sydney), Peru (Lima), Saudi Arabia (Riyadh), Indonesia (Jakarta), Italy (Milan), South Korea (Seoul and Incheon)	Called on the HKMAO, the central ministries and commissions, national institutions, and provincial and municipal governments; attended various types of international and regional summits, forums and events (e.g. World Economic Forum Annual Meeting (Davos Forum), Joint Annual Meetings of International Monetary Fund and World Bank Group, Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation Finance Ministers' Meeting, China International Import Expo, Future Investment Initiative (FII), "Think Business, Think Hong Kong" global event, VivaTech 2024, International Trade and Cooperation of Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area Forum, World AI Conference, Asian Logistics, Maritime and Aviation Conference, Belt and Road Forum for International Cooperation, Asian Development Bank Board of Governors Annual Meeting, Grand Gathering Commemorating the 80th Anniversary of the Victory in the Chinese People's War of Resistance Against Japanese Aggression and the World Anti-Fascist War, etc) to highlight Hong Kong's crucial roles and functions as	1-5	11.95 million	–

Principal Officials	Number of Visits	Destinations	Purposes	Number of Entourage from the Office/Bureau Concerned	Expenditure ¹ (HK\$)	Number of Memoranda of Understanding and Co-operation Agreements Signed ²
			<p>an international financial centre, “super connector” and “super value-adder” and tell good stories of China and Hong Kong; accompanied the Chief Executive on visits to the Chinese Mainland; led delegations of various sectors to visit major economies for study tours and exchanges; engaged in in-depth exchanges with local senior government officials and business leaders to promote trade co-operation and experience sharing, and strengthen bilateral and multilateral strategic connections; visited internationally-competitive innovation and technology institutions, leading enterprises, and innovation hubs worldwide to actively promote the work on attracting business and investment, publicise Hong Kong’s advantages in financing, talent recruitment, and policy innovation, etc, and attract global high-end talents and innovative enterprises to establish foothold in Hong Kong.</p>			
Secretary for Justice	35	Chinese Mainland (Beijing, Guangzhou, Shenzhen, Chengdu, Foshan, Zhuhai, Xi’an, Urumqi, Dongguan, Shanghai,	Called on the HKMAO, the central ministries and commissions, national institutions, and provincial and municipal governments; signed co-operation agreements (e.g. a record of meeting concerning mutual recognition of and assistance to insolvency proceedings	0-3	1.94 million	1

Principal Officials	Number of Visits	Destinations	Purposes	Number of Entourage from the Office/Bureau Concerned	Expenditure ¹ (HK\$)	Number of Memoranda of Understanding and Co-operation Agreements Signed ²
		Hangzhou and Nanjing), Macao, Vietnam, Singapore, Malaysia, Brunei, South Korea, Saudi Arabia, United Arab Emirates, Netherlands, France, Italy	between the courts of the Mainland and the HKSAR, and the Supplemental Arrangement Concerning Mutual Enforcement of Arbitral Awards between the Mainland and the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region); attended various types of conferences, bilateral meetings, forums and seminars, and delivered speeches at individual events (e.g. Grand Gathering Commemorating the 80th Anniversary of the Victory in the Chinese People's War of Resistance Against Japanese Aggression and the World Anti-Fascist War, Joint Conference on the Belt and Road Initiative, Belt and Road Forum for International Cooperation, China-ASEAN Prosecutors-General Conference, Hong Kong and Macao legal seminar, celebration of the 40th anniversary of the establishment of the Shenzhen Special Economic Zone, the 25th Anniversary Celebration of Macao's Return to the Motherland and the Inauguration Ceremony of the Sixth-term Government of the Macao Special Administrative Region, Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation Structural Reform Ministerial Meeting, a forum on the rule of law in finance at the Annual Conference of			

Principal Officials	Number of Visits	Destinations	Purposes	Number of Entourage from the Office/Bureau Concerned	Expenditure ¹ (HK\$)	Number of Memoranda of Understanding and Co-operation Agreements Signed ²
			Financial Street Forum, etc); led delegations from Hong Kong's legal and dispute resolution sectors to conduct visits and exchanges.			
Deputy Chief Secretary for Administration	5	Chinese Mainland (Guangzhou, Beijing, Hainan and Foshan), Macao	Called on the HKMAO, the central ministries and commissions, national institutions, and provincial and municipal governments; attended agreement signing ceremonies (e.g. Agreement on Civil Service Staff Exchange and Collaboration Programme with the Mainland Municipalities in the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area, and Hainan Hong Kong Memorandum of Cooperation); attended events (e.g. an exchange activity of a youth delegation to the Chinese Mainland comprising youth representatives from Hong Kong and Macao, Grand Gathering Commemorating the 80th Anniversary of the Victory in the Chinese People's War of Resistance Against Japanese Aggression and the World Anti-Fascist War, and the opening ceremony of the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area Entrepreneurship Competition Finals).	1-2	60,000	1

Principal Officials	Number of Visits	Destinations	Purposes	Number of Entourage from the Office/Bureau Concerned	Expenditure ¹ (HK\$)	Number of Memoranda of Understanding and Co-operation Agreements Signed ²
Deputy Financial Secretary	5	Chinese Mainland (Nansha and Ningbo), Laos, Cambodia, Vietnam, Singapore, Indonesia, Malaysia, Qatar, Kuwait	Called on the HKMAO, and the central ministries and commissions; accompanied the Chief Executive to attend meetings and conduct visits to overseas countries and the Chinese Mainland; attended China Conference 2025 and Hong Kong Investment Promotion Conference – Zhejiang (Ningbo) Forum cum Ningbo-Hong Kong Economic Co-operation Forum.	2-4	470,000	–
Deputy Secretary for Justice	31	Chinese Mainland (Beijing, Guangzhou, Shenzhen, Huizhou, Haikou, Changsha, Foshan, Dongguan, Hengqin, Zhongshan, Urumqi and Nanning), Macao, Saudi Arabia, Switzerland, Indonesia	Called on the HKMAO, the central ministries and commissions, national institutions, and provincial and municipal governments; attended various types of international and regional conferences, forums, seminars and events (e.g. the 2nd Conference of Global Economic Development and Security Forum of the Boao Forum for Asia, Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area Legal Departments Joint Conference, Hong Kong/Guangdong Co-operation Joint Conference, Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area Rule of Law Forum, the 8th International Mediation Summit, the 8th China-Eurasia Expo, a forum on China-Uzbekistan co-operation, the inaugural Riyadh International Disputes Week, meetings of the United Nations Human	1-3	1.62 million	3

Principal Officials	Number of Visits	Destinations	Purposes	Number of Entourage from the Office/Bureau Concerned	Expenditure ¹ (HK\$)	Number of Memoranda of Understanding and Co-operation Agreements Signed ²
			Rights Council, a visit to the Shenzhen Court of International Arbitration, a parallel forum of the 22nd China-ASEAN Business and Investment Summit, the Hainan Free Trade Port Legal Week, the China Conference: Southeast Asia, etc); met with relevant international institutions/organisations; led delegations from legal sectors to conduct visits, etc.			
Secretary for Constitutional and Mainland Affairs	21	Chinese Mainland (Beijing, Shenzhen, Guangzhou, Dongguan, Foshan, Huizhou, Zhuhai, Jiangmen and Hangzhou), Macao, Hungary, Egypt	Called on the HKMAO, the central ministries and commissions (including annual reciprocal visits to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs), and the Chinese Mainland provincial and municipal governments; attended various types of conferences and events (e.g. Grand Gathering Commemorating the 80th Anniversary of the Victory in the Chinese People's War of Resistance Against Japanese Aggression and the World Anti-Fascist War, the establishment ceremony of the Patriotic Education Base for Hong Kong and Macao Youth, Hong Kong/Guangdong Co-operation Joint Conference, High-Level Meeting cum First Plenary Session of Hong Kong/Zhejiang Co-operation Conference, meetings of the Task Force on the	0-3	430,000	—

Principal Officials	Number of Visits	Destinations	Purposes	Number of Entourage from the Office/Bureau Concerned	Expenditure ¹ (HK\$)	Number of Memoranda of Understanding and Co-operation Agreements Signed ²
			Development of the Qianhai Shenzhen-Hong Kong Modern Service Industry Co-operation Zone, the 25th Anniversary Celebration of Macao's Return to the Motherland and the Inauguration Ceremony of the Sixth-term Government of the Macao Special Administrative Region, etc); participated in the visit of the delegation of the HKSAR Government and the Legislative Council to the Greater Bay Area; led the delegations of the HKSAR Government to conduct visits and exchanges.			
Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury	34	Chinese Mainland (Beijing, Guangzhou and Shanghai), Thailand, Belgium, United Kingdom, South Korea, Singapore, Indonesia, Malaysia, Qatar, Egypt, Laos, Vietnam, United States, Netherlands, Spain, Portugal, Switzerland, Kuwait, Canada, Slovenia, Poland	Called on the HKMAO, and the central ministries and commissions; accompanied the Chief Executive or the Financial Secretary to attend conferences and conduct visits to overseas countries and the Chinese Mainland; attended various types of conferences, forums and seminars (e.g. Board of Directors' Meeting and Annual Meeting of the Board of Governors of the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank, the session of the Intergovernmental Working Group of Experts on International Standards of Accounting and Reporting organised by the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, Annual Conference of the	0-3	5.07 million	4

Principal Officials	Number of Visits	Destinations	Purposes	Number of Entourage from the Office/Bureau Concerned	Expenditure ¹ (HK\$)	Number of Memoranda of Understanding and Co-operation Agreements Signed ²
			Financial Street Forum, Zhongguancun Forum, Lujiazui Forum, Grand Gathering Commemorating the 80th Anniversary of the Victory in the Chinese People's War of Resistance Against Japanese Aggression and the World Anti-Fascist War, etc); met and exchanged views with financial officials, industry leaders from various countries to promote the financial services industry of Hong Kong and strengthen bilateral relations and cooperation, as well as to pursue the signing of Comprehensive Avoidance of Double Taxation Agreements and other cooperation arrangements.			
Secretary for Security	25	Chinese Mainland (Shenzhen, Beijing, Guangzhou, Dongguan, Huizhou, Zhuhai, Jiangmen, Zhaoqing, Foshan, Zhongshan, Xi'an, Zhengzhou, Yan'an, Lianyungang, Guangdong, Jiangsu, Shanghai and Hangzhou), Macao, Vietnam, Singapore,	Called on the HKMAO, the central ministries and commissions, and national institutions; witnessed the signing of various letters of intent, co-operation agreements and memoranda of understanding (e.g. the five-year Letter of Intent of technical exchange and the Letter of Intent for a Five-Year Plan on Technical Co-operation, the Memorandum of Understanding on co-operation in respect of immigration matters between the HKSAR and Vietnam, etc); accompanied the Chief Secretary for Administration on visit; participated in the	0-3	490,000	4

Principal Officials	Number of Visits	Destinations	Purposes	Number of Entourage from the Office/Bureau Concerned	Expenditure ¹ (HK\$)	Number of Memoranda of Understanding and Co-operation Agreements Signed ²
		Thailand	co-ordination and rescue operation for Hong Kong residents lured to engage in illegal work; joined the HKSAR Government delegation to welcome the China rescue team returning from Myanmar; attended events (e.g. Grand Gathering Commemorating the 80th Anniversary of the Victory in the Chinese People's War of Resistance Against Japanese Aggression and the World Anti-Fascist War, the opening ceremony of national studies courses, etc); visited stations of immigration inspection; led visits and exchanges by exchange tours, study missions and field visits.			
Secretary for Environment and Ecology	30	Chinese Mainland (Beijing, Shenzhen, Dongguan, Xiamen, Zhejiang Province, Guangzhou, Foshan, Jiangsu Province and Chongqing), Macao, United States (Seattle), Peru (Lima), United Arab Emirates (Dubai), Singapore, Azerbaijan (Baku), Brazil (Belém), South	Called on the HKMAO, and national institutions and facilities; attended various types of international and regional conferences, forums, seminars, exhibitions and events (e.g. the second High-level Conference of the Forum on Global Action for Shared Development, Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation Energy Ministerial Meeting, Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, the 17th Singapore International Energy Week, the opening ceremony of Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao	1-3	1.89 million	2

Principal Officials	Number of Visits	Destinations	Purposes	Number of Entourage from the Office/Bureau Concerned	Expenditure ¹ (HK\$)	Number of Memoranda of Understanding and Co-operation Agreements Signed ²
		Korea (Busan)	Ecological Environment Forum, Macao International Environmental Co-operation Forum & Exhibition, National Event on the Environment Day, Grand Gathering Commemorating the 80th Anniversary of the Victory in the Chinese People's War of Resistance Against Japanese Aggression and the World Anti-Fascist War, Belt and Road Green Innovation Conference, International Forum on Energy Transition, etc); witnessed the signing of the Cooperation Arrangement on Quality and Safety Management, and the Co-operation Arrangement on Carrying Out Marine Ecological and Environmental Protection Work; signed the Co-operation Arrangement for Regulation of Safety of Raw Milk with the General Administration of Customs of the People's Republic of China, and the Cooperation Arrangement on Promoting Interconnectivity of Charging Facilities in the Greater Bay Area with the National Energy Administration of China; accompanied the Chief Executive and Legislative Council Members to visit the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area; conducted other study tours and exchange activities (e.g. conducting a duty			

Principal Officials	Number of Visits	Destinations	Purposes	Number of Entourage from the Office/Bureau Concerned	Expenditure ¹ (HK\$)	Number of Memoranda of Understanding and Co-operation Agreements Signed ²
			visit to Jiangsu Province with the Legislative Council Panel on Food Safety and Environmental Hygiene).			
Secretary for Commerce and Economic Development	50	Chinese Mainland (Beijing, Guangzhou, Shenzhen, Dongguan, Foshan, Chongqing, Guiyang, Shanghai, Urumqi, Zhengzhou, Hangzhou and Ningbo), United States (New York, Detroit, San Francisco and Berkeley), Peru (Arequipa and Lima), France (Paris, Toulouse and Bordeaux), Hungary (Budapest), Thailand (Bangkok), Cambodia (Phnom Penh and Siem Reap), Vietnam (Hanoi), Saudi Arabia (Riyadh), United Arab Emirates (Abu Dhabi and Dubai), Bahrain, Japan (Tokyo),	Called on the HKMAO, the central ministries and commissions, and national institutions; attended various types of international conferences (e.g. Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation Ministers Responsible for Trade Meeting, Ministerial Council Meeting of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development, World Governments Summit, Association of Southeast Asian Nations Economic Ministers - Hong Kong, China Consultation, Ministerial Conference of the World Trade Organization, the Arab-China Business Conference, a co-operation and exchange forum with Kazakhstan, Asia-Pacific Telecommunity Ministerial Meeting, Tbilisi Silk Road Forum, etc); accompanied the Chief Executive, the Financial Secretary and the Secretary for Justice to attend meetings and conduct visits to overseas countries and the Chinese Mainland (e.g. World Economic Forum Annual Meeting, Bay to Bay Dialogue between the California Bay Area and the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area, Joint Conference	0-3	7.21 million	2

Principal Officials	Number of Visits	Destinations	Purposes	Number of Entourage from the Office/Bureau Concerned	Expenditure ¹ (HK\$)	Number of Memoranda of Understanding and Co-operation Agreements Signed ²
		Singapore, Indonesia (Jakarta and Semarang), Malaysia (Kuala Lumpur), Germany (Munich), Laos, Switzerland (Davos), Qatar (Doha), South Korea (Jeju and Gyeongju), New Zealand (Wellington and Auckland), Australia (Sydney), Türkiye (Istanbul), Georgia (Tbilisi)	on the Belt and Road Initiative, Belt and Road Forum for International Cooperation, High-Level Meeting cum Plenary Session of Hong Kong/Chongqing Co-operation Conference, Guangdong-Hong Kong Deepening Economic, Trade and Investment Cooperation Conference, Pan-Pearl River Delta Regional Co-operation Chief Executive Joint Conference, Hong Kong/Zhejiang Co-operation Conference, etc); attended various types of meetings and events (e.g. meetings and events related to the Belt and Road Initiative, investment and trade promotion, wine and liquor trading as well as the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area, and the Grand Gathering Commemorating the 80th Anniversary of the Victory in the Chinese People's War of Resistance Against Japanese Aggression and the World Anti-Fascist War, etc).			
Secretary for Health	23	Chinese Mainland (Shanghai, Foshan, Beijing, Nansha, Guangzhou, Dongguan, Wuhan, Shenzhen, Dunhuang and Nanjing), Macao,	Called on the HKMAO, the central ministries and commissions, and national institutions; attended various types of international and regional conferences, forums and events (e.g. World Health Assembly of the World Health Organization, Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area Health Cooperation	1-5	1.45 million	3

Principal Officials	Number of Visits	Destinations	Purposes	Number of Entourage from the Office/Bureau Concerned	Expenditure ¹ (HK\$)	Number of Memoranda of Understanding and Co-operation Agreements Signed ²
		Switzerland (Geneva), Singapore	Conference, Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area Conference on Inheritance, Innovation and Development of Traditional Chinese Medicine, Joint Meeting of Senior Health Officials of Mainland, Hong Kong and Macao, World Conference on Traditional Medicine, Grand Gathering Commemorating the 80th Anniversary of the Victory in the Chinese People's War of Resistance Against Japanese Aggression and the World Anti-Fascist War, etc); attended signing ceremonies of co-operation agreements, etc.			
Secretary for Development	10	Chinese Mainland (Beijing, Shanghai, Huizhou, Guangzhou, Weihai of Shandong, Hebei and Chongqing)	Called on the HKMAO, and the central ministries and commissions; attended various types of conferences and events, and conducted study tours and exchanges (e.g. Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Modular Integrated Construction (MiC) Supply Chain Conference, the opening ceremony of Mainland and Hong Kong Construction Forum 2024, the opening ceremonies of World Cities Day China Observance, Launching Ceremony of the Advanced Capability Building Programme for Project Leaders and Talents, and Grand Gathering Commemorating the 80th Anniversary of the Victory in the Chinese People's War of	0-2	170,000	1

Principal Officials	Number of Visits	Destinations	Purposes	Number of Entourage from the Office/Bureau Concerned	Expenditure¹ (HK\$)	Number of Memoranda of Understanding and Co-operation Agreements Signed²
			Resistance Against Japanese Aggression and the World Anti-Fascist War); conducted a duty visit with members of the Legislative Council Panel on Development.			
Secretary for Housing	10	Chinese Mainland (Beijing, Hangzhou, Zhuhai and Shenzhen), Singapore, France (Paris), Portugal (Lisbon), Spain (Barcelona)	Called on the HKMAO, and the central ministries and commissions; accompanied the Chief Executive and the Financial Secretary to attend conferences and conduct visits; attended various types of conferences, visits and events (e.g. Asia Pacific Network for Housing Research 2025 Conference, International Forum on Urbanism Conference Lisbon 2025, Grand Gathering Commemorating the 80th Anniversary of the Victory in the Chinese People's War of Resistance Against Japanese Aggression and the World Anti-Fascist War, as well as conducting exchanges and visits in relation to innovative building technologies and green building); paid courtesy calls (e.g. the Ministry of Housing and Urban-Rural Development and the Housing and Development Board of Singapore).	0-3	790,000	1
Secretary for the Civil Service	7	Chinese Mainland (Beijing, Zhejiang Province, Guangzhou,	Called on the HKMAO, the central ministries and commissions, and national institutions; led a delegation of Permanent Secretaries and	0-4	190,000	–

Principal Officials	Number of Visits	Destinations	Purposes	Number of Entourage from the Office/Bureau Concerned	Expenditure ¹ (HK\$)	Number of Memoranda of Understanding and Co-operation Agreements Signed ²
		Xiamen and Shenzhen)	Heads of Departments for study and duty visits; attended the opening/graduation ceremonies of training programmes for civil servants; attended visits, study tours and events (e.g. Grand Gathering Commemorating the 80th Anniversary of the Victory in the Chinese People's War of Resistance Against Japanese Aggression and the World Anti-Fascist War).			
Secretary for Education	33	Chinese Mainland (Shenzhen, Dongguan, Guangzhou, Beijing, Zhejiang, Shanghai, Chongqing, Chengdu, Wuhan, Changsha, Nanjing, Guizhou, Shaanxi, Yunnan, Jiangxi and Guangxi), United Kingdom, Japan, Finland, Australia, Malta, Germany, United States, France, Croatia, Iceland, India and South Korea	Called on the HKMAO, and the central ministries and commissions; organised and promoted study tours for teachers and students; led representatives of the education sector to conduct visits, attend conferences, seminars and exhibitions, and participate in competitions; attended the Grand Gathering Commemorating the 80th Anniversary of the Victory in the Chinese People's War of Resistance Against Japanese Aggression and the World Anti-Fascist War.	1-2	2.01 million	3

Principal Officials	Number of Visits	Destinations	Purposes	Number of Entourage from the Office/Bureau Concerned	Expenditure ¹ (HK\$)	Number of Memoranda of Understanding and Co-operation Agreements Signed ²
Secretary for Innovation, Technology and Industry	34	Chinese Mainland (Shenzhen, Beijing, Guangzhou, Hainan, Wuhan, Foshan, Chongqing, Guizhou, Hangzhou, Wuzhen, Fuzhou, Ningde, Shanghai, Xi'an, Changchun, Hebei and Guangxi), Singapore, Germany, Indonesia, Malaysia, Switzerland, Saudi Arabia, United Arab Emirates, Belgium, France, Canada, Spain, Portugal, Netherlands, South Korea, Thailand	Called on the HKMAO, the central ministries and commissions, and national institutions and facilities; attended or hosted various types of conferences, forums and exhibitions, and delivered speeches at events (e.g. Boao Forum for Asia, a press conference for the World Internet Conference Asia-Pacific Summit, Geneva International Exhibition of Inventions, AsiaBerlin Summit 2023, LEAP 2024 technology conference in Saudi Arabia, VivaTech, Seminar on Life Science and Global Health organised by the Hong Kong-Canada Business Association (Ottawa Chapter) and Invest Hong Kong, Mobile World Congress, Grand Gathering Commemorating the 80th Anniversary of the Victory in the Chinese People's War of Resistance Against Japanese Aggression and the World Anti-Fascist War, etc); accompanied the Chief Executive to attend conferences and conduct visits (e.g. High-Level Meeting cum First Plenary Session of Hong Kong/Chongqing Co-operation Conference, 2023 Pan-Pearl River Delta Regional Co-operation Chief Executive Joint Conference, Belt and Road Forum for International Cooperation, visits to 3 ASEAN	0-4	3.58 million	4

Principal Officials	Number of Visits	Destinations	Purposes	Number of Entourage from the Office/Bureau Concerned	Expenditure ¹ (HK\$)	Number of Memoranda of Understanding and Co-operation Agreements Signed ²
			countries, High-Level Meeting cum First Plenary Session of Hong Kong/Zhejiang Co-operation Conference, etc); joined a study tour by Legislative Council Members; witnessed the signing of and signed co-operation agreements (e.g. Co-operation Memorandum on Innovation and Technology between Hong Kong and Chongqing, Memorandum of Understanding on Facilitating Cross-boundary Data Flow within the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area, Co-operation Agreement on the Development of New Quality Productive Forces and the Promotion of New Industrialisation, Memorandum of Understanding on Enhancing Zhejiang/Hong Kong Innovation and Technology Co-operation, etc); conducted visits and study tours.			
Secretary for Home and Youth Affairs	20	Chinese Mainland (Beijing, Shanghai, Guangzhou, Shenzhen, Foshan, Zhejiang, Sichuan, Dunhuang, Tianshui of Gansu, Hengqin of Zhuhai, Dongguan, Zhengzhou	Called on the HKMAO, the central ministries and commissions, national institutions, and provincial and municipal governments; attended various types of conferences, events or ceremonies (including High-Level Meeting cum First Plenary Session of Hong Kong/Zhejiang Co-operation Conference, Grand Gathering Commemorating the 80th	0-3	460,000	1

Principal Officials	Number of Visits	Destinations	Purposes	Number of Entourage from the Office/Bureau Concerned	Expenditure ¹ (HK\$)	Number of Memoranda of Understanding and Co-operation Agreements Signed ²
		and Huizhou), Macao, Laos, Vietnam	Anniversary of the Victory in the Chinese People's War of Resistance Against Japanese Aggression and the World Anti-Fascist War, the inauguration ceremony of Home and Youth Affairs Bureau (HYAB) Thematic Youth Internship Programmes to the Mainland, the sharing session regarding Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area youth innovation and entrepreneurship, the opening ceremony of the first batch of the training programme for the seventh-term District Council members, the meeting of the Guangdong-Hong Kong task force on youth employment, entrepreneurship and internship, barracks visit for youths from Hong Kong and Macao, and events on women's development in the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area); led District Officers of the HKSAR Government to attend a study programme on district governance; conducted various types of study tours and visits (including the member bases of the Alliance of Hong Kong Youth Innovation and Entrepreneurial Bases in the Greater Bay Area, the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area (Guangdong) Innovation and Entrepreneurship Incubation			

Principal Officials	Number of Visits	Destinations	Purposes	Number of Entourage from the Office/Bureau Concerned	Expenditure ¹ (HK\$)	Number of Memoranda of Understanding and Co-operation Agreements Signed ²
			Base, and the field units of the United Nations Volunteers - Hong Kong Universities Volunteer Internship Programme organised by HYAB); met and exchanged views with local youth, and learnt about the experiences of Hong Kong youth in the places visited.			
Secretary for Labour and Welfare	17	Chinese Mainland (Beijing, Shanghai, Guangzhou, Shenzhen, Zhongshan, Foshan, Fujian, Hangzhou and Sichuan), Switzerland (Geneva), Malaysia (Kuala Lumpur), South Korea (Jeju), Germany (Munich)	Called on the HKMAO, the central ministries and commissions, and national institutions; attended conferences and seminars (e.g. International Labour Conference, Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation Human Resources Development Ministerial Meeting, Seminar on Developing a High-level Talent Hub in the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area, and HICOOL 2025 Global Entrepreneur Summit); attended the Grand Gathering Commemorating the 80th Anniversary of the Victory in the Chinese People's War of Resistance Against Japanese Aggression and the World Anti-Fascist War; participated in exchange and study tours, visited social welfare organisations in various places, and promoted talent schemes; looked into talent attraction policies and foreign domestic helper employment arrangements in different	0-3	1.11 million	2

Principal Officials	Number of Visits	Destinations	Purposes	Number of Entourage from the Office/Bureau Concerned	Expenditure ¹ (HK\$)	Number of Memoranda of Understanding and Co-operation Agreements Signed ²
			places; paid courtesy calls.			
Secretary for Transport and Logistics	25	Chinese Mainland (Beijing, Guiyang, Shenzhen, Guangzhou, Shanghai, Zhanjiang, Hangzhou, Tianjin, Nanning, Chongqing and Chengdu), Macao, United States (Detroit and San Francisco), Singapore, Indonesia, Malaysia, Vietnam (Hanoi and Ho Chi Minh City), Tokyo of Japan, Hamburg of Germany, Athens of Greece	Called on the HKMAO, the central ministries and commissions, national institutions, and provincial and municipal governments; accompanied the Chief Executive and the Financial Secretary on visits; attended and spoke at international and regional conferences, forums, study missions, seminars and exhibitions (e.g. Global Sustainable Transport Summit 2023, Marintec China, Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation Transportation Ministerial Meeting, Pan-Pearl River Delta Regional Co-operation Chief Executive Joint Conference and meetings of the task force for collaboration on Guangdong-Hong Kong transportation, Bay to Bay Dialogue between the California Bay Area and the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area, US-China High-Level Event on Subnational Climate Action, the 27th Beijing Hong Kong Economic Cooperation Symposium and the Hong Kong Investment Promotion Conference, China Air Finance Development (DFTP) Summit, Grand Gathering Commemorating the 80th Anniversary of the Victory in the Chinese People's War of	0-4	1.69 million	—

Principal Officials	Number of Visits	Destinations	Purposes	Number of Entourage from the Office/Bureau Concerned	Expenditure ¹ (HK\$)	Number of Memoranda of Understanding and Co-operation Agreements Signed ²
			Resistance Against Japanese Aggression and the World Anti-Fascist War, etc).			
Secretary for Culture, Sports and Tourism	32	Chinese Mainland (Haikou, Gansu, Zhongshan, Foshan and Guangzhou, Hangzhou, Jiangmen and Zhuhai, Xiamen, Dongguan, Shenzhen, Beijing, Shanghai, Xi'an, Qingdao, Chengdu and Harbin), Thailand, Italy, France, Vietnam, Portugal, United Arab Emirates, Saudi Arabia, South Korea	Called on the HKMAO, the central ministries and commissions, and national institutions; attended international and regional conferences, visits and events (e.g. an annual cultural and tourism exchange programme, the 21st Greater Pearl River Delta Cultural Cooperation Meeting, the opening ceremony of the 19th Asian Games Hangzhou, Shanghai-Hong Kong City-to-City Culture Conference, the opening ceremony of the Hong Kong exhibition at the Venice Biennale, a plaque unveiling ceremony for a programme at the Palace Museum, the opening ceremony of Hong Kong Pavilion at the Cannes Film Market, events to cheer for Hong Kong athletes participating in the 2024 Paris Olympics Games and Paralympic Games, the signing ceremony of the co-operation agreement on the gift of a pair of giant pandas from the Central Government to the HKSAR, 2024 General Assembly of the Association of National Olympic Committees, the opening ceremony of the 9th Asian Winter Games 2025, the Arabian Travel Market 2025, the WestK Shanghai	1-2	2.72 million	2

Principal Officials	Number of Visits	Destinations	Purposes	Number of Entourage from the Office/Bureau Concerned	Expenditure¹ (HK\$)	Number of Memoranda of Understanding and Co-operation Agreements Signed²
			Week 2025, engaging with French trade representatives of the wine industry to explore opportunities for co-operation, Grand Gathering Commemorating the 80th Anniversary of the Victory in the Chinese People's War of Resistance Against Japanese Aggression and the World Anti-Fascist War, and the opening ceremony of the Hong Kong Week 2025@Seoul).			

- End -

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

CMAB006

(Question Serial No. 1641)

Head: (144) Government Secretariat: Constitutional and Mainland Affairs Bureau

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (4) Rights of the Individual, (5) Subvention: Equal Opportunities Commission and Office of the Privacy Commissioner for Personal Data

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Constitutional and Mainland Affairs (Ms Maggie WONG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Constitutional and Mainland Affairs

Question:

One of the areas of work of the Constitutional and Mainland Affairs Bureau focuses attention on the rights of the individual in respect of protection for personal data privacy and human rights, and promotion of equal opportunities on the ground of gender, family status, race and sexual orientation. In this connection, would the Government inform this Committee of:

1. the work undertaken and related expenditure incurred by the Bureau in the past 3 years to promote the human rights of people of different sexual orientations and gender identities;
2. the details of promotional work undertaken by the Bureau in the past 3 years to promote equal treatment of people of different sexual orientations and gender identities, including the modes and channels of promotion, frequency, number of people reached, and manpower and expenditure involved;
3. the details of community projects sponsored under the Equal Opportunities (Sexual Orientation) Funding Scheme in the past 3 years, including the number of funding applications received and approved, names of funded organisations, nature of projects and amount of funding; and
4. the number of complaints received by the Gender Identity and Sexual Orientation Unit in the past 3 years concerning discrimination against people of different sexual orientations and gender identities, and the number of such cases followed up by the Unit.

Asked by: Hon CHAN Kapui, Judy (LegCo internal reference no.: 6)

Reply:

1. & 2. The Gender Identity and Sexual Orientation Unit (GISOU) under the Constitutional and Mainland Affairs Bureau is responsible for carrying out education and promotion programmes, managing and monitoring the Equal Opportunities (Sexual Orientation) Funding Scheme (Funding Scheme) and handling related enquiries and complaints. The staff establishment of GISOU comprises 1 Executive Officer I and 1 Executive Officer II. In the past 3 years, Announcements in the Public Interest which promote the message “Eliminate Discrimination, Embrace Inclusion” were broadcast for over 2 100 times on television and radio. Meanwhile, the promotional video was broadcast for more than 12 million times in over 200 government premises, public transport network (including the display platforms in railway stations, bus stops, train compartments and ferries) and lift lobbies of commercial buildings, and over 4 million click-throughs were made on the Internet. Furthermore, promotional posters on “Eliminate Discrimination, Embrace Inclusion” were displayed at places such as government premises, public transport network, lobbies of residential buildings, footbridges and subways, etc. In the past 3 years, GISOU’s resources for publicity work on elimination of discrimination against sexual minorities were over \$4 million in total.
3. With regard to the Funding Scheme, in the past 3 years, the number of applications received was 28, 20 and 22 respectively, and the number of applications approved was 24, 10 and 7 respectively. The total amount of sponsorship approved was over \$2.4 million. Details of the sponsored projects are set out at Annex.
4. In the past 3 years, GISOU received a total of 2 complaints, both of which have been followed up.

2023-24

Name of Applicant	Nature of Project	Approved Sponsorship (\$)
Midnight Blue	Workshops/seminars, and publication production	32,917.50
Pride Lab	Workshops/talks	22,575.00
Pride Lab	Sharing sessions/talks	49,350.00
Hong Kong Psychosexual Education Association Limited	Support groups, workshops, and counselling/support services	33,600.00
Post Gay Alliance	Support groups, workshops, and counselling/support services	35,950.00
Gay Harmony	Publication production, video production, and outreach activities/services	40,845.00
Gay Harmony	Counselling/support services, workshops, and outreach activities/services	49,507.50
Freedom of Love Project	Support groups, workshops, sharing sessions/seminars, and counselling/support services	119,910.00
AIDS Concern	Sharing sessions/seminars, and publication production	69,195.00
Gender Empowerment Limited	Support groups, workshops, sharing sessions/seminars, and counselling/support services	149,655.00
New Creation Association Limited	Support groups, workshops, and counselling/support services	24,685.00
Add Oil Workshop	Drama performance and exhibition	103,845.00
The Hong Kong Federation of Youth Groups Tsuen King Youth S.P.O.T	Talks/sharing sessions, video production, and exhibition	46,126.50
The Moderati Limited	Multimedia production and music performance	46,725.00
Transgender Equality Hong Kong	Publication production	19,110.00
Fluid Hong Kong Education Limited	Workshops, video production, and counselling/support services	49,350.00
yat1sai3m4bat1yip6: Chow Yiu Fai Lyrics Writing Course Alumni	Multimedia production and music performance	147,675.00
Wellness Social Service Centre Limited	Drama performance	33,075.00
SWAN Academy Association Limited	Workshops and publication production	20,475.00
Les Corner Empowerment Association	Video production	22,470.00
The Boys' & Girls' Clubs Association of Hong Kong Jockey Club South Kwai Chung Children and Youth Integrated Services Centre	Workshops/sharing sessions, and music performance	40,687.50
The Society for Truth and Light	Publication production	29,925.00
Silence Limited	Sharing sessions and publication production	19,635.00
GIA theatre	Drama performance	142,670.00

Name of Applicant	Nature of Project	Approved Sponsorship (\$)
Hong Kong Psychosexual Education Association Limited	Support groups, workshops, and counselling/support services	51,240.00
Post Gay Alliance	Support groups, workshops, and counselling/support services	71,000.00
Hong Kong Grassroots Concern Association Limited	Workshops	33,390.00
Gender Empowerment Limited	Support groups, workshops, outreach activities/services, and counselling/support services	149,710.00
Project Touch, The Boys' and Girls' Clubs Association of Hong Kong	Workshops and publication production	58,300.00
Hong Kong Sex Culture Society Limited	Multimedia production	42,000.00
Sexuality for All	Workshops, multimedia production, and research/study	91,350.00
The Moderati Limited	Multimedia production/music performance	97,335.00
AIDS Concern Foundation Limited	Workshops and publication production	96,673.50
Transgender Equality Hong Kong	Publication production and multimedia production	7,980.00

Name of Applicant	Nature of Project	Approved Sponsorship (\$)
Hong Kong Psychosexual Education Association Limited	Support groups, workshops, and counselling/support services	59,400.00
The Moderati Limited	Music performance/multimedia production	82,600.00
Hong Kong Grassroots Concern Association Limited	Workshops and music performance	73,342.50
Hong Kong Care Association Limited	Workshops and exhibitions	60,060.00
Tai Po Force	Sharing sessions/seminars, exhibitions, and multimedia production	56,836.50
Hong Kong Wisdom Research Institute	Seminars/sharing sessions, exhibitions, multimedia production, and counselling	36,487.50
Chinese Century	Talks, exhibitions, and multimedia production	32,445.00

- End -

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

CMAB007

(Question Serial No. 2251)

Head: (144) Government Secretariat: Constitutional and Mainland Affairs Bureau

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (3) Mainland and Taiwan Offices

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Constitutional and Mainland Affairs (Ms Maggie WONG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Constitutional and Mainland Affairs

Question:

Regarding the expenditure and operation of the Mainland Offices of Hong Kong, would the Government advise this Committee:

1. of the reasons for the 5.5% increase in the estimated expenditure for 2026-27 over the previous year;
2. whether there are plans to establish new Mainland Offices in the current year; if so, of the details;
3. of the staff establishment and strength of each Mainland Office from 2021-22 to 2025-26; and
4. of the ranks of vacant posts of each Mainland Office from 2021-22 to 2025-26.

Asked by: Hon CHAN Kapui, Judy (LegCo internal reference no.: 3)

Reply:

The estimated expenditure of the Mainland Offices for 2026-27 is comparable to the original estimate for 2025-26. The 2025-26 revised estimate for the Mainland Offices is lower than the original estimate mainly due to the fact that some civil service posts were temporarily left vacant upon the expiry of the incumbents' terms of office and pending the appointment of successors, resulting in a reduction in expenditure on emoluments and related allowances.

2. In 2026-27, the number and staff establishment of the Mainland Offices remain unchanged. The HKSAR Government will continue to review the functions and service scope of the Mainland Offices from time to time, and keep on enhancing and improving the work and service of the Mainland Offices in light of the new opportunities arising from the country's overall development strategies, and having regard to the actual circumstances and

needs. These will enable the Mainland Offices to provide the most appropriate assistance and services to Hong Kong people and enterprises in the Mainland and support them in better integrating into and serving the overall national development.

3. The staff establishment of the Mainland Offices in the past 5 years is set out in the table below:

Office	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Beijing Office	23	22	22	22	22
Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office in Guangdong	18	18	18	18	18
Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office in Shanghai	15	15	15	16	16
Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office in Chengdu	13	13	13	13	13
Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office in Wuhan	13	13	13	13	13
Total	82	81	81	82	82

4. When civil service post-holders in the Mainland Offices complete their tour, the grades concerned will, as soon as practicable and having regard to the actual circumstances, select suitable officers to take up the posts concerned. If no suitable serving civil servant is identified to take up the posts, we will consider employing retired civil servants through the Post-retirement Service Contract Scheme to meet service and operational needs. In the interim, individual posts may be temporarily left vacant. At present, only 2 posts in the Mainland Offices are temporarily vacant, namely the Director of the Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office in Chengdu and the Director of the Tianjin Liaison Unit. During the period of vacancy, the Mainland Offices have flexibly deployed manpower to ensure the efficient conduct of relevant work.

- End -

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

CMAB008

(Question Serial No. 2252)

Head: (144) Government Secretariat: Constitutional and Mainland Affairs Bureau

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (2) Constitutional and Mainland Affairs

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Constitutional and Mainland Affairs (Ms Maggie WONG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Constitutional and Mainland Affairs

Question:

Regarding the staff establishment and work of the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area Development Office (the Office), would the Government advise this Committee of the following:

1. Please set out, by rank, the staff establishment and strength of the Office in 2025-26 and 2026-27.
2. Further to the question above, what are the respective expenditure and estimated expenditure on emoluments for the above 2 years?
3. What are the overall expenditure and estimated expenditure for 2025-26 and 2026-27 respectively?
4. It is learnt that the Commissioner for the Development of the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area made a brief visit to Portugal in July last year. Please set out the expenditure and staff establishment involved in the visit (with a detailed breakdown).
5. It is learnt that one of the purposes of the visit was to attend a business luncheon on the theme of affordable housing and opportunities. What were the considerations taken into account by the Bureau in planning such a visit, and how effective was the visit?
6. Please itemise the Office's key tasks in 2025-26 to strengthen the promotion and co-ordination work in taking forward the development of the Greater Bay Area.
7. Has the Bureau assessed the work effectiveness of the Office? If so, what are the details?

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

Reply:

1. In 2025-26, the staff establishment and strength of the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area Development Office (the Office) were both 31, including 4 Administrative Officers Staff Grade A/B/C; 4 Senior Administrative Officers/Administrative Officers; 8 Chief Executive Officers/Senior Executive Officers/Executive Officers I; 3 Chief Information Officer/Senior Information Officer/Information Officer; 6 Assistant Clerical Officers; 5 Senior Personal Secretary/Personal Secretaries I/Personal Secretary II; and 1 Motor Driver. In 2026-27, 1 Personal Secretary II post will be deleted and the number of staff in the establishment of the Office will be reduced to 30.

2. & 3. The revised expenditure of the Office in 2025-26 and the estimated expenditure in 2026-27 are about \$63.2 million and \$61.2 million respectively, of which the staff costs on civil service posts are about \$34 million in both years.

4. & 5. The Office has been promoting the significant opportunities brought about by the development of the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area (Greater Bay Area) to local, Mainland and overseas stakeholders through diversified and multi-media means, including through duty visits and leveraging the extensive international networks of the Hong Kong Economic and Trade Offices overseas and various partnering organisations, to highlight Hong Kong's advantages in Greater Bay Area development, with a view to attracting overseas talents, enterprises and capital to Hong Kong and tapping the opportunities brought about by the enormous market and rapid development of the Greater Bay Area. The Office visited Southeast Asia, Europe, North Africa to conduct promotional activities last year. Among others, the Commissioner for the Development of the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area visited Lisbon, Portugal in July 2025, during which she attended a business luncheon titled "Unlocking New Horizons: Affordable Housing and Opportunities in Hong Kong and the Greater Bay Area", co-organised by the Office and the Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office in Brussels and delivered a keynote speech to around 130 guests from the business and professional sectors. The Commissioner highlighted the business opportunities brought about by the Greater Bay Area to the Portuguese business community and Hong Kong's important functions as a "super connector" and "super value-adder". The response from the participants was positive, indicating that they would actively consider investing and pursuing development in the Greater Bay Area. During the visit, the Commissioner also attended the International Forum on Urbanism and exchanged views with the attendees, encouraging the local construction industry to strengthen co-operation with related Hong Kong and Mainland enterprises. The duty visit involved the Commissioner and 1 accompanying officer from the Office, and the expenditure was about \$156,000.

6. The HKSAR Government attaches great importance to the high-quality development of the Greater Bay Area. Shortly upon the establishment of the current-term Government, the Chief Executive promptly set up the Steering Group on Integration into National Development (Steering Group) chaired by himself, to take forward and provide steer from the top level on the work on Hong Kong's integration into the overall national development, and dovetailing with key national strategies such as the development of the Greater Bay Area. The Office has been rendering full support to the work of the Steering Group in taking forward the development of the Greater Bay Area, as well as in monitoring the implementation of

various policy measures for fostering high-level connectivity in the Greater Bay Area. The Office will continue to promote the wider scope of integrated development and alignment of rules and mechanisms in the Greater Bay Area, and continue to maintain close liaison with relevant Central Ministries and Commissions, the Guangdong Provincial Government, and the Macao Special Administrative Region Government, and, under the spirit of complementarity and mutual benefits, strive to introduce more policy measures which are beneficial to Hong Kong and at the same time conducive to the development of our country and the Greater Bay Area. Specific achievements in 2025-26 include: the official opening of the Hetao Hong Kong Park, which serves as a strategic node in driving new quality productive forces in the Greater Bay Area and connecting global innovation and technology resources; the implementation of the “Southbound Travel for Guangdong Vehicles” scheme, which complements “Northbound Travel for Hong Kong Vehicles” scheme to facilitate the two-way flow of residents of Guangdong and Hong Kong and achieve a higher level of connectivity of people and goods; the launch and continuous enhancement of the “Cross-boundary Wealth Management Connect Scheme 2.0” to further promote financial interconnectivity; the extension of the Elderly Health Care Voucher Greater Bay Area Pilot Scheme to cover more medical institutions in the nine Mainland cities of the Greater Bay Area; and the inclusion of more residential care homes for the elderly as Recognised Service Providers under the Residential Care Services Scheme in Guangdong.

7. In 2025, over 10 000 persons attended promotional and networking programmes that promoted opportunities in the Greater Bay Area, and the Constitutional and Mainland Affairs Bureau (CMAB) reached out to over 1 200 entrepreneurs and representatives of business firms. In 2026, the CMAB plans to promote the opportunities in the Greater Bay Area by organising and participating in promotional programmes and networking sessions to be attended by no less than 10 500 participants, and reaching out to no less than 1 250 entrepreneurs and representatives of business firms.

- End -

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

CMAB009

(Question Serial No. 1673)

Head: (144) Government Secretariat: Constitutional and Mainland Affairs Bureau

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

Programme: (2) Constitutional and Mainland Affairs

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Constitutional and Mainland Affairs (Ms Maggie WONG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Constitutional and Mainland Affairs

Question:

Paragraph 31 of the Budget Speech mentions that a five-year plan for Hong Kong will be formulated for the first time. In this connection, would the Government advise this Committee:

1. whether the formulation of the plan will involve dedicated research funding; if so, of the estimated amount and the main areas of research; and
2. whether external consultants or research institutions will be engaged; if so, of the estimated expenditure, the mode of procurement and the scope of consultancy work, as well as the dedicated staff establishment and the overall work schedule involved.

Asked by: Hon CHAN Man-ki, Maggie (LegCo internal reference no.: 20)

Reply:

This year marks the beginning of the National 15th Five-Year Plan. The Chief Executive is leading the HKSAR Government in formulating the Hong Kong's Five-year Plan, which will provide a systematic policy framework for proactive alignment with the National 15th Five-Year Plan, and map out strategic initiatives of greater comprehensiveness, higher precision and in finer detail for key development areas. Hong Kong's Five-year Plan will be an important document that is macroscopic, strategic and forward-looking, outlining Hong Kong's development vision, core objectives, key areas and major initiatives for the coming 5 years, and providing a clear roadmap and timetable for Hong Kong's social, economic and livelihood development. It requires whole-of-government, cross-departmental and multi-sectoral input and collaboration.

2. On the Chief Executive's directive, the formulation teams under various bureaux are working at full speed on the policy research and formulation work. The HKSAR Government will complete the formulation of the Hong Kong's Five-year Plan within this year. The process involves the whole government, and the related expenditure and staff

establishment are absorbed by the overall provision of the respective bureaux and departments. The Bureau has not maintained relevant breakdown figures.

- End -

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

CMAB010

(Question Serial No. 2258)

Head: (144) Government Secretariat: Constitutional and Mainland Affairs Bureau

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (3) Mainland and Taiwan Offices

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Constitutional and Mainland Affairs (Ms Maggie WONG)

Director of Bureau: Permanent Secretary for Constitutional and Mainland Affairs

Question:

It is mentioned in the Estimates for Head 144 that the Mainland Offices will strengthen communication with the Hong Kong businessmen operating in the Mainland, and provide better support to the Hong Kong businessmen by obtaining and disseminating information on policy and legislation relating to commerce and trade and the latest economic developments. In this connection, please advise this Committee of:

1. the actual expenditure of the Mainland Offices on supporting the Hong Kong businessmen operating in the Mainland, and the main areas covered by such expenditure in the past year; and
2. the estimated expenditure of the Mainland Offices on supporting the Hong Kong businessmen operating in the Mainland, and the specific support measures to be implemented in the coming year.

Asked by: Hon CHAN Man-ki, Maggie (LegCo internal reference no.: 26)

Reply:

The Mainland Offices of the HKSAR Government have all along been striving to maintain close liaison with associations, chambers of commerce and enterprises of Hong Kong people in the Mainland, and to understand through various types of activities their business, working and living situation, and provide appropriate assistance as required. The Mainland Offices also convey the living and development needs of Hong Kong people to the Mainland authorities and strive for the full implementation of facilitation measures for Hong Kong people. To assist Hong Kong people to better adapt to local life, the Mainland Offices have compiled booklets of practical information on everyday life, with electronic version published on their websites and social media platforms. In addition, the Mainland Offices organise different events such as trade seminars and investment promotion meetings, etc., and offer support and sponsorship as appropriate to the activities organised by associations of Hong Kong people such as cultural events, annual dinners and visits. Besides, the Mainland

Offices render practical assistance to Hong Kong residents in distress or in need of help, and provide HKSAR passport application/collection services to Hong Kong residents in the Mainland.

2. Furthermore, the Mainland Offices have been proactively serving as important bridges between Hong Kong and the Mainland. Apart from enhancing communication and liaison with counterparts in the Mainland, the Mainland Offices closely monitor and collect the latest information on policies and regulations, economic development and trade activities, and timely disseminate such information to Hong Kong enterprises in the Mainland periodically or thematically, through different channels including their official websites, WeChat Official Accounts, social media platforms, emails, etc.

3. In 2026-27, the Mainland Offices will continue to enhance the aforementioned work. The Mainland Offices will continue to actively liaise with the provincial, municipal and autonomous regional governments in their service areas to promote exchange and communication between Hong Kong and the Mainland in areas of economy, trade and investment. These Offices will also actively organise and attend more large-scale events, and continue to explore more business and development opportunities for Hong Kong people and enterprises by deepening co-operation with various provinces and municipalities in commerce and trade, finance, innovation and technology, creative industries, youth exchange and so forth. Further, the Mainland Offices will, in light of the new opportunities arising from the country's overall development strategies, and having regard to the actual circumstances and needs, keep on enhancing and improving their work and service, and provide the most appropriate assistance and services to Hong Kong people and enterprises in the Mainland and support them in better integrating into and serving the overall national development. As supporting Hong Kong enterprises in the Mainland is an integral part of the work of the Mainland Offices, the provision required cannot be singled out and itemised.

- End -

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

CMAB011

(Question Serial No. 1733)

Head: (144) Government Secretariat: Constitutional and Mainland Affairs Bureau

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (2) Constitutional and Mainland Affairs

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Constitutional and Mainland Affairs (Ms Maggie WONG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Constitutional and Mainland Affairs

Question:

The Budget mentions that during 2026-27, the Constitutional and Mainland Affairs Bureau will support the Steering Group on Integration into National Development chaired by the Chief Executive to proactively dovetail with major national strategies including the National 15th Five-Year Plan and the Greater Bay Area development, and strengthen regional co-operation with the Mainland. In this connection, would the Government advise:

1. of the details of relevant work, and the manpower and estimated expenditure involved; and
2. whether it will set key performance indicators for the aforementioned work; if so, of the details.

Asked by: Hon CHAN Wing-kwong (LegCo internal reference no.: 13)

Reply:

The Constitutional and Mainland Affairs Bureau (CMAB) is responsible for providing secretariat support to the Steering Group on Integration into National Development (Steering Group), specifically including supporting the Chief Executive and all members of the Steering Group in convening regular working group and plenary meetings, and assisting the Chief Executive and all Secretaries of Departments to plan, co-ordinate and closely monitor the formulation and implementation of all policy measures to ensure that all work plans and initiatives would be completed timely and of high quality. As the provision of the relevant secretariat support is an integral part of the work of the CMAB, the manpower and expenditure involved cannot be singled out and itemised.

2. In terms of key performance indicators, the Chief Executive is leading the HKSAR Government in formulating Hong Kong's Five-year Plan, which will provide a systematic policy framework for proactive alignment with the National 15th Five-Year Plan, and map out strategic initiatives of greater comprehensiveness, higher precision and in finer detail for

key development areas. On the Chief Executive's directive, the formulation teams under various bureaux are working at full speed on the formulation work. The HKSAR Government will complete the formulation of Hong Kong's Five-year Plan within this year. Regarding proactively dovetailing with the development of the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area (Greater Bay Area), the CMAB plans to promote the opportunities in the Greater Bay Area by organising and participating in promotional programmes and networking sessions to be attended by no less than 10 500 participants, and reaching out to no less than 1 250 entrepreneurs and representatives of business firms in 2026, so as to enable various sectors of the community to actively participate in Greater Bay Area development. As regards strengthening regional co-operation with the Mainland, given that regional co-operation with the Mainland involves different areas under the purview of various bureaux, including finance, economic and trade, and innovation and technology, and that the relevant performance indicators have been incorporated into the Policy Address under the indicators for specified tasks of the respective areas, the HKSAR Government has not separately set performance indicators for regional co-operation with the Mainland.

- End -

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

CMAB012

(Question Serial No. 1734)

Head: (144) Government Secretariat: Constitutional and Mainland Affairs Bureau

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (3) Mainland and Taiwan Offices

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Constitutional and Mainland Affairs (Ms Maggie WONG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Constitutional and Mainland Affairs

Question:

As mentioned in the Budget, one of the aims of the Mainland Offices is to provide support and practicable assistance to Hong Kong residents in distress in the Mainland. In this connection, would the Government advise this Committee of:

1. the staff establishment, expenditure on emoluments and benefits as well as operating expenses of each Mainland Office in the past 5 years;
2. the estimated expenditure of each Mainland Office for 2026-27;
3. the numbers of requests for assistance received by each Mainland Office in the past 3 years, as well as the main subject matter and type, handling progress, outcome and median processing time of such requests for assistance; and
4. the details of the work undertaken by each Mainland Office in the past 3 years to provide practical information to Hong Kong residents living in the Mainland.

Asked by: Hon CHAN Wing-kwong (LegCo internal reference no.: 16)

Reply:

The staff establishment of the Mainland Offices of the HKSAR Government in the past 5 years is set out in the table below:

Office	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Beijing Office	23	22	22	22	22
Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office in Guangdong	18	18	18	18	18

Office	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office in Shanghai	15	15	15	16	16
Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office in Chengdu	13	13	13	13	13
Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office in Wuhan	13	13	13	13	13

2. The expenditures of the Mainland Offices in the past 5 years are set out in the table below. Of these expenditures, around 40% was incurred on emoluments and benefits, with the rest being operating expenses.

Office	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
	Actual expenditure (\$ million)	Actual expenditure (\$ million)	Actual expenditure (\$ million)	Actual expenditure (\$ million)	Revised estimated expenditure (\$ million)
Beijing Office	83.65	98.69	89.30	91.57	90.50
Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office in Guangdong	64.15	75.82	80.24	86.28	83.68
Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office in Shanghai	62.86	70.96	70.12	70.80	69.58
Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office in Chengdu	45.49	58.14	51.96	51.39	51.57
Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office in Wuhan	47.05	53.42	50.58	49.42	50.12

3. The estimated expenditures of the Mainland Offices for 2026-27 are set out in the table below:

Office	2026-27
	Estimated expenditure (\$ million)
Beijing Office	87.60
Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office in Guangdong	84.77

Office	2026-27
	Estimated expenditure (\$ million)
Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office in Shanghai	68.08
Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office in Chengdu	47.80
Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office in Wuhan	49.12

4. The numbers of requests for assistance received by the Mainland Offices in the past 3 years are set out in the table below:

Office	Year	Assistance cases which were related to immigration and personal safety matters	Other assistance cases	Total
Beijing Office	2023	84	15	99
	2024	79	11	90
	2025	77	19	96
Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office in Guangdong	2023	225	60	285
	2024	137	47	184
	2025	149	41	190
Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office in Shanghai	2023	75	21	96
	2024	83	9	92
	2025	77	19	96
Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office in Chengdu	2023	27	4	31
	2024	34	8	42
	2025	45	2	47
Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office in Wuhan	2023	17	18	35
	2024	28	5	33
	2025	15	5	20

“Assistance cases which were related to immigration and personal safety matters” refer to

emergency assistance in relation to accidents (e.g. traffic accidents or fire) or other emergencies (e.g. robbery, assault, etc.), while “Other assistance cases” include commercial and trade disputes, complaints relating to real estate, and complaints against authorities in the Mainland, etc.

5. The Mainland Offices will, having regard to the nature and actual circumstances of each assistance case, provide appropriate support and assistance to the persons concerned as soon as practicable. Given that each case varies in nature and requires different follow-up actions and assistance, we did not specifically compile consolidated statistics and conduct analysis on the specific handling of these cases.

6. The Mainland Offices have been proactively serving as important bridges between Hong Kong and the Mainland. To this end, the Mainland Offices timely disseminate the latest information on Mainland policies and regulations, economic development and trade activities to Hong Kong residents and enterprises in the Mainland periodically or thematically, through different channels including their official websites, WeChat Official Accounts, social media platforms, emails, etc. The Mainland Offices also work in conjunction with the relevant bureaux of the HKSAR Government to provide Hong Kong people in the Mainland with the latest policy information, such as the Policy Address, the Budget Speech, and election-related information, as well as information on activities organised by the Mainland Offices. Furthermore, to assist Hong Kong people to better adapt to local life, the Mainland Offices have compiled booklets of practical information on everyday life, with electronic version published on their websites and social media platforms.

- End -

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

CMAB013

(Question Serial No. 2298)

Head: (144) Government Secretariat: Constitutional and Mainland Affairs Bureau

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

Programme: (2) Constitutional and Mainland Affairs

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Constitutional and Mainland Affairs (Ms Maggie WONG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Constitutional and Mainland Affairs

Question:

As mentioned in the Budget, one of the Constitutional and Mainland Affairs Bureau's main responsibilities under this Programme is to promote public awareness and understanding of the Constitution and the Basic Law. In this connection, would the Government advise this Committee:

1. of the details of the Bureau's promotion work on the Constitution and the Basic Law in the past 5 years, and the respective staff establishment and actual expenditure involved;
2. of the estimated expenditure of the Bureau for promoting the Constitution and the Basic Law in 2026-27;
3. as for the "Constitution and Basic Law Promotion Activity and Research Sponsorship Scheme", of the (i) number of applications received; (ii) number of applications approved; (iii) details of sponsored activities; (iv) organisers; and (v) amount of sponsorship approved in the past 3 years;
4. of the number of meetings of the Working Group on Patriotic Education since its establishment, and the staff establishment and expenditure for supporting the work of the Working Group; and
5. whether there are measures to evaluate the effectiveness of the promotion work on the Constitution and the Basic Law; if so, of the details; if not, of the reasons.

Asked by: Hon CHAN Wing-kwong (LegCo internal reference no.: 15)

Reply:

Under the chairmanship of the Chief Secretary for Administration, the Constitution and Basic Law Promotion Steering Committee (CBLPSC) provides advice and steer on the overall strategy and key work plans for promoting the Constitution, the Basic Law and national

security-related legislation, and monitors, evaluates and reviews promotional programmes undertaken by government departments and non-governmental organisations. The Constitutional and Mainland Affairs Bureau (CMAB) provides secretariat support to CBLPSC. The 5 sub-groups under CBLPSC (namely Local Community Sub-group; Teachers and Students Sub-group; Civil Servants Sub-group; Industrial, Commercial and Professional Sectors Sub-group; and Community Outside Hong Kong Sub-group), assisted by the Home and Youth Affairs Bureau, Education Bureau, Civil Service Bureau, Trade and Industry Department and Information Services Department respectively, have been planning and organising various types of activities for promotion on various fronts to the general public and related sectors.

Promotion of the Constitution and the Basic Law

2. CMAB has been carrying out promotion and publicity work through different means and in a diversified manner to enable the public to have a more comprehensive and thorough understanding of the Constitution and the Basic Law. Specific promotion work includes:

- (a) organising thematic seminars, e.g. Constitution Day Seminar;
- (b) using social media, online platforms and electronic means to promote widely to different strata of society, e.g. posting advertisements on social media for promotion of the videos on the Constitution and the Basic Law, designing online games, producing and launching animation videos, and co-producing different types of television programmes with the Radio Television Hong Kong to introduce the Constitution and the Basic Law in an easy-to-understand manner, such as “Appreciating the Constitution” and “Learning Basic Law with Good Neighbours”;
- (c) displaying large publicity banners outdoors, and producing publicity leaflets, posters and picture books on “One Country, Two Systems” for distribution to schools, public housing estates, etc.;
- (d) enhancing awareness and understanding of the Constitution and the Basic Law by the general public and students through mobile promotional activities in physical form at the district level (e.g. organising roving exhibitions and parent-child workshops at shopping centres in various districts, and arranging the mobile resource centre and the mobile game booth to pay visits to different schools); and
- (e) providing sponsorship to non-governmental organisations and community organisations through the “Constitution and Basic Law Promotion Activity and Research Sponsorship Scheme” for staging various promotional and research activities on the Constitution, the Basic Law and national security education, such as reporter training programmes on the Constitution and the Basic Law, poster design competitions and slogan design competitions, in order to get across the messages widely in the community.

3. CBLPSC and its sub-groups will review the format, content and effectiveness of promotional activities from time to time through evaluating their popularity and efficacy based on the number and feedback of participants, and advise how to optimise the promotion strategy in light of the development and trend of promotional media and information

technology. Relevant Directors of Bureaux are also members of CBLPSC to offer advice and necessary support for the purpose of effectively promoting the Constitution and the Basic Law. We will continue to make good use of the platform of CBLPSC and keep a close eye on the effectiveness of various promotional activities, and adjust the promotion strategy as appropriate having regard to the actual circumstances in order to achieve the best results.

4. The actual expenditure of CMAB for the promotion of the Constitution and the Basic Law in the past 5 years is as follows:

Financial year	Actual expenditure (\$ million)
2025-26	31 (estimated actual expenditure)
2024-25	31
2023-24	33
2022-23	32
2021-22	17

5. The estimated expenditure for the above work in the 2026-27 financial year is about \$25 million. CMAB will suitably deploy resources based on the actual circumstances to conduct the relevant work. At present, the HKSAR Government's promotion work on the Constitution and the Basic Law involves various bureaux and departments. The related staff establishment is absorbed by the overall provision of the respective bureaux and departments, and therefore no breakdown figures are available.

The Constitution and Basic Law Promotion Activity and Research Sponsorship Scheme

6. The number of applications, number of approved applications and amounts of sponsorship under the Constitution and Basic Law Promotion Activity and Research Sponsorship Scheme in the past 3 years are as follows:

Year	Number of applications received	Number of applications approved	Amount of sponsorship (\$)
2023-24	37	24	\$8,242,835
2024-25	87	24	\$6,217,580
2025-26	38	17	\$4,492,630

Note: To streamline the vetting process and enable applicants to make advance planning for their annual activity programmes, the application period for the Constitution and Basic Law Promotion Activity and Research Sponsorship Scheme has merged from twice a year to once a year with effect from 2025-26. The number of applications that each organisation may submit and the total amount of sponsorship for each year remain unchanged.

7. Details of the sponsored projects are at Annex.

The Working Group on Patriotic Education

8. The HKSAR Government attaches great importance to the promotion of patriotic education and endeavours to build mainstream values in the HKSAR characterised by patriotism with affection for our country and Hong Kong and in conformity with the principle of “One Country, Two Systems”. Under the guidance of the Chief Executive, the Working Group on Patriotic Education (Working Group) was established on 8 April 2024 under CBLPSC to co-ordinate the work of government bureaux and departments and non-governmental organisations in taking forward patriotic education.

9. There are 4 sub-groups under the Working Group, tendering advice on policy measures for effectively delivering patriotic education in major aspects including education, local community, history, politics, economy and culture, and media publicity. Since its establishment, the Working Group held 3 meetings, whilst its 4 sub-groups held a few rounds of meetings. In future, the Working Group will continue to, having regard to the actual circumstances in Hong Kong, implement various short-, medium- and long-term policy measures for more effective implementation of patriotic education.

10. At present, the HKSAR Government’s promotion work on patriotic education involves various bureaux and departments. The related expenditure and staff establishment are absorbed by the overall provision of the respective bureaux and departments, and therefore no breakdown figures are available.

Details of the sponsored projects under the Constitution and Basic Law Promotion Activity and Research Sponsorship Scheme:

2023-24

Promotion activity	
Name of organisation	Title of project
Joint Committee for the Promotion of the Constitution and Hong Kong Basic Law	《基本法》多面體—全港學生辯論賽系列 2023-2024*
Chung Yeh Yuk Tsoi Educational Organisation Company Limited	The 3 rd Hong Kong Young Leaders in Law Training Scheme
Youth · Travel	「《基本法》與我」香港中小學生海報設計比賽 2023-2024*
New Home Association Kowloon West Service Center	Basic Law Community Ambassador Program
Basic Law Foundation Limited	2023年12月「國家憲法日」電車廣告推廣活動*
Hongkong Shine Tak Foundation Association Limited	善德基金會「一國兩制」教育計劃2023*
Hong Kong Commerce & Industry Association LTD	第三屆《中學生電台節目製作基本法》*
Hongkong Young Historian Institute Limited	「回到制憲現場」憲法及基本法香港青年培訓項目*
鳳凰薈^	「國家安全『PLAY · STEM · LEARN』」計劃*
To Kwa Wan Resident Service Organisation	《香港國安法》社區推廣計劃2023*
Rudolf Steiner Education Foundation Hong Kong Maria College	Basic Law Quiz & Speed Stacks Competition 2023
Hong Kong Basic Law Foundation Limited	2 nd Basic Law Speech Contest (Cantonese and Putonghua)
Hong Kong Life Extension Association	「考基本、尋法寶」《基本法》推廣活動 2023-2024*
Basic Law Foundation Limited	2024年4月「《基本法頒布紀念日》」電車推廣廣告活動*
International Probono Legal Services Association Limited	National Security Elite Training Program
Hong Kong Youth Nurture Association	「一國兩制」與《基本法》標語創作比賽 2024*
Chin Ching Association	「識」「晰」相關--基本法推廣計劃*

Hongkong Shine Tak Foundation Association Limited	慶祝中華人民共和國成立75周年：善德基金會「認識憲法、《基本法》－與法治同行」系列比賽*
Kowloon West Community Harmony and Solidarity Services Centre Limited	「憲」為「基本」之母*
Joint Committee for the Promotion of The Constitution and Hong Kong Basic Law	Basic Law Ambassador Training Scheme
Research project	
Research organisation	Subject of research
Path of Democracy Limited	探討香港市民對《香港基本法》保障人的權利及相應之義務的認識程度*
Hong Kong Policy Research Institute Ltd.	Case studies related to the implementation of the Hong Kong National Security Law
Hong Kong Huaxia Education Institute Limited	The Linkage between Patriotic Education and the “Three Laws” Education: A Case Study of Traditional Patriotic Schools
Basic Law Foundation Limited	Research on Situation of Community Education of the Hong Kong Basic Law and Chinese Constitution in the Hong Kong 18 Districts

* The organisation in question only submitted the Chinese title for the project.

^ The organisation in question only has a Chinese name.

2024-25

Promotion activity	
Name of organisation	Title of project
Youth · Travel	「《基本法》與我」香港中小學生海報設計比賽2024-2025*
鳳凰薈 [^]	「國家安全『PLAY · STEM · LEARN』」計劃2.0*
Kowloon Federation of Associations Kwun Tong District Committee	中華人民共和國成立75周年暨國家憲法日設立10周年系列活動*
Hong Kong Basic Law Foundation Limited	2nd “Constitution” and “the Basic Law” Tertiary Students’ Promotion Programme – Understand the Relationship between the “Safeguarding National Security Ordinance” and the “One Country Two Systems”
Kowloon Federation of Associations	「國安·家好」社區推廣系列活動2024-2025*
Youth Concentric Association Limited	The Constitution and the Basic Law Opportunities Forum
Hong Kong STEM Education Award Limited	Hong Kong Primary and Secondary School Basic Law Game Making Competition

New Home Association Kowloon West Service Centre	Let's get to know the Constitution and Basic Law
Hong Man Association	「基本法」青年同行計劃*
Youth's Origin Association	Bilingual Junior Reporter – The Constitution and the Basic Law Training Programme
Basic Law Foundation Limited	2024年12月「國家憲法日」電車廣告推廣活動*
Hong Kong Youth Nurture Association	「一國兩制」與《基本法》標語創作比賽2025*
鳳凰薈^	A Holistic Approach to National Security – Project of PLAY·STEM·LEARN
New Home Association Kowloon East Service Centre	Basic Law Community Ambassador Program
Chin Ching Association	《憲法》和《基本法》與您息息相關*
Joint Committee for the Promotion of the Constitution and Hong Kong Basic Law	The 22nd Basic Law Ambassador Training Scheme
Hong Kong Basic Law Foundation Limited	3rd Basic Law Speech Contest (Cantonese and Putonghua)
Basic Law Foundation Limited	2025年4月「《基本法》頒布紀念日」電車廣告推廣活動*
Hongkong Shine Tak Foundation Association Limited	善德基金會「一國兩制」教育計劃2025 - 「認識憲法、《基本法》- 與法治同行」系列活動*
Hong Kong Life Extension Association	「考基本、尋法寶」《基本法》推廣活動2025*
Research project	
Research organisation	Subject of research
Path of Democracy Limited	完成《基本法》第二十三條對「新聞自由」影響的研究*
Youth Council Limited	回歸前《基本法》制訂與政制發展的歷程研究*
Tsinghua Law Association (Hong Kong) Limited	主要普通法系地區的非非法披露國家秘密罪相關案例研究*
Hong Kong Huaxia Education Institute Limited	Patriotic Education and the Education of the “Three Laws” in the Digital New Era: A Case Study of Primary and Secondary Schools in Hong Kong

* The organisation in question only submitted the Chinese title for the project.

^ The organisation in question only has a Chinese name.

2025-26

Promotion activity	
Name of organisation	Title of project
鳳凰薈 [^]	Project of Exploration of the Constitution and a Holistic Approach to National Security of PLAY·STEM·LEARN
Kowloon Federation of Associations	「『國安·家好』社區推廣系列活動2025-2026」計劃*
Hong Kong Life Extension Association	「考基本·尋法寶」《基本法》推廣活動2026*
Hong Kong Youth Nurture Association	「一國兩制」與《基本法》標語創作比賽2026*
Hong Kong New Arrivals Services Foundation Limited	與「法」同行*
Basic Law Foundation Limited	「國家憲法日」電車廣告推廣活動*
Basic Law Foundation Limited	「《基本法》頒布紀念日」電車廣告推廣活動*
Hongkong Shine Tak Foundation Association Limited	善德基金會「一國兩制」教育計劃—「認識憲法、《基本法》—與法治同行」系列比賽2026*
Youth · Travel	「《基本法》與我」香港中小學生海報設計比賽 2026*
Yaumati Kaifong Association School	The Forest of Institutions: A School-wide Scripted Constitutional Education Program
Tsinghua Law Association (Hong Kong) Limited	二零二五年國家憲法日講座*
Youth's Origin Association	2 nd Junior Reporter – The Constitution and the Basic Law Training Program
The Hong Kong Federation of Youth Groups	Project Lift – Rule of Law & National Security Education Program
Hong Kong Basic Law Foundation Limited	第三屆《憲法》及《基本法》推廣計劃(大專)*
Research project	
Research organisation	Subject of research
PoD Research Institute Limited	一國兩制框架下香港發展成就的口述歷史研究*
Hong Kong Policy Research Institute Limited	“Successful Experiences and Theoretical Innovations of ‘One Country, Two Systems’ Practice in Hong Kong”
Basic Law Foundation Limited	香港融入國家發展大局研究*

* The organisation in question only submitted the Chinese title for the project.

[^] The organisation in question only has a Chinese name.

- End -

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

CMAB014

(Question Serial No. 2299)

Head: (144) Government Secretariat: Constitutional and Mainland Affairs Bureau

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (3) Mainland and Taiwan Offices

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Constitutional and Mainland Affairs (Ms Maggie WONG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Constitutional and Mainland Affairs

Question:

The Budget mentions that the Mainland Offices will promote the advantages of Hong Kong in the Mainland in 2026-27. In this connection, would the Government advise this Committee:

1. of the estimated expenditure, work plans and key performance indicators of the Mainland Offices in promoting Hong Kong's advantages in the Mainland for 2026-27;
2. of the staff establishment, actual expenditure and effectiveness of the Mainland Offices in promoting Hong Kong's advantages in the past 3 years; and
3. whether the Mainland Offices promoted Hong Kong's advantages in Chinese medicine development in the past 3 years; if so, of the details.

Asked by: Hon CHAN Wing-kwong (LegCo internal reference no.: 17)

Reply:

One of the key functions of the Mainland Offices of the HKSAR Government is to promote the advantages of Hong Kong. To this end, the Mainland Offices from time to time organise and participate in different forms of promotional activities, including seminars, exhibitions, film festivals, concerts, gala dinners etc., to tell Hong Kong's good stories comprehensively from multiple perspectives such as economy and trade, culture, arts, sports and tourism, and to encourage and attract Mainland talents and enterprises to explore more development opportunities in Hong Kong by leveraging on Hong Kong's unique position of enjoying strong support of the Motherland and being closely connected to the world under "One Country, Two Systems", as well as its high level of internationalisation, market-orientation, rule of law and professional services. In addition, the Mainland Offices make use of social media platforms in the Mainland, such as WeChat, Douyin, Bilibili, Xiaohongshu and Weibo, to provide updates on Hong Kong's economy and trade, culture, mega events and tourism for enhancing publicity effect.

2. In the past 3 years, all Mainland Offices completed the targets of the performance indicators on promoting Hong Kong’s strengths and opportunities in the Mainland set out in the Policy Addresses. Details are set out in the table below:

Indicator	2023 Actual number	2024 Actual number	2025 Actual number	2026
Visits to Mainland authorities or bodies	3 135 (3 000)	3 233 (3 200)	3 328 (3 300)	(3 400)
Speaking occasions attended	267 (260)	274 (270)	286 (280)	(290)
Media interviews or briefings given	325 (320)	332 (330)	341 (340)	(350)
Business and trade-related meetings participated	775 (760)	826 (800)	853 (850)	(880)

Note: Numbers in brackets denote the indicators for the respective year.

3. The activities organised by the Mainland Offices to promote the strengths of Hong Kong have achieved positive outcomes. For example, from June to November 2025, the Beijing Office organised the “Three Centres and a Hub – Serving National Strategies and Empowering Hong Kong’s Future” Roving Exhibition in 9 municipalities, including Tianjin, Changchun and Shenyang, with a total of over 1 million participants. In September 2025, the Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office (HKETO) in Guangdong served as a supporting unit of the “2025 Guangxi-ASEAN Brand Export Coordination Conference” and sent a representative to deliver a speech at the event, which was attended by over 400 entrepreneurs as well as representatives of businesses, chambers of commerce and associations from Guangxi, Guangdong, Hong Kong, Macao and ASEAN countries. In June and July 2025, the HKETO in Shanghai organised “Immersive Hong Kong” in Shanghai and Qingdao, enabling nearly 300 000 participants to explore Hong Kong’s unique opportunities and potential in tourism, education, business and investment. From December 2025 to January 2026, the HKETO in Chengdu organised the “Hong Kong: Bridge of Connections” Thematic Exhibition in Guiyang, with the number of participants reaching around 300 000. In September 2025, the HKETO in Wuhan set up “Hong Kong Pavilion” in the 10th China International Food & Catering Expo in Changsha, with the number of participants exceeding 150 000.

4. As promoting the strengths of Hong Kong is an integral part of the work of the Mainland Offices, the manpower and provision required cannot be singled out and itemised.

5. The promotional activities organised by the Mainland Offices primarily focus on the overall promotion of Hong Kong’s strengths. As regards promotional activities for individual field or sector in the Mainland, the Mainland Offices will actively provide

necessary assistance and support to relevant bureaux to tie in with their policies and initiatives.

- End -

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

CMAB015

(Question Serial No. 2941)

Head: (144) Government Secretariat: Constitutional and Mainland Affairs Bureau

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (2) Constitutional and Mainland Affairs

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Constitutional and Mainland Affairs (Ms Maggie WONG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Constitutional and Mainland Affairs

Question:

The Budget mentions that in 2026-27, the Constitutional and Mainland Affairs Bureau will continue to strengthen the promotion and co-ordination work in taking forward the development of the Greater Bay Area through the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area Development Office. In this connection, would the Government advise:

- (1) of the establishment and ranks of staff, emoluments and actual expenditure of the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area Development Office in the past 5 years;
- (2) of the estimated expenditure of the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area Development Office for 2026-27;
- (3) of the number, destinations, purposes and achievements of visits outside Hong Kong made by the Commissioner for the Development of the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area in the past 5 years;
- (4) of the details of work undertaken by the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area Development Office in promoting and co-ordinating the development of the Greater Bay Area in the past 5 years;
- (5) whether the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area Development Office organised activities in the past 5 years to promote the co-operative development of Chinese medicine in the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area or promote Hong Kong's advantages in Chinese medicine development; if so, of the details; and
- (6) how the Government reviews and enhances the work effectiveness of the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area Development Office.

Asked by: Hon CHAN Wing-kwong (LegCo internal reference no.: 14)

Reply:

(1) The staff establishment and expenditure of the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area Development Office (the Office) in the past 5 years are as follows:

Year	Staff establishment	Revised estimate		Total (\$ million)
		Staff cost on civil service posts (\$ million)	Other expenses (\$ million)	
2021-22	33	32	27.50	59.50
2022-23	33	32	41.25	73.25
2023-24	33	33	29.70	62.70
2024-25	31	33	30.10	63.10
2025-26	31	34	29.20	63.20

From 2021-22 to 2023-24, the staff establishment of the Office was 33, including 4 Administrative Officers Staff Grade A/B/C; 6 Senior Administrative Officers/Administrative Officers; 8 Chief Executive Officers/Senior Executive Officers/Executive Officers I; 3 Chief Information Officer/Senior Information Officer/Information Officer; 6 Assistant Clerical Officers; 5 Senior Personal Secretary/Personal Secretaries I/Personal Secretary II; and 1 Motor Driver. In 2024-25, the staff establishment of the Office was reduced to 31 following the deletion of 2 Senior Administrative Officer/Administrative Officer posts.

(2) In 2026-27, the estimated expenditure of the Office is about \$61.2 million.

(3) & (5) The Office has been promoting the opportunities brought about by the development of the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area (Greater Bay Area) to local, Mainland and overseas stakeholders through diversified and multi-media means, including traditional media, online channels such as the one-stop thematic website of the Greater Bay Area and the GBA Development Office Newsletters, as well as physical activities such as seminars and exhibitions, etc. For example, the GBA Development Office Newsletter (Issue January 2026) features the simultaneous launch of the Chinese Medicine Hospital of Hong Kong and the Government Chinese Medicines Testing Institute on 11 December 2025, enabling various sectors of the community to understand Hong Kong's role as a bridgehead for Chinese medicine to go global. In addition, the Office has continued to organise and participate in seminars to introduce the latest developments of the Greater Bay Area to business sector, professionals and investors interested in pursuing development in the Greater Bay Area.

Through duty visits and leveraging the extensive international networks of the Hong Kong Economic and Trade Offices overseas and various partnering organisations, the Office has highlighted Hong Kong's advantages in Greater Bay Area development, with a view to

attracting overseas talents, enterprises and capital to Hong Kong and tapping the opportunities brought about by the enormous market and rapid development of the Greater Bay Area. During 2021-22 and 2022-23, the Office's duty visits decreased as Hong Kong was affected by the COVID-19 epidemic. During that period, the Office made good use of online platforms to promote the development opportunities of the Greater Bay Area to the international community. Details of Mainland and overseas visits in the past 3 years are as follows:

Year	Number of visits	Destinations	Purposes
2023-24	27	Mainland (Guangzhou, Shenzhen, Zhuhai, Foshan, Huizhou, Dongguan, Jiangmen, Zhaoqing and Beijing), Macao, Germany (Munich), and Canada (Toronto)	Met with government agencies to foster exchange and co-operation; organised and attended various promotional activities such as seminars to introduce the opportunities in the Greater Bay Area, Hong Kong's unique strengths, and the support and services available to individuals, enterprises and start-ups, so as to attract enterprises, capital and talents to Hong Kong; and visited Greater Bay Area cities to learn about their latest developments.
2024-25	41	Mainland (Guangzhou, Shenzhen, Zhuhai, Foshan, Huizhou, Dongguan, Zhongshan and Beijing), Macao, France (Paris), United States (San Francisco), South Korea (Seoul), Malaysia (Kuala Lumpur), Australia (Melbourne), Vietnam (Ho Chi Minh City), and Thailand (Bangkok)	
2025-26	41	Mainland (Guangzhou, Shenzhen, Zhuhai, Foshan, Huizhou, Dongguan, Jiangmen, Zhaoqing, Beijing, Xi'an, Shanghai, Leshan and Chengdu), Macao, Malaysia (Kuala Lumpur), Laos (Vientiane), Hungary (Budapest), Egypt (Cairo), and Portugal (Lisbon)	

(4) & (6) The HKSAR Government attaches great importance to the high-quality development of the Greater Bay Area. Shortly upon the establishment of the current-term Government, the Chief Executive promptly set up the Steering Group on Integration into National Development (Steering Group) chaired by himself, to take forward and provide steer from the top level on the work on Hong Kong's integration into the overall national development, and dovetailing with key national strategies such as the development of the Greater Bay Area. The Office has been rendering full support to the work of the Steering Group in taking forward the development of the Greater Bay Area, as well as in monitoring

the implementation of various policy measures for fostering high-level connectivity in the Greater Bay Area. The Office will continue to co-ordinate the work of various bureaux of the HKSAR Government to promote the wider scope of integrated development and alignment of rules and mechanisms in the Greater Bay Area, and continue to maintain close liaison with relevant Central Ministries and Commissions, the Guangdong Provincial Government, and the Macao Special Administrative Region Government, and, under the spirit of complementarity and mutual benefits, strive to introduce more policy measures which are beneficial to Hong Kong and at the same time conducive to the development of our country and the Greater Bay Area. Specific achievements in 2025-26 include: the official opening of the Hetao Hong Kong Park, which serves as a strategic node in driving new quality productive forces in the Greater Bay Area and connecting global innovation and technology resources; the implementation of the “Southbound Travel for Guangdong Vehicles” scheme, which complements the “Northbound Travel for Hong Kong Vehicles” scheme to facilitate the two-way flow of residents of Guangdong and Hong Kong and achieve a higher level of connectivity of people and goods; the launch and continuous enhancement of the “Cross-boundary Wealth Management Connect Scheme 2.0” to further promote financial interconnectivity; the extension of the Elderly Health Care Voucher Greater Bay Area Pilot Scheme to cover more medical institutions in the nine Mainland cities of the Greater Bay Area; and the inclusion of more residential care homes for the elderly as Recognised Service Providers under the Residential Care Services Scheme in Guangdong.

In 2025, over 10 000 persons attended promotional and networking programmes that promoted opportunities in the Greater Bay Area, and the Constitutional and Mainland Affairs Bureau (CMAB) reached out to over 1 200 entrepreneurs and representatives of business firms. In 2026, the CMAB plans to promote the opportunities in the Greater Bay Area by organising and participating in promotional programmes and networking sessions to be attended by no less than 10 500 participants, and reaching out to no less than 1 250 entrepreneurs and representatives of business firms.

- End -

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

CMAB016

(Question Serial No. 1618)

Head: (144) Government Secretariat: Constitutional and Mainland Affairs Bureau

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (2) Constitutional and Mainland Affairs

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Constitutional and Mainland Affairs (Ms Maggie WONG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Constitutional and Mainland Affairs

Question:

1. Please set out the number of Mainland and overseas visits made by the Commissioner for the Development of the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area, the destinations, the details of visits (including purposes and officials or key figures met), and the total expenditure involved. Has evaluation been made of the specific effectiveness of such visits in promoting Hong Kong's participation in Greater Bay Area development? If so, what are the details? If not, will evaluation be made for this purpose?
2. Regarding the responsibility of the Commissioner for the Development of the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area to promote and co-ordinate the work of policy bureaux in taking forward the development of the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area, please set out the policy bureaux that the Commissioner has co-ordinated with, the policies involved, and the categories or items of relevant work. Has evaluation been made of the specific effectiveness of the Commissioner in assisting in the formulation, co-ordination and oversight of the overall policies, strategies and measures pertinent to the HKSAR's participation in taking forward Greater Bay Area development? If so, what are the details? If not, how will the Government further strengthen the Commissioner's co-ordinating role and enhance efficacy?
3. Please set out the professions and industries that the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area Development Office have liaised with and lined up to participate in exchange activities and programmes related to Greater Bay Area development, the details of such activities and programmes, and the staff establishment and expenditure involved. Has evaluation been made of the specific effectiveness of such organised activities? If so, what are the details? If not, how will the Government further optimise and enhance talent flow and industrial synergy in the Greater Bay Area?

Asked by: Hon CHAN Yung (LegCo internal reference no.: 2)

Reply:

1. The Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area Development Office (the Office) has been promoting the significant opportunities brought about by the development of the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area (Greater Bay Area) to local, Mainland and overseas stakeholders through diversified and multi-media means, including through duty visits and leveraging the extensive international networks of the Hong Kong Economic and Trade Offices overseas and various partnering organisations, to highlight Hong Kong's advantages in Greater Bay Area development, with a view to attracting overseas talents, enterprises and capital to Hong Kong and tapping the opportunities brought about by the enormous market and rapid development of the Greater Bay Area. Details of Mainland and overseas duty visits in 2025-26 are as follows:

Number of visits	Destinations	Purposes	Persons met	Expenditure (HK\$)
41	Mainland (Guangzhou, Shenzhen, Zhuhai, Foshan, Huizhou, Dongguan, Jiangmen, Zhaoqing, Beijing, Xi'an, Shanghai, Leshan and Chengdu), Macao, Malaysia (Kuala Lumpur), Laos (Vientiane), Hungary (Budapest), Egypt (Cairo), and Portugal (Lisbon)	Met with government agencies to foster exchange and co-operation; organised and attended various promotional activities such as seminars to introduce the opportunities in the Greater Bay Area, Hong Kong's unique strengths, and the support and services available to individuals, enterprises and start-ups, so as to attract enterprises, capital and talents to Hong Kong; and visited Greater Bay Area cities to learn about their latest developments.	Officials of Chinese embassies or consulates in the respective places; local government officials; and representatives of chambers of commerce, business and professional sectors as well as enterprises, youth, etc.	About 730,000

In 2025, over 10 000 persons attended promotional and networking programmes that promoted opportunities in the Greater Bay Area, and the Constitutional and Mainland Affairs Bureau (CMAB) reached out to over 1 200 entrepreneurs and representatives of business firms. In 2026, the CMAB plans to promote the opportunities in the Greater Bay Area by organising and participating in promotional programmes and networking sessions to be attended by no less than 10 500 participants, and reaching out to no less than 1 250 entrepreneurs and representatives of business firms.

2. The HKSAR Government attaches great importance to the high-quality development of the Greater Bay Area. Shortly upon the establishment of the current-term Government, the

Chief Executive promptly set up the Steering Group on Integration into National Development (Steering Group) chaired by himself to take forward and provide steer from the top level on the work on Hong Kong's integration into the overall national development, and dovetailing with key national strategies such as the development of the Greater Bay Area. The Office has been rendering full support to the work of the Steering Group in taking forward the development of the Greater Bay Area, as well as in monitoring the implementation of various policy measures for fostering high-level connectivity in the Greater Bay Area. The Office will continue to co-ordinate the work of various bureaux of the HKSAR Government to promote the wider scope of integrated development and alignment of rules and mechanisms in the Greater Bay Area, and continue to maintain close liaison with relevant Central Ministries and Commissions, the Guangdong Provincial Government, and the Macao Special Administrative Region Government, and, under the spirit of complementarity and mutual benefits, strive to introduce more policy measures which are beneficial to Hong Kong and at the same time conducive to the development of our country and the Greater Bay Area. Specific achievements in 2025-26 include: the official opening of the Hetao Hong Kong Park, which serves as a strategic node in driving new quality productive forces in the Greater Bay Area and connecting global innovation and technology resources; the implementation of the "Southbound Travel for Guangdong Vehicles" scheme, which complements the "Northbound Travel for Hong Kong Vehicles" scheme to facilitate the two-way flow of residents of Guangdong and Hong Kong and achieve a higher level of connectivity of people and goods; the launch and continuous enhancement of the "Cross-boundary Wealth Management Connect Scheme 2.0" to further promote financial interconnectivity; the extension of the Elderly Health Care Voucher Greater Bay Area Pilot Scheme to cover more medical institutions in the nine Mainland cities of the Greater Bay Area; and the inclusion of more residential care homes for the elderly as Recognised Service Providers under the Residential Care Services Scheme in Guangdong.

3. The Office maintains close liaison with chambers of commerce of various sectors, professional bodies, youth associations, etc. Through organising and participating in seminars, etc., the Office elucidates the significance and opportunities of Greater Bay Area development to Hong Kong. For example, the Office has collaborated with the Hong Kong Trade Development Council (HKTDC) to organise a number of "GoGBA Development Day" seminars in Hong Kong and the Mainland cities of the Greater Bay Area, promoting the significant opportunities brought about by the Greater Bay Area to Hong Kong people and enterprises, while providing participants with advisory services and opportunities to establish business connections. The Office and the HKTDC also co-organised "GoGBA Business Missions" for industry representatives to visit the Mainland cities of the Greater Bay Area including Shenzhen, Dongguan, Zhuhai and Huizhou, enabling them to learn about local developments in different realms and establish connections with Mainland officials and enterprises in the Greater Bay Area to explore opportunities for collaboration. In addition, in response to the development situations and needs of specific industries, the Office invited the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants and the Law Society of Hong Kong to serve as strategic partners to organise the "GoGBA Sector Series" seminars for Hong Kong's accounting and legal sectors, as well as business mission for the accounting sector, providing enterprises and professionals in the respective sectors with more specific and tailor-made information and support. In August 2025, the Office and the Hong Kong Science and Technology Parks Corporation co-organised the "Greater Bay Area AI+ & Investment Exchange Seminar", which analysed developments and investment opportunities in artificial intelligence technology, attracting the participation of over 250 representatives of

innovation and technology enterprises, experts, scholars and investors for exchanges. In January 2026, the Office held a seminar on the “Cross-Boundary Applications of the Low-altitude economy in the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area: Opportunities and Challenges”, inviting industry leaders and think-tanks (including the Greater Bay Area Low Altitude Economy Alliance and Our Hong Kong Foundation) to share their insights. Over 200 participants attended, fostering industry exchange and co-operation. In 2026-27, the Office will continue collaborating with different institutions and organisations to organise various activities to promote the opportunities brought about by Greater Bay Area development.

For 2026-27, the number of staff in the establishment of the Office is 30, and the estimated expenditure is about \$61.2 million.

- End -

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 1619)

Head: (144) Government Secretariat: Constitutional and Mainland Affairs Bureau

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (3) Mainland and Taiwan Offices

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Constitutional and Mainland Affairs (Ms Maggie WONG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Constitutional and Mainland Affairs

Question:

1. Please set out separately the details of activities organised and supported by each Mainland Office in the past 3 years for promoting Hong Kong (with a breakdown by place, collaborating organisation or institution, theme and category of activity or programme, and number of officials responsible), as well as the total expenditure involved. Has an assessment been made of the specific effectiveness of organising such activities? If so, what are the details? If not, how will the Government further optimise and enhance the Mainland Offices' major responsibilities of promoting Hong Kong's trade and commercial advantages and sharing good stories of Hong Kong etc?
2. Please set out separately the details of activities participated in by each Mainland Office in the past 3 years for promoting Hong Kong (with a breakdown by organiser, theme and category of activity or programme, and number of participating officials), as well as the total expenditure involved. Has an assessment been made of the specific effectiveness of participating in such activities? If so, what are the details? If not, will relevant key performance indicators be developed?
3. Please set out separately the quantity of information on Hong Kong disseminated by each Mainland Office through various social media platforms in the past 3 years (with a breakdown by social media platform, format (post or short video), and production mode (self-produced or reposted)), as well as the total expenditure involved. Has an assessment been made of the specific effectiveness of participating in such activities? If so, what are the details? If not, will relevant key performance indicators be developed?

Asked by: Hon CHAN Yung (LegCo internal reference no.: 4)

Reply:

One of the key functions of the Mainland Offices of the HKSAR Government is to promote the strengths of Hong Kong so as to encourage and attract Mainland enterprises to establish presence in Hong Kong. To this end, the Mainland Offices from time to time organise and participate in different forms of promotional activities, including seminars, exhibitions, film festivals, concerts, gala dinners etc., to tell Hong Kong's good stories comprehensively from multiple perspectives such as economy and trade, culture, arts, sports and tourism, and to encourage and attract Mainland talents and enterprises to explore more development opportunities in Hong Kong by leveraging on Hong Kong's unique position of enjoying strong support of the Motherland and being closely connected to the world under "One Country, Two Systems", as well as its high level of internationalisation, market-orientation, rule of law and professional services.

2. In the past 3 years, all Mainland Offices completed the targets of the performance indicators on promoting Hong Kong's strengths and opportunities in the Mainland set out in the Policy Addresses. Details are set out in the table below:

Indicator	2023	2024	2025
	Actual number	Actual number	Actual number
Visits to Mainland authorities or bodies	3 135 (3 000)	3 233 (3 200)	3 328 (3 300)
Speaking occasions attended	267 (260)	274 (270)	286 (280)
Media interviews or briefings given	325 (320)	332 (330)	341 (340)
Business and trade-related meetings participated	775 (760)	826 (800)	853 (850)

Note: Numbers in brackets denote the indicators for the respective year.

Besides, the numbers of activities organised or participated in by the Mainland Offices to promote the advantages of Hong Kong in the past 3 years are as follows:

Year	Seminars, exhibitions and workshops related to enhancing trade opportunities		Public relations or cultural functions/events	
	Organised by the Mainland Offices	Participated in by the Mainland Offices	Organised by the Mainland Offices	Participated in by the Mainland Offices
2023	160	528	618	884

Year	Seminars, exhibitions and workshops related to enhancing trade opportunities		Public relations or cultural functions/events	
	Organised by the Mainland Offices	Participated in by the Mainland Offices	Organised by the Mainland Offices	Participated in by the Mainland Offices
2024	162	541	622	893
2025	167	556	635	911
2026 (Estimate)	177	576	655	940

3. The activities organised by the Mainland Offices have achieved positive outcomes. For example, from June to November 2025, the Beijing Office organised the “Three Centres and a Hub – Serving National Strategies and Empowering Hong Kong’s Future” Roving Exhibition in 9 municipalities, including Tianjin, Changchun and Shenyang, with a total of over 1 million participants. In September 2025, the Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office (HKETO) in Guangdong served as a supporting unit of the “2025 Guangxi-ASEAN Brand Export Coordination Conference” and sent a representative to deliver a speech at the event, which was attended by over 400 entrepreneurs as well as representatives of businesses, chambers of commerce and associations from Guangxi, Guangdong, Hong Kong, Macao and ASEAN countries. In June and July 2025, the HKETO in Shanghai organised “Immersive Hong Kong” in Shanghai and Qingdao, enabling nearly 300 000 participants to explore Hong Kong’s unique opportunities and potential in tourism, education, business and investment. From December 2025 to January 2026, the HKETO in Chengdu organised the “Hong Kong: Bridge of Connections” Thematic Exhibition in Guiyang, with the number of participants reaching around 300 000. In September 2025, the HKETO in Wuhan set up “Hong Kong Pavilion” in the 10th China International Food & Catering Expo in Changsha, with the number of participants exceeding 150 000.

4. In 2026-27, the Mainland Offices will continue to enhance the aforementioned work. As promoting the strengths of Hong Kong is an integral part of the work of the Mainland Offices, the provision required has not been singled out and itemised. We will continue to review the effectiveness of the Mainland Offices, and make appropriate arrangements and adjustments as necessary to achieve the best results.

5. The Mainland Offices have strived to make use of diversified channels and multimedia to promote Hong Kong and share good stories of Hong Kong on all fronts. In the light of the wide use of social media in the Mainland, the Mainland Offices from time to time disseminate information, newsletters, press releases, etc. to promote Hong Kong on social media platforms, including WeChat Official Accounts, Xiaohongshu and Weibo. In the past 3 years, each Mainland Office on average published 1 to 2 posts per day on its WeChat Official Account. In 2025, the WeChat Official Accounts of the 5 Mainland Offices recorded a total viewership of over 21.61 million. Popular posts/videos include a Weibo advertisement posted by the HKETO in Chengdu promoting talent admission schemes, which recorded over 2.2 million views; a Weibo post by the HKETO in Shanghai promoting the

“Immersive Hong Kong” roving exhibition, which recorded 200 000 views; a post published by the Beijing Office on Xiaohongshu commemorating the 28th anniversary of the establishment of the HKSAR, which received nearly 8 000 likes; and a video uploaded by the HKETO in Guangdong on WeChat Channels promoting the Northern Metropolis, which received approximately 3 000 shares.

6. One of the performance indicators for the Mainland Offices in promoting Hong Kong’s advantages is the number of newsletters/pamphlets/press releases issued in printed form and via social media platforms. The number of newsletters/pamphlets/press releases issued by the Mainland Offices in 2025 was 4 318, and the projected number for 2026 is 4 450. The expenses incurred by social media promotion have been included in the Mainland Offices’ operating and publicity expenditures, which cannot be singled out and itemised.

- End -

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

CMAB018

(Question Serial No. 1620)

Head: (144) Government Secretariat: Constitutional and Mainland Affairs Bureau

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (3) Mainland and Taiwan Offices

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Constitutional and Mainland Affairs (Ms Maggie WONG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Constitutional and Mainland Affairs

Question:

1. Please set out separately the number of requests for assistance from Hong Kong people and enterprises received and the number of assistance cases handled by each Mainland Office in the past 3 years (with a breakdown by type of assistance case, average processing time, and Mainland government department or institution contacted), as well as the total expenditure involved. Have analysis and evaluation been conducted to identify the reasons behind and patterns of Hong Kong people and enterprises seeking assistance, and to propose improvement measures to enhance the Mainland Offices' efficacy in supporting Hong Kong people in the Mainland and handling emergencies? If so, what are the details? If not, will relevant analysis and evaluation be conducted?
2. Regarding the Mainland Offices' performance in responding to enquiries from Hong Kong people and enterprises, please set out separately the number of enquiries received by each Office in the past 3 years (2023 to 2025) (with a breakdown by type of enquiry content and identity and background of enquirer), as well as the total expenditure involved. Has evaluation been made of the specific effectiveness of handling enquiries, such as through satisfaction surveys, enquiry resolution rates or success rates of subsequent business referral? If so, what are the details? If not, will the Government consider introducing the relevant evaluation mechanism?

Asked by: Hon CHAN Yung (LegCo internal reference no.: 5)

Reply:

The numbers of requests for assistance received by the Mainland Offices of the HKSAR Government in the past 3 years are set out in the table below:

Office	Year	Assistance cases which were related to immigration and personal safety matters	Other assistance cases	Total
Beijing Office	2023	84	15	99
	2024	79	11	90
	2025	77	19	96
Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office in Guangdong	2023	225	60	285
	2024	137	47	184
	2025	149	41	190
Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office in Shanghai	2023	75	21	96
	2024	83	9	92
	2025	77	19	96
Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office in Chengdu	2023	27	4	31
	2024	34	8	42
	2025	45	2	47
Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office in Wuhan	2023	17	18	35
	2024	28	5	33
	2025	15	5	20

“Assistance cases which were related to immigration and personal safety matters” refer to emergency assistance in relation to accidents (e.g. traffic accidents or fire) or other emergencies (e.g. robbery, assault, etc.), while “Other assistance cases” include commercial and trade disputes, complaints relating to real estate, and complaints against authorities in the Mainland, etc.

2. The Mainland Offices will, having regard to the nature and actual circumstances of each assistance case, provide appropriate support and assistance to the persons concerned as soon as practicable. Given that each case varies in nature and requires different follow-up actions and assistance, we did not specifically compile consolidated statistics and conduct analysis on handling of these cases.

3. The numbers of enquiries received by the Mainland Offices of the HKSAR Government in the past 3 years are set out in the table below. As most enquiries are simple in nature, they can be handled and responded to promptly. Should there be other needs or special circumstances, the respective Offices will follow up and handle the cases as requests for assistance. As such, we did not conduct evaluation and analysis on the handling of enquiry cases. Nevertheless, we will continue to review from time to time the effectiveness of relevant work, and make appropriate arrangements and adjustments as necessary to achieve the best results.

Category of enquiry	2023	2024	2025
Information about the Mainland	1 954	1 738	1 383
Relating to commerce, trade and economy	2 890	2 846	2 965
Information about the HKSAR Government and organisations	4 319	2 863	2 673
Other enquiries/expression of opinion	3 206	3 193	2 922

4. As supporting Hong Kong people and enterprises in the Mainland is an integral part of the work of the Mainland Offices, the provision required has not been singled out and itemised.

- End -

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

CMAB019

(Question Serial No. 1621)

Head: (144) Government Secretariat: Constitutional and Mainland Affairs Bureau

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (3) Mainland and Taiwan Offices

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Constitutional and Mainland Affairs (Ms Maggie WONG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Constitutional and Mainland Affairs

Question:

1. While the Hong Kong Economic, Trade and Cultural Office in Taiwan has temporarily suspended its operation, did the Bureau receive any requests for assistance from Hong Kong people and enterprises in Taiwan in the past 3 years? If so, what is the number of requests for assistance?

Asked by: Hon CHAN Yung (LegCo internal reference no.: 6)

Reply:

While the Hong Kong Economic, Trade and Cultural Office in Taipei has suspended operation with effect from May 2021, it does not affect communication and liaison between the two places on a case-by-case basis when necessary, for example, provision of appropriate assistance for the Hong Kong people and their families when Hong Kong people are in distress in Taiwan. According to data provided by the Security Bureau, the Assistance to Hong Kong Residents Unit (AHU) of the Immigration Department received in the past 3 years a total of 154 requests for assistance from Hong Kong people in distress in Taiwan. The AHU has, on a case-by-case basis, provided appropriate and practical assistance to assistance seekers and their families.

- End -

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

CMAB020

(Question Serial No. 1622)

Head: (144) Government Secretariat: Constitutional and Mainland Affairs Bureau

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (5) Subvention: Equal Opportunities Commission and Office of the Privacy Commissioner for Personal Data

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Constitutional and Mainland Affairs (Ms Maggie WONG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Constitutional and Mainland Affairs

Question:

1. In the age of artificial intelligence, technological development has given rise to personal data privacy risks and security risks, but small and medium enterprises (SMEs) lack awareness of such risks and the tools to address them. In this connection, please provide details of the work undertaken by the Office of the Privacy Commissioner for Personal Data (PCPD) in the past 3 years to enhance SMEs' awareness and capabilities in personal data protection (with a breakdown by theme and category of activity or programme organised and supported, collaborating organisation or institution, category of industry participating in activity or programme, and number of participants), as well as the total expenditure involved.
2. Has evaluation been made of the specific effectiveness of organising such activities or programmes, such as through participation rates or satisfaction surveys? If so, what are the details? If not, will the Government consider introducing the relevant evaluation mechanism to enhance the effectiveness of PCPD's promotional, educational and supporting work for SMEs in the area of personal data protection?

Asked by: Hon CHAN Yung (LegCo internal reference no.: 8)

Reply:

1. & 2. Details of the major activities/seminars organised by the Office of the Privacy Commissioner for Personal Data (PCPD) that were open to small and medium enterprises (SMEs) in the past 3 years, as well as the overall satisfaction ratings, are set out at **Annex**. As the expenditure involved in these activities/seminars is subsumed under the recurrent expenditure, a separate breakdown is not available. The PCPD will continue to organise various promotional and educational activities in the coming year to further enhance SMEs' awareness and capabilities in personal data protection.

Activities/seminars

Date	Name of activity/ seminar	Theme	Activity nature	Sector	Collaborating organisation (if any)	No. of participants	Overall satisfaction rating
2023							
Mar	Webinar on “Protection of Personal Data Privacy for the Estate Agency Sector”	Personal data processing	Seminar	Estate agency sector	Co-organised with the Estate Agents Authority	346	100%
May	Webinar on “Review and Practical Implementation of the Mainland’s Personal Information Protection Law”	Introduction of Mainland laws and regulations	Seminar	All sectors	-	130	98%
Jul	Privacy Awareness Week 2023 – relevant items include: - Seminar on “Cybersecurity in Web 3.0 and Data Breach Handling”	Cyber data security	Seminar	All sectors	-	193	100%
Aug	“Privacy-Friendly Awards 2023” Presentation Ceremony	Privacy management system	Awards presentation ceremony	All sectors	-	280	-
Oct	Webinar on “Review of the Implementation of the EU’s General Data Protection Regulation and the Way Forward”	Introduction of EU laws and regulations	Seminar	All sectors	-	140	96%
Oct	Experience Sharing Session on “Using Standard Contracts for Transferring Personal Information Out of the Mainland”	Transferring personal information out of the Mainland	Seminar	All sectors	-	110	100%

Date	Name of activity/ seminar	Theme	Activity nature	Sector	Collaborating organisation (if any)	No. of participants	Overall satisfaction rating
Nov	Seminar on “Enhancing Data Security to Prevent Cyber Attacks”	Cyber data security	Seminar	All sectors	-	537	99%
Nov	Experience Sharing Session on Good Data Governance by Privacy-Friendly Awardees	Data governance	Seminar	All sectors	-	163	97%
Whole year	Introduction to the Personal Data (Privacy) Ordinance (PD(P)O) Seminar (13 in total)	Introduction of PD(P)O	Seminar	All sectors	-	1 295	100%
Whole year	Professional workshop (27 in total)	Practices in handling personal data	Workshop	All sectors	-	685	99%

Date	Name of activity/ seminar	Theme	Activity nature	Sector	Collaborating organisation (if any)	No. of participants	Overall satisfaction rating
2024							
Jan	International Conference on “Enhancing Personal Data Protection in the Age of Artificial Intelligence”	Artificial intelligence (AI) security	Conference	Legal and information technology sectors	Co-organised with the Programme on Artificial Intelligence and the Law of the Faculty of Law and the AI & Humanity Lab of the University of Hong Kong	330	-
Mar	Medical and Healthcare Sector – Experience Sharing Session on Good Data Governance	Data governance	Seminar	Medical and healthcare sector	-	184	99%
Mar	Seminar on “Responding to Cyber Security Threats and Data Breaches”	Cyber data security	Seminar	All sectors	-	881	99%
Apr	Seminar on “Cross-boundary Flow of Personal Information Within the Greater Bay Area”	Cross-boundary flow of information within the Greater Bay Area	Seminar	All sectors	-	137	97%
May	Seminar on “Lessons from Data Breach Cases and Recommended Data Security Measures”	Data security	Seminar	All sectors	-	1 101	99%
May	Privacy Awareness Week 2024 – relevant items include: - “Data Security Trio” (i.e. the “Data Security Scanner” self-assessment toolkit, the	Data security	Various natures	All sectors	-	-	-

Date	Name of activity/ seminar	Theme	Activity nature	Sector	Collaborating organisation (if any)	No. of participants	Overall satisfaction rating
	Data Security thematic webpage and the “Data Security Hotline”) - Build a Secure Cyberspace 2024 “Together, We Create a Safe Cyberworld” Webinar						
Jul	Seminar on “Lessons from Data Breach Cases and Recommended Data Security Measures”	Data security	Seminar	All sectors	-	624	100%
Jul	Seminar on “AI and Privacy Protection: Balancing Innovation and Safety”	AI security	Seminar	All sectors	-	935	99%
Aug	Privacy management for the banking sector – Seminar on how to handle data breach incidents	Data security	Seminar	Banking sector	-	140	-
Aug	Seminar on “Data Protection and Data Access Request”	Data security	Seminar	Banking sector	Co-organised with the Hong Kong Institute of Bankers	600	-
Sep	Experience Sharing Session for Businesses on “AI and Personal Data Privacy”	AI security	Seminar	All sectors	-	332	97%
Whole year	Introduction to the PD(P)O Seminar (14 in total)	Introduction of PD(P)O	Seminar	All sectors	-	2 034	99%
Whole year	Professional workshop (27 in total)	Practices in handling personal data	Workshop	All sectors	-	865	99%

Date	Name of activity/ seminar	Theme	Activity nature	Sector	Collaborating organisation (if any)	No. of participants	Overall satisfaction rating
2025							
Mar	Data Security Training Series for SMEs – Seminar on “Prevention of Cyber Attacks for SMEs”	Cyber data security	Seminar	All sectors	Co-organised with the Hong Kong Productivity Council	398	99%
Apr	Seminar on “Good Practices in Privacy Protection in the Use of AI”	AI security	Seminar	All sectors	-	280	100%
Jun	Data Security Training Series for SMEs – Seminar on “Understanding Data Security and Privacy Risks Related to AI for SMEs”	AI security	Seminar	All sectors	Co-organised with the Hong Kong Productivity Council	405	98%
Jun	Privacy Awareness Week 2025 – relevant items include: - Thematic website on “AI Security” - Seminar on “Protecting Personal Data Privacy – Challenges and Opportunities in the Digital Era” - Seminar on “AI Driven Education & Cybersecurity Challenges in AI: Balancing Innovation and Data Protection”	AI security and other issues related to personal data privacy	Various natures	All sectors	Co-organised with City University of Hong Kong Press/ Information Technology Services – Data Protection Office of the University of Hong Kong	266	-
Jul	“Privacy-Friendly Awards 2025” Presentation Ceremony	Data security	Awards presentation ceremony	All sectors	-	352	-

Date	Name of activity/ seminar	Theme	Activity nature	Sector	Collaborating organisation (if any)	No. of participants	Overall satisfaction rating
Aug	Public Seminar on “How to Address New Privacy Challenges in the AI Era”	AI security	Seminar	All sectors	-	576	99%
Oct	“BugHunting Campaign 2025” Awards Gala	Cyber-security	Cyber vulnerability scanning	All sectors	PCPD as strategic partner	185	-
Nov	Data Security Training Series for SMEs – Seminar on “How Can SMEs Respond to Data Breach Incidents”	Handling of data breach incidents	Seminar	All sectors	Co-organised with the Hong Kong Productivity Council	322	100%
Dec	From Policy to Practice: Experience Sharing Session on Data Governance by Privacy-Friendly Awardees 2025	Data governance	Seminar	All sectors	-	199	100%
Whole year	Introduction to the PD(P)O Seminar (14 in total)	Introduction of PD(P)O	Seminar	All sectors	-	2 763	99%
Whole year	Professional workshop (27 in total)	Practices in handling personal data	Workshop	All sectors	-	799	100%

- End -

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

CMAB021

(Question Serial No. 1632)

Head: (144) Government Secretariat: Constitutional and Mainland Affairs Bureau

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: Not Specified

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Constitutional and Mainland Affairs (Ms Maggie WONG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Constitutional and Mainland Affairs

Question:

What was/will be the expenditure in 2025-26 and 2026-27 on enhancing Hong Kong's historic sites related to the War of Resistance (e.g. construction of more memorial pavilions and monuments)?

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

Reply:

Last year marked the 80th anniversary of victory in the War of Resistance. The HKSAR Government launched a series of commemorative activities under the theme "remembering history, honouring martyrs, cherishing peace, and creating a great future", which included systematically organising, restoring and promoting 49 historic sites of the Communist Party of China in the War of Resistance in Hong Kong. Looking forward, the HKSAR Government will continue to review and restore the historic sites of the Communist Party of China in the War of Resistance in various districts of Hong Kong, exploring the organic integration of these valuable resources into local tourism and educational activities, with a view to deepening public understanding of the history of the War of Resistance on one hand, and promoting characteristic tourism on the other. The work of reviewing and restoring the historic sites of the War of Resistance involves various bureaux and departments, and the related expenditure is absorbed by the overall provision of the respective bureaux and departments. The Bureau has not maintained relevant breakdown figures.

- End -

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

CMAB022

(Question Serial No. 2799)

Head: (144) Government Secretariat: Constitutional and Mainland Affairs Bureau

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (1) Director of Bureau's Office

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Constitutional and Mainland Affairs (Ms Maggie WONG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Constitutional and Mainland Affairs

Question:

1. The revised estimate for 2025-26 is over 10% lower than the original estimate. Please advise of the reasons and the policies or work items affected, and how to ensure the work in supporting the Director of Bureau is not affected.

Asked by: Hon CHAN Yung (LegCo internal reference no.: 1)

Reply:

For Programme (1) "Director of Bureau's Office" of the Constitutional and Mainland Affairs Bureau, the revised estimate for 2025-26 is lower than the original estimate. This is mainly due to the lower actual expenditure on salary in 2025-26 arising from the continued vacancy of the Political Assistant post in that year. The relevant work has been shared amongst other staff in the Bureau to ensure that the Bureau's policies or work items as well as the work in supporting the Director of Bureau in that year are not affected.

- End -

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

CMAB023

(Question Serial No. 2800)

Head: (144) Government Secretariat: Constitutional and Mainland Affairs Bureau

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (3) Mainland and Taiwan Offices

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Constitutional and Mainland Affairs (Ms Maggie WONG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Constitutional and Mainland Affairs

Question:

1. Please set out the work effectiveness of the Dedicated Teams for Attracting Businesses and Talents of the Mainland Offices (with a breakdown by the Hong Kong people studying or working in the Mainland who were contacted or reached out to, the category of profession and industry of those contacted, the type of activity and programme organised or participated in, and the specific support services), as well as the staff establishment and expenditure involved.
2. Has evaluation been made of the specific effectiveness of the Teams in attracting and assisting target enterprises and talents to come to Hong Kong? If so, what are the details? If not, will performance indicators be set for this purpose?

Asked by: Hon CHAN Yung (LegCo internal reference no.: 3)

Reply:

The Dedicated Teams for Attracting Businesses and Talents (the Teams) of the Mainland Offices of the HKSAR Government are responsible for providing support to the Office for Attracting Strategic Enterprises under the Financial Secretary, Invest Hong Kong (InvestHK) under the Commerce and Economic Development Bureau, and other relevant bureaux in their work to attract businesses, investment and talents. On attracting businesses and investment, InvestHK and the Teams actively leverage Hong Kong's roles as a "super connector" and a "super value-adder", and collaborate with relevant organisations, chambers of commerce, and professional bodies, etc. to organise investment promotion activities, including meetings, conferences, roadshows, seminars, exhibitions, etc., so as to proactively provide potential investors and enterprises in the Mainland with the latest information on Hong Kong's business environment and promote Hong Kong's distinctive advantages of enjoying strong support of the Motherland and being closely connected to the world and other core strengths under "One Country, Two Systems", with a view to attracting Mainland enterprises to set up or expand their businesses in Hong Kong.

2. According to InvestHK, the actual figures of the indicators set for the Teams of the Mainland Offices in 2025, i.e. “new projects generated” and “projects completed”, were 366 projects and 255 projects respectively. The completed projects covered various sectors, mainly including financial services and fintech, family office, and innovation and technology. In 2026, the indicators of “new projects generated” and “projects completed” for the Teams of the Mainland Offices are 384 projects and 295 projects respectively.

3. In addition, the Mainland Offices work with the Office for Attracting Strategic Enterprises and the Hong Kong Talent Engage to actively reach out to talents and provide them with information and services in order to proactively assist them to pursue development in Hong Kong. The Mainland Offices also organise different activities, such as symposiums, forums and exchange sessions, and adopt a more proactive strategy to identify and approach potential talents, introducing to them Hong Kong’s business advantages and talent policies. Besides, through online media and social media platforms, the Mainland Offices actively promote Hong Kong’s advantages and provide updates on Hong Kong in the Mainland, such as policy measures, details of mega events, the Central Government’s preferential policies and measures for Hong Kong, etc., with a view to encouraging talents to pursue development and explore opportunities in Hong Kong. In 2025, the Mainland Offices participated in or organised over 300 activities on Hong Kong’s talent schemes and received 5 870 related enquiries. In 2026, the Mainland Offices will continue with the work on actively promoting the talent schemes.

4. In 2025-26, the staff of the Teams of the 5 Mainland Offices comprises a total of 35 civil servants and locally-engaged staff members. As the work on attracting businesses and talents is an integral part of the work of the Mainland Offices, the provision required cannot be singled out and itemised.

- End -

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

CMAB024

(Question Serial No. 2801)

Head: (144) Government Secretariat: Constitutional and Mainland Affairs Bureau

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (4) Rights of the Individual

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Constitutional and Mainland Affairs (Ms Maggie WONG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Constitutional and Mainland Affairs

Question:

1. The revised estimate for 2025-26 is over 16% lower than the original estimate. Please advise of the reasons and the policies or work items affected, and whether the Bureau's work in co-ordinating and overseeing the implementation of government policies on the rights of the individual has been affected.

Asked by: Hon CHAN Yung (LegCo internal reference no.: 7)

Reply:

1. The main reason for the 16.3% decrease in the revised estimate for 2025-26 compared with the original estimate is that the Bureau had to focus on a number of important tasks last year, necessitating a reprioritisation of work; and there is also a decrease in manpower costs due to staff changes. The Bureau's work in co-ordinating and overseeing the rights of the individual has not been affected, and the work to promote public education and encourage community participation will continue this year.

- End -

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

CMAB025

(Question Serial No. 0176)

Head: (144) GS: Constitutional and Mainland Affairs Bureau

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (2) Constitutional and Mainland Affairs

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Constitutional and Mainland Affairs
(Ms Maggie WONG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Constitutional and Mainland Affairs

Question:

Regarding the promotion of patriotic education at the community level, would the Government advise this Committee of:

1. the ratio of expenditure on hardware facilities (e.g. museums, exhibition halls and national education centres) to that on software development (e.g. curriculum development, professional training for teachers and student exchange tours to the Mainland);
2. the total amount of funding granted to community organisations, associations of Chinese fellow townsmen or non-governmental organisations for promoting national education over the past 3 years to date, as well as the criteria for approving such funded projects, the funding ceiling and the monitoring mechanism; and
3. the expenditure on producing promotional videos, leaflets and social media content related to patriotic education.

Asked by: Hon CHU Lap-wai (LegCo internal reference no.: 103)

Reply:

The HKSAR Government attaches great importance to the promotion of patriotic education and endeavours to build mainstream values in Hong Kong characterised by patriotism with affection for our country and Hong Kong and in conformity with the principle of “One Country, Two Systems”. Since its establishment in April 2024, the Working Group on Patriotic Education (Working Group) has taken forward the relevant work in a proactive manner and proposed various short, medium and long-term policy measures in relation to patriotic education having regard to the actual circumstances of Hong Kong. The Government has not set a ratio of expenditure on hardware facilities to that on software development.

2. The Government highly encourages community organisations to promote patriotic education together. In particular, the Home and Youth Affairs Bureau (HYAB) and the Committee on the Promotion of Civic Education (CPCE) have been co-operating closely to promote civic and national education (including patriotic education) outside schools and in the community through different channels and in a diversified manner, and sponsor eligible organisations to organise related activities through the Community Participation Scheme. According to information provided by the HYAB, the expenditure approved under the Community Participation Scheme for promoting national education over the past 3 years to date is as follows:

Year	Expenditure on promoting national education (\$ million)
2023-24	11.42
2024-25	11.69
2025-26	10.05

The maximum funding support approved for each project is \$300,000, while the minimum is \$50,000.

3. In the vetting process, the CPCE will take into account whether the project could deliver the key messages, its content and cost-effectiveness, relevant experience of the applicant organisation, activity arrangements, etc., to determine whether the project will be funded and the funding amount. The HYAB and the CPCE have been monitoring the effectiveness of various projects in promoting civic and national education. Apart from reviewing project reports, financial reports and reports on participants' feedback submitted by funded organisations, the CPCE members also monitor the conduct of activities and submit their evaluation reports to the CPCE afterwards.

4. The Working Group has been actively conducting publicity work on patriotic education through relevant bureaux and departments by different approaches and channels, including promotional video, mini-drama and social media. For example, the Information Services Department (ISD) produced a one-minute TV Announcement in the Public Interest themed on the song "Our Home", which was broadcast on local TV channels and uploaded to the ISD's social media platforms to widely promote the message of "Love our Country, Love Hong Kong, Love our Community". Also, the Constitutional and Mainland Affairs Bureau collaborated with the ISD to produce the karaoke version of "Our Home" for uploading to social media platforms. In addition, the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) has, through social media pages created by its service units including the Chinese Culture Promotion Office and museums, promoted activities on Chinese culture and history organised by the LCSD or held at its venues, with a view to enhancing the public's sense of national identity and cultural confidence. Last year, relevant bureaux and departments produced different types of publicity materials to promote patriotic education taking the opportunities of the 60th Anniversary of Dongjiang Water Supply to Hong Kong, the 80th Anniversary of Victory in the Chinese People's War of Resistance against Japanese Aggression and the World Anti-Fascist War, and the 15th National Games etc. As the relevant work is an

integral part of the work of the respective bureaux, the provision required has not been singled out and itemised.

- End -

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

CMAB026

(Question Serial No. 2316)

Head: (144) Government Secretariat: Constitutional and Mainland Affairs Bureau

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

Programme: (2) Constitutional and Mainland Affairs

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Constitutional and Mainland Affairs (Ms Maggie WONG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Constitutional and Mainland Affairs

Question:

The 2026-27 Budget mentions that the HKSAR Government is proactively preparing for the formulation and alignment work on the National 15th Five-Year Plan, so as to enable the HKSAR to more actively integrate into the overall national development. In this connection, please advise this Committee:

1. of the bureaux and departments participating in the task force established by the HKSAR Government for aligning with the National 15th Five-Year Plan, and the staff establishment and estimated expenditure for the relevant work;
2. of the key development areas and priority directions that the HKSAR Government has identified for Hong Kong's alignment with the National 15th Five-Year Plan, and the progress of the related preliminary research and planning work; and
3. when the HKSAR Government will complete the overall proposal for the alignment work with the 15th Five-Year Plan and brief the Legislative Council on the progress.

Asked by: Hon CHU Lap-wai (LegCo internal reference no.: 1)

Reply:

This year marks the beginning of the National 15th Five-Year Plan. The Chief Executive is leading the HKSAR Government in formulating Hong Kong's Five-year Plan, which will provide a systematic policy framework for proactive alignment with the National 15th Five-Year Plan, and map out strategic initiatives of greater comprehensiveness, higher precision and in finer detail for key development areas. Hong Kong's Five-year Plan will be an important document that is macroscopic, strategic and forward-looking, outlining Hong Kong's development vision, core objectives, key areas and major initiatives for the coming 5 years, and providing a clear roadmap and timetable for Hong Kong's social, economic and livelihood development. It requires whole-of-government, cross-departmental and multi-sectoral input and collaboration.

2. On the Chief Executive's directive, all bureaux have established their formulation teams. These formulation teams are now thoroughly studying the Outline of the National 15th Five-Year Plan to map out how to dovetail with the country's overall development strategies for the next 5 years. In the course of formulating Hong Kong's Five-year Plan, the Legislative Council is certainly our important partner. Under the executive-led system, we will establish a collaborative research and public opinion gathering mechanism between the Government and the Legislative Council, giving full play to positive interaction and complementary partnership between the executive and the legislature. Under the collaborative mechanism, the Constitutional and Mainland Affairs Bureau and relevant bureaux will work with the Legislative Council through a co-operative platform. The formulation of Hong Kong's Five-year Plan involves the whole government. The related expenditure and staff establishment are absorbed by the overall provision of the respective bureaux and departments. The Bureau has not maintained relevant breakdown figures.

- End -

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

CMAB027

(Question Serial No. 2317)

Head: (144) Government Secretariat: Constitutional and Mainland Affairs Bureau

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (2) Constitutional and Mainland Affairs, (3) Mainland and Taiwan Offices

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Constitutional and Mainland Affairs (Ms Maggie WONG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Constitutional and Mainland Affairs

Question:

The 2026-27 Budget mentions that regional co-operation with the Mainland will be strengthened to facilitate Hong Kong's active integration into the overall national development, and that the Mainland Offices will continue to provide support to Hong Kong residents and enterprises. In this connection, please advise this Committee:

1. of the estimated numbers of policy briefings, investment promotion events and exchange activities to be organised by each Mainland Office for Hong Kong residents and enterprises in 2026-27, and the respective estimated expenditure and manpower arrangement involved;
2. given the new opportunities for the development of industries in the Greater Bay Area under the National 15th Five-Year Plan, of the specific plans of each Mainland Office to assist Hong Kong's small and medium enterprises in dovetailing with the Mainland market, and the timetable and estimated expenditure involved; and
3. whether the HKSAR Government will establish new Mainland Offices or optimise the service network of the existing Mainland Offices in 2026-27; if so, of the details and estimated expenditure involved; if not, of the reasons.

Asked by: Hon CHU Lap-wai (LegCo internal reference no.: 2)

Reply:

The Mainland Offices of the HKSAR Government have all along been striving to maintain close liaison with associations, chambers of commerce and enterprises of Hong Kong people in the Mainland, and to understand through various types of activities their business, working and living situation, and provide appropriate assistance as required. The Mainland Offices also convey the living and development needs of Hong Kong people to the Mainland authorities and strive for the full implementation of facilitation measures for Hong

Kong people. To assist Hong Kong people to better adapt to local life, the Mainland Offices have compiled booklets of practical information on everyday life, with electronic version published on their websites and social media platforms. In addition, the Mainland Offices organise different events such as trade seminars and investment promotion meetings, etc., and offer support and sponsorship as appropriate to the activities organised by associations of Hong Kong people such as cultural events, annual dinners and visits. Besides, the Mainland Offices render practical assistance to Hong Kong residents in distress or in need of help, and provide HKSAR passport application/collection services to Hong Kong residents in the Mainland.

2. Furthermore, the Mainland Offices have been proactively serving as important bridges between Hong Kong and the Mainland. Apart from enhancing communication and liaison with counterparts in the Mainland, the Mainland Offices closely monitor and collect the latest information on policies and regulations, economic development and trade activities, and timely disseminate such information to Hong Kong enterprises in the Mainland periodically or thematically, through different channels including their official websites, WeChat Official Accounts, social media platforms, emails, etc.

3. The 2026 key performance indicators for the Mainland Offices set out in the 2025 Policy Address include organising no less than 3 400 visits to Mainland authorities or bodies, attending no less than 290 speaking occasions, conducting no less than 350 media interviews or briefings, and participating in no less than 880 business and trade meetings. In 2026, the Mainland Offices also plan to organise 177 seminars, exhibitions and workshops, and issue 600 special trade-related messages. As the relevant work is an integral part of the work of the Mainland Offices, the provision and manpower required cannot be singled out and itemised.

4. In addition, the HKSAR Government will proactively align with the National 15th Five-Year Plan, and deeply participate in the development of the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area (Greater Bay Area), and better integrate into and serve the overall national development, in order to attain more favourable development for Hong Kong. The Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area Development Promotion Centre in Guangzhou will continue to promote Greater Bay Area opportunities to Hong Kong residents and enterprises pursuing development in the Mainland cities of the Greater Bay Area, and provide them with various practical assistance.

5. On the other hand, the HKSAR Government will continue to, through the “GoGBA one-stop platform” launched by the Hong Kong Trade Development Council (HKTDC), organise various activities and provide support services to assist Hong Kong enterprises in establishing connections and creating business opportunities in the Greater Bay Area, as well as providing them with the latest policy overviews and trade and economic information related to the Greater Bay Area market. Meanwhile, the HKTDC has established “GBA Centres” in Shenzhen and Guangzhou, and in conjunction with various partners, set up a total of 11 “GoGBA Business Support Centres”, the service network of which covers all nine Mainland cities of the Greater Bay Area as well as Macao, providing Hong Kong enterprises with more comprehensive on-the-ground support services.

6. At present, the HKSAR Government sets up a total of 5 Offices and 11 Liaison Units in the Mainland, with their service areas covering 31 provinces, municipalities and autonomous regions in the Mainland. The HKSAR Government will continue to review the functions and service scope of the Mainland Offices from time to time, and keep on enhancing and improving the work and service of the Mainland Offices in light of the new opportunities arising from the country's overall development strategies, and having regard to the actual circumstances and needs. These will enable the Mainland Offices to provide the most appropriate assistance and services to Hong Kong people and enterprises in the Mainland and support them in better integrating into and serving the overall national development.

- End -

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

CMAB028

(Question Serial No. 3081)

Head: (144) Government Secretariat: Constitutional and Mainland Affairs Bureau

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (3) Mainland and Taiwan Offices

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Constitutional and Mainland Affairs (Ms Maggie WONG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Constitutional and Mainland Affairs

Question:

It is mentioned in Brief Description under Programme (3) that one of the major responsibilities of the Beijing Office (BJO) and the Hong Kong Economic and Trade Offices (ETOs) in Guangdong, Shanghai, Chengdu and Wuhan (the Mainland Offices) is to “promote the uniqueness and advantages of Hong Kong and share good stories of Hong Kong”. In this connection, would the Government advise this Committee:

1. of the activities organised by each Mainland Office in the past 3 years to “promote the uniqueness and advantages of Hong Kong and share good stories of Hong Kong”, and the expenditure incurred by each Mainland Office in organising such activities;
2. of the mechanism put in place by the Government to assess the effectiveness of the relevant programmes; and
3. whether the relevant Offices regularly liaise and communicate with Mainland governments at various levels; if so, of the details; if not, of the reasons.

Asked by: Hon CHUANG Ka-pun, Albert (LegCo internal reference no.: 51)

Reply:

One of the key functions of the Mainland Offices of the HKSAR Government is to promote the strengths of Hong Kong. To this end, the Mainland Offices from time to time organise and participate in different forms of promotional activities, including seminars, exhibitions, film festivals, concerts, gala dinners etc., to tell Hong Kong's good stories comprehensively from multiple perspectives such as economy and trade, culture, arts, sports and tourism in order to encourage and attract Mainland talents and enterprises to explore more development opportunities in Hong Kong by leveraging on Hong Kong's unique position of enjoying strong support of the Motherland and being closely connected to the world under “One Country, Two Systems”, as well as its high level of internationalisation, market-orientation, rule of law and professional services. In addition, the Mainland Offices

make use of social media platforms in the Mainland, such as WeChat, Douyin, Bilibili, Xiaohongshu and Weibo, to provide updates on Hong Kong's economy and trade, culture, mega events and tourism for enhancing publicity effect.

2. In the past 3 years, all Mainland Offices completed the targets of the performance indicators on promoting Hong Kong's strengths and opportunities in the Mainland set out in the Policy Addresses. Details are set out in the table below:

Indicator	2023 Actual number	2024 Actual number	2025 Actual number
Visits to Mainland authorities or bodies	3 135 (3 000)	3 233 (3 200)	3 328 (3 300)
Speaking occasions attended	267 (260)	274 (270)	286 (280)
Media interviews or briefings given	325 (320)	332 (330)	341 (340)
Business and trade-related meetings participated	775 (760)	826 (800)	853 (850)

Note: Numbers in brackets denote the indicators for the respective year.

Besides, the numbers of activities organised or participated in by the Mainland Offices to promote the advantages of Hong Kong in the past 3 years are as follows:

Year	Seminars, exhibitions and workshops related to enhancing trade opportunities		Public relations or cultural functions/events	
	Organised by the Mainland Offices	Participated in by the Mainland Offices	Organised by the Mainland Offices	Participated in by the Mainland Offices
2023	160	528	618	884
2024	162	541	622	893
2025	167	556	635	911

3. The activities organised by the Mainland Offices to promote Hong Kong's advantages have achieved positive outcomes. For example, from June to November 2025, the Beijing

Office organised the “Three Centres and a Hub – Serving National Strategies and Empowering Hong Kong’s Future” Roving Exhibition in 9 municipalities, including Tianjin, Changchun and Shenyang, with a total of over 1 million participants. In September 2025, the Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office (HKETO) in Guangdong served as a supporting unit of the “2025 Guangxi-ASEAN Brand Export Coordination Conference” and sent a representatives to deliver a speech at the event, which was attended by over 400 entrepreneurs as well as representatives of businesses, chambers of commerce and associations from Guangxi, Guangdong, Hong Kong, Macao and ASEAN countries. In June and July 2025, the HKETO in Shanghai organised “Immersive Hong Kong” in Shanghai and Qingdao, enabling nearly 300 000 participants to explore Hong Kong’s unique opportunities and potential in tourism, education, business and investment. From December 2025 to January 2026, the HKETO in Chengdu organised the “Hong Kong: Bridge of Connections” Thematic Exhibition in Guiyang, with the number of participants reaching around 300 000. In September 2025, the HKETO in Wuhan set up “Hong Kong Pavilion” in the 10th China International Food & Catering Expo in Changsha, with the number of participants exceeding 150 000.

4. The 2026 key performance indicators for the Mainland Offices set out in the 2025 Policy Address are higher than those of last year, including organising no less than 3 400 visits to Mainland authorities or bodies, attending no less than 290 speaking occasions, conducting no less than 350 media interviews or briefings, and participating in no less than 880 business and trade meetings. Additionally, the Mainland Offices expect to organise 655 public relations or cultural functions/events and participate in 940 public relations or cultural functions/events in 2026. As promoting the strengths of Hong Kong is an integral part of the work of the Mainland Offices, the provision required cannot be singled out and itemised.

5. As the representative offices of the HKSAR Government in the Mainland, one of the key functions of the Mainland Offices is to enhance liaison and communication between Hong Kong and the Central People’s Government as well as the provincial and municipal governments in the Mainland to promote exchange and co-operation and to tell Hong Kong’s good stories. To this end, the Mainland Offices from time to time organise visits to government departments and participate in their activities to enhance mutual understanding, and submit timely reports on the Mainland’s latest economic and trade policies and developments to relevant bureaux and departments of the HKSAR Government to keep abreast of the situation and assess the impact on Hong Kong. The Mainland Offices also proactively provide information to the provincial and municipal governments about Hong Kong’s current and future development and explain the HKSAR Government’s major policy measures, enabling them to have a comprehensive understanding of Hong Kong’s latest situation and future development plan from different perspectives. In 2026, the Mainland Offices will continue to strengthen the aforementioned work, and organise no less than 3 400 visits to Mainland authorities or bodies.

- End -

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

CMAB029

(Question Serial No. 1226)

Head: (144) Government Secretariat: Constitutional and Mainland Affairs Bureau

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (3) Mainland and Taiwan Offices

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Constitutional and Mainland Affairs (Ms Maggie WONG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Constitutional and Mainland Affairs

Question:

It is mentioned under the Programme that the Bureau will “foster youth and cultural exchange between Hong Kong and the Mainland”. Would the Government advise this Committee:

1. of the numbers of youth exchange and internship groups to the Mainland assisted, supported or received by each Mainland Office in the past 3 years, and among which, the number of young people from Hong Kong and the Mainland involved in the exchanges facilitated;
2. whether the Mainland Offices supported or received Mainland exchange and study tours for prospective teachers and serving teachers in the past 3 years; if so, of the numbers of tours and teachers involved, and the details of the activities supported and received; and
3. in the coming year, how the Bureau will take forward relevant work on “fostering youth and cultural exchange between Hong Kong and the Mainland”, and of the manpower and resources involved; and whether the Bureau will actively consider making better use of Hong Kong young people working and studying in the Mainland, so as to share their living experience in the Mainland with visiting Hong Kong youth?

Asked by: Hon FAN Chun-wah, Andrew (LegCo internal reference no.: 6)

Reply:

The Mainland Offices of the HKSAR Government have all along been supporting exchange and co-operation between young people from the Mainland and Hong Kong, and actively encouraging Hong Kong students to join internship and exchange programmes in the Mainland. Not only have the Mainland Offices provided around 60 summer internship openings for Hong Kong students, but also participated in and supported numerous internship and exchange events for Hong Kong students organised by other bureaux or associations in various provinces and municipalities. Examples include the exchange activity for young

people from Guangxi and Hong Kong, the Zhejiang exploration tour for Hong Kong students in the eastern China, and the 2025 career talk for Hong Kong university students in the central China, etc. The Mainland Offices also provide practical information, support and assistance to the students participating in internship and exchange programmes. We have not kept separately any statistics on the numbers of youth exchange and internship groups to the Mainland assisted, supported or received by the Mainland Offices.

2. In general, Mainland exchange and study tours for prospective teachers and serving teachers are arranged by teacher education institutions, schools or school sponsoring bodies on their own, while the Education Bureau commissions Mainland institutions or professional associations to organise Mainland study tours and exchange activities for teachers and principals. If necessary, the Mainland Offices will, upon request from the relevant bureaux or organisations, provide appropriate assistance or support for such activities as far as practicable.

3. In 2026-27, the Mainland Offices will continue to actively foster youth exchange between Hong Kong and the Mainland, such as organising sharing sessions about local life, orientation and life planning gatherings, conducting study tours to deepen young people's understanding of Mainland's culture and economic development, supporting youth exchange activities arranged by various bureaux, and inviting Hong Kong young people working and studying in the Mainland to share experience and exchange views on appropriate occasions. Regarding the work on cultural exchange, the Mainland Offices will organise roving exhibitions, seminars and press coverage etc., and sponsor the performances of Hong Kong arts groups and young artists in the Mainland. Through various types of cultural and arts exchanges, not only is Hong Kong's positioning as an East-meets-West centre for international cultural exchange showcased, but Hong Kong's pop culture can also be promoted to leave Mainland residents with favourable memories and impressions about Hong Kong, thereby forging people-to-people bonds. Such activities have enhanced Hong Kong's cultural influence and promoted co-operation and exchange between the cultural sectors of the two places, while providing a platform for the promotion work on attracting businesses and talents. As fostering youth and cultural exchange between Hong Kong and the Mainland is an integral part of the work of the Mainland Offices, the manpower and resources required cannot be singled out and itemised.

- End -

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

CMAB030

(Question Serial No. 1227)

Head: (144) Government Secretariat: Constitutional and Mainland Affairs Bureau

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (3) Mainland and Taiwan Offices

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Constitutional and Mainland Affairs (Ms Maggie WONG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Constitutional and Mainland Affairs

Question:

It is mentioned under the Programme that the Bureau will “provide practicable assistance to Hong Kong residents in distress in the Mainland”. Please advise:

1. of the numbers of requests for assistance from Hong Kong residents received by each Mainland Office in each of the past 3 years, their types, and the numbers of cases requiring follow-up actions and assistance;
2. whether the Government has maintained statistics on the number and distribution of Hong Kong residents in the Mainland; if so, of the details; and as more and more Hong Kong people are heading north to live and pursue development, whether the Government will conduct regular surveys in future to grasp the number and distribution of Hong Kong people in the Mainland, as well as their needs;
3. whether the Government will consider increasing the staffing and liaison units of the Mainland Offices in cities and regions with a higher concentration of Hong Kong people, so as to strengthen support for Hong Kong residents in the Mainland; and
4. of the staff establishment and manpower of each Mainland Office for providing support to Hong Kong residents in the coming year.

Asked by: Hon FAN Chun-wah, Andrew (LegCo internal reference no.: 16)

Reply:

The numbers of requests for assistance received by the Mainland Offices of the HKSAR Government in the past 3 years are set out in the table below:

Office	Year	Assistance cases which were related to immigration and personal safety matters	Other assistance cases	Total
Beijing Office	2023	84	15	99
	2024	79	11	90
	2025	77	19	96
Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office in Guangdong	2023	225	60	285
	2024	137	47	184
	2025	149	41	190
Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office in Shanghai	2023	75	21	96
	2024	83	9	92
	2025	77	19	96
Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office in Chengdu	2023	27	4	31
	2024	34	8	42
	2025	45	2	47
Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office in Wuhan	2023	17	18	35
	2024	28	5	33
	2025	15	5	20

2. “Assistance cases which were related to immigration and personal safety matters” refer to emergency assistance in relation to accidents (e.g. traffic accidents or fire) or other emergencies (e.g. robbery, assault, etc.), while “Other assistance cases” include commercial and trade disputes, complaints relating to real estate, and complaints against authorities in the Mainland, etc.

3. According to the Census and Statistics Department, the statistics on Hong Kong residents usually staying in the Guangdong Province in 2024-25 by sex and age group are set out at **Annex**. We do not have relevant statistics on Mainland provinces and municipalities other than the Guangdong Province. The HKSAR Government will continue to monitor the living and development situations and needs of the Hong Kong people living in the Mainland, and consider collecting and compiling other information and data for policy research, having

regard to the actual circumstances and needs. In addition, the Mainland Offices have all along been striving to maintain close liaison with associations, chambers of commerce and enterprises of Hong Kong people as well as students in the Mainland, and to understand through various types of activities their business, working, studying and living situation, and provide appropriate assistance as required.

4. At present, the HKSAR Government sets up a total of 5 Offices and 11 Liaison Units in the Mainland, with their service areas covering 31 provinces, municipalities and autonomous regions in the Mainland. The HKSAR Government will continue to review the functions and service scope of the Mainland Offices from time to time, and keep on enhancing and improving the work and service of the Mainland Offices in light of the new opportunities arising from the country's overall development strategies, and having regard to the actual circumstances and needs. These will enable the Mainland Offices to provide the most appropriate assistance and services to Hong Kong people in the Mainland.

5. As supporting Hong Kong people is an integral part of the duties and functions of the Mainland Offices, the staff establishment involved has not been singled out and itemised.

**Statistics on Hong Kong residents usually staying in the Guangdong Province
in 2024-25 by sex and age group**

Reference time-point	Sex	Age group					Total
		0-14	15-24	25-44	45-64	65+	
End-2024	Male	55 100	56 300	52 900	79 400	65 400	309 300
	Female	45 000	48 400	45 900	70 100	40 100	249 400
	Sub-total	100 100	104 700	98 800	149 500	105 500	558 600

Note:

The figures above refer to the number of Hong Kong permanent residents who have stayed in the Guangdong Province for 6 months and above during the 1-year period from 6 months before the reference time-point to 6 months after the reference time-point. Figures may not add up to the total due to rounding. Statistics of 2025 are still under compilation.

https://www.censtatd.gov.hk/en/web_table.html?id=115-01031¶m=N4IgxgbiBcoMJwJqJqAjDEAxADCANCAPoAuRmehRADudGgL6EDKAogBqogbQgDMBYmUwAmQTTo4mIAIIBxVlwAsmAGrjhvMVVowphABJce-DXRCViu+g2kBnKLCt0RhgNIAIOQAUYAbRAPAEMAdxoAUwAnIgA7EABdaQAbGBJlgFdwhiA#

- End -

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

CMAB031

(Question Serial No. 1166)

Head: (144) Government Secretariat: Constitutional and Mainland Affairs Bureau

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (5) Subvention: Equal Opportunities Commission and Office of the Privacy Commissioner for Personal Data

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Constitutional and Mainland Affairs (Ms Maggie WONG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Constitutional and Mainland Affairs

Question:

Under Programme (5), the provision for the Office of the Privacy Commissioner for Personal Data (PCPD) in 2026-27 is 19.8% lower than the revised estimate for 2025-26, and this is mainly due to the lapse of the time-limited capital subvention to the PCPD. In this connection, please advise this Committee of the following:

1. With the non-extension of the time-limited capital subvention, is there sufficient provision to cover the PCPD's various areas of work? How does such non-extension pertain to the decline in certain performance indicators (including the estimated total numbers of complaints completed and enforcement actions)?
2. As the PCPD needs to undertake work on data security, legislative amendment of the Personal Data (Privacy) Ordinance etc., will the Government consider allocating more resources to support the work of the PCPD? If so, what are the details? If not, what are the reasons?
3. Regarding the legislative amendment of the Personal Data (Privacy) Ordinance, what are the progress and timetable, and the staff establishment and estimated expenditure involved?
4. As the Government is thinking about effecting the legislative amendments to the Personal Data (Privacy) Ordinance by phases, will it consider first introducing the amendment proposals on "establishing a mandatory personal data breach notification mechanism" and "directly regulating data processors"? If so, what are the details? If not, what are the reasons?
5. In view of the rapid advancement of technology and the growing public concern over personal data breach incidents in recent years, apart from providing advice to the Government and relevant organisations on initiatives and reforms that affect personal

data privacy, will the Government support the PCPD in conducting joint compliance checks with other organisations (including the Office of the Communications Authority and the Mandatory Provident Fund Schemes Authority) to strengthen regulation of fraud prevention? If so, what are the details? If not, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon KAN Wai-mun, Carmen (LegCo internal reference no.: 5)

Reply:

1. & 2. The time-limited capital subvention additionally allocated to the Office of the Privacy Commissioner for Personal Data (PCPD) in 2025-26 is primarily used for research/amendments on the Personal Data (Privacy) Ordinance (PDPO) and related work, and for strengthening publicity, promotional and educational work on artificial intelligence and data security. The subvention is not used for PCPD's routine complaint handling and enforcement actions.
3. & 4. In light of the rising public concern in recent years over personal data breach incidents, the Government has been working closely with the PCPD in studying enhancements to the PDPO with a view to ensuring the legislative amendment proposals can effectively prevent personal data breach incidents, without imposing undue operational pressure on the industry. The Government aims to report the relevant work progress to the Legislative Council within this year. The relevant review work forms part of the daily work of the Government and the PCPD's staff, and a breakdown of expenditure is not available.
5. To prevent personal data breach incidents and strengthen organisations' anti-fraud awareness and control measures, the PCPD has strengthened co-operation with the Hong Kong Monetary Authority (HKMA) from January 2026 to conduct joint risk-based examinations of selected banks' personal data systems and controls. Among others, the PCPD will conduct on-site inspections and review the data security measures and access controls adopted by banks to safeguard personal data against misuse and leakage, whilst the HKMA will focus on assessing the effective implementation of anti-fraud measures set out in its two circulars issued in December 2024 and April 2025. Moreover, the PCPD and the HKMA will strengthen joint publicity and educational efforts, and work closely with other key stakeholders including the Hong Kong Police Force, the Hong Kong Association of Banks and the banking industry to raise public awareness of fraud prevention, and to alert the public to the latest scam tactics and the importance of protecting personal data.

Earlier, the PCPD has also strengthened co-operation with the Office of the Communications Authority to, starting from October 2025, organise exhibitions on fraud prevention and personal data privacy protection at the Hong Kong Shue Yan University, the Education University of Hong Kong, and the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, delivering anti-fraud messages to students.

- End -

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

CMAB032

(Question Serial No. 3245)

Head: (144) Government Secretariat: Constitutional and Mainland Affairs Bureau

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (5) Subvention: Equal Opportunities Commission and Office of the Privacy Commissioner for Personal Data

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Constitutional and Mainland Affairs (Ms Maggie WONG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Constitutional and Mainland Affairs

Question:

Regarding the work of the Office of the Privacy Commissioner for Personal Data (PCPD), please advise this Committee of the following:

1. Please tabulate, by case type, the brief description, results, enterprises/individuals involved, expenditure and staff establishment of compliance checks and investigations initiated by the PCPD in the past 5 years (2021-22 to 2025-26).
2. Please tabulate, by type, the number of promotional and educational activities, number of PCPD personnel involved, number of beneficiaries, and expenditure and staff establishment involved in each of the past 5 years (2021-22 to 2025-26).
3. Please tabulate the details, estimated expenditure and staff establishment of planned compliance checks and proactive investigations, and of promotional and educational activities to be organised in 2026-27.
4. The staff establishment of the PCPD remains unchanged as compared with 2025-26, yet its scope of work and workload are still extensive. How can the PCPD ensure its service and law enforcement efficiency?

Asked by: Hon KAN Wai-mun, Carmen (LegCo internal reference no.: 4)

Reply:

1. From 2021-22 to 2025-26, the numbers of investigations and compliance checks conducted by the Office of the Privacy Commissioner for Personal Data (PCPD) under the Personal Data (Privacy) Ordinance (PDPO) and the expenditure incurred (including manpower expenditure) are as below:

(i) **Criminal investigation concerning doxing acts**

The PCPD's Criminal Investigation Division was set up in July 2021, and its relevant investigation, arrest and manpower expenditure data is as below:

Year	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26 (as at end- February 2026)
No. of criminal investigation cases	65	83	152	88	155
No. of arrested persons	1	19	27	21	16
Expenditure (million)	\$5.6	\$11.8	\$13.7	\$14.7	\$14.1
Staff establishment	10	13	13	14	13

(ii) **Non-criminal investigation cases and compliance checks concerning other contraventions of the PDPO and its Data Protection Principles (DPPs)**

Year	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26 (as at end- February 2026)
No. of non-criminal investigation cases	96	116	113	134	120
No. of compliance checks	373	379	394	407	436
Expenditure (million)	\$24.6	\$24.7	\$26.9	\$32.1	\$33.4
Staff establishment	24	30	35	34	36

The non-criminal investigation cases above mainly involved possible contravention of the DPPs under the PDPO relating to improper use and disclosure of personal data, improper collection of personal data, inadequate personal data security measures, and non-compliance with requirements on personal data access and correction requests etc. The data users in more than half of the cases were private organisations, while the rest were government departments, public organisations or individuals.

The above compliance checks mainly involved the collection and security of personal data (including data breach incidents). Where the PCPD identifies that an organisation's practices may not comply with the requirements under the PDPO, the PCPD will initiate a compliance check or investigation, and upon completion, inform the relevant organisation of any inconsistencies or inadequacy between its practices and the PDPO's requirements, and urge the relevant organisation to take appropriate remedial measures to rectify the contraventions, and take preventive measures to avoid recurrence in future.

2. Relevant information on PCPD's promotional work and educational activities from 2020-21 to 2024-25 is as below:

Year	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26 (as at end- February 2026)
Major promotional activities					
No. of activities	19	20	23	25	26
No. of participants	2 044 254	2 204 702	2 223 205	1 961 487	2 835 391
Industry-specific privacy protection campaigns					
No. of activities	3	5	5	4	6
No. of participants	4 634	4 041	3 367	3 044	7 372
Talks, seminars and workshops					
No. of activities	357	360	444	441	421
No. of participants	35 020	31 478	40 735	57 900	54 215
Expenditure on promotional work and educational activities (million)	\$3.18	\$5.57	\$5.04	\$5.44	\$4.53
Staff establishment for promotional work and educational activities	11	10	12	9	11

3. Relevant information on PCPD's staff establishment and estimated expenditure for criminal investigations, non-criminal investigations and compliance checks, as well as promotional work and educational activities in 2026-27 is as below:

Planned work for 2026-27	Staff establishment	Estimated expenditure (million)
Criminal investigations	13	Expenditure on staff establishment: \$15.40
Non-criminal investigations and compliance checks	36	Expenditure on staff establishment: \$37.80
Promotional work and educational activities	12	Expenditure on staff establishment: \$14.10 Expenditure on activities: \$7.61

PCPD’s promotional work and educational activities tentatively planned for and to be conducted in 2026-27 are as below:

Major promotional activities
PCPD 30th Anniversary “Privacy Campaign for Primary Schools” – Touring Musical for Primary Schools “Privacy Theatre: Stay Smart with AI”
PCPD 30th Anniversary Radio Broadcast Campaign
PCPD 30th Anniversary “Privacy Campaign for Primary Schools” – Storybook Titled “Adventure in the AI Labyrinth” for Primary School Students
AI Security and Cybersecurity Summit for Enterprises
PCPD 30th Anniversary Privacy Protection Summit
The 65th Asia Pacific Privacy Authorities Forum
PCPD 30th Anniversary “Privacy Awareness Week”
PCPD 30th Anniversary “AI and Privacy Protection Training Series”
PCPD 30th Anniversary “Student Ambassador for Privacy Protection Programme – Partnering Schools Recognition Scheme”
School Touring of Anti-doxxing Education Talks
Anti-fraud Promotional Campaign (including Talks at Universities and Elderly Campaigns)
Industry-specific privacy protection campaigns
Organising events and speaking engagements for the education, social services, property management, information technology, engineering and banking sectors
Talks, seminars and workshops
In-house seminars for organisations
Professional workshops
Seminars on the PDPO
Thematic seminars

4. The PCPD will make optimal use of resources to discharge its duties, ensuring that high-quality services and effective law enforcement are maintained.

- End -

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

CMAB033

(Question Serial No. 3174)

Head: (144) Government Secretariat: Constitutional and Mainland Affairs Bureau

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (3) Mainland and Taiwan Offices

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Constitutional and Mainland Affairs (Ms Maggie WONG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Constitutional and Mainland Affairs

Question:

The HKSAR Government has established a comprehensive network of offices in the Mainland to strengthen liaison with various provinces and municipalities. The network comprises the Beijing Office (BJO) and the 4 Hong Kong Economic and Trade Offices (ETOs) in Guangdong, Shanghai, Chengdu and Wuhan as the core, under which a number of liaison units have been set up (including those in Shenzhen, Fujian, Guangxi, Chongqing, Shaanxi, Shandong, Zhejiang, Hunan and Henan), so as to holistically promote economic and trade co-operation and exchange. In this connection, would the Government advise this Committee of the following:

1. Please set out the staff establishment of all Mainland Offices in the past 3 years (with a breakdown by rank and function).
2. Please set out the number of requests for assistance from Hong Kong people received, and the outcomes of cases handled in the past 3 years, with a breakdown by office, case nature (e.g. documentation-related assistance, legal advisory service, emergency support, economic and trade co-ordination, etc.) and year.
3. To align with the National 15th Five-Year Plan and Hong Kong's active integration into the Greater Bay Area development, will the Bureau enhance the functions of the Mainland Offices in 2026-27 (e.g. establishing professional support teams, strengthening data analysis capabilities, and optimising cross-boundary collaboration mechanisms, etc.)? If so, please set out the estimated expenditure and manpower deployment by category of measure.
4. Will the Bureau establish key performance indicators for the Mainland Offices (e.g. case processing time, satisfaction levels of assistance seekers, etc.), and set out the monitoring mechanism for each indicator?

Asked by: Hon KOON Ho-ming, Peter Douglas (LegCo internal reference no.: 39)

Reply:

The staff establishment of the Mainland Offices of the HKSAR Government in the past 3 years is set out in the table below:

Office	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Beijing Office	22	22	22
Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office in Guangdong	18	18	18
Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office in Shanghai	15	16	16
Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office in Chengdu	13	13	13
Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office in Wuhan	13	13	13
Total	81	82	82

2. The numbers of requests for assistance received by the Mainland Offices in the past 3 years are set out in the table below:

Office	Year	Assistance cases which were related to immigration and personal safety matters	Other assistance cases	Total
Beijing Office	2023	84	15	99
	2024	79	11	90
	2025	77	19	96
Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office in Guangdong	2023	225	60	285
	2024	137	47	184
	2025	149	41	190
Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office in Shanghai	2023	75	21	96
	2024	83	9	92
	2025	77	19	96

Office	Year	Assistance cases which were related to immigration and personal safety matters	Other assistance cases	Total
Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office in Chengdu	2023	27	4	31
	2024	34	8	42
	2025	45	2	47
Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office in Wuhan	2023	17	18	35
	2024	28	5	33
	2025	15	5	20

“Assistance cases which were related to immigration and personal safety matters” refer to emergency assistance in relation to accidents (e.g. traffic accidents or fire) or other emergencies (e.g. robbery, assault, etc.), while “Other assistance cases” include commercial and trade disputes, complaints relating to real estate, and complaints against authorities in the Mainland, etc.

3. At present, the HKSAR Government sets up a total of 5 Offices and 11 Liaison Units in the Mainland, with their service areas covering 31 provinces, municipalities and autonomous regions in the Mainland. The HKSAR Government will continue to review the functions and service scope of the Mainland Offices from time to time, and keep on enhancing and improving the work and service of the Mainland Offices in light of the new opportunities arising from the country’s overall development strategies, and having regard to the actual circumstances and needs. These will enable the Mainland Offices to provide the most appropriate assistance and services to Hong Kong people and enterprises in the Mainland and support them in better integrating into and serving the overall national development. In addition, the Mainland Offices will continue to actively support the work of the Office for Attracting Strategic Enterprises, Invest Hong Kong and the Task Force on Supporting Mainland Enterprises in Going Global to vigorously promote Hong Kong’s investment opportunities and business advantages in the Mainland, and provide appropriate support and assistance to enterprises intending to expand their business in Hong Kong. As the relevant work is an integral part of the work of the Mainland Offices, the provision and manpower required have not been singled out and itemised.

4. The HKSAR Government has set key performance indicators for the work of the Mainland Offices. The 2026 key performance indicators set out in the 2025 Policy Address include organising no less than 3 400 visits to Mainland authorities or bodies, attending no less than 290 speaking occasions, conducting no less than 350 media interviews or briefings, and participating in no less than 880 business and trade meetings. As for requests for

assistance, since each case varies in nature, the Mainland Offices will, having regard to the actual circumstances, provide appropriate support and assistance to the persons concerned as soon as practicable. We will continue to review from time to time the effectiveness of the Mainland Offices, and make appropriate arrangements and adjustments as necessary to achieve the best results.

- End -

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

CMAB034

(Question Serial No. 3269)

Head: (144) Government Secretariat: Constitutional and Mainland Affairs Bureau

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

Programme: (2) Constitutional and Mainland Affairs

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Constitutional and Mainland Affairs (Ms Maggie WONG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Constitutional and Mainland Affairs

Question:

Regarding the publicity and education work to enhance public understanding of the Constitution, the Basic Law and the Hong Kong National Security Law, would the Government advise this Committee of the following:

1. Please set out, with a breakdown by promotional channel (school education, community activities, media publicity, digital platforms, etc.), the number of related promotional and educational activities organised, the number of participants and the expenditure involved in the past 3 years.
2. To further enhance the effectiveness of publicity efforts, will the Bureau allocate additional resources in 2026-27 to optimise the promotion strategy (e.g. developing interactive educational materials, training teams of instructors, strengthening youth engagement, etc.)? If so, please set out the estimated expenditure and manpower deployment by category of measure.
3. Has the Bureau conducted regular evaluations of the effectiveness of various promotional activities (e.g. knowledge tests, questionnaire surveys and behavioural change indicators)? If so, please set out the latest evaluation results and the specific enhancement measures taken accordingly.
4. Will the Bureau establish key performance indicators for the promotion work on the Constitution and the Basic Law (e.g. public awareness level and youth participation rate)? Please set out the target value and evaluation mechanism for each indicator.

Asked by: Hon KOON Ho-ming, Peter Douglas (LegCo internal reference no.: 41)

Reply:

Under the chairmanship of the Chief Secretary for Administration, the Constitution and Basic Law Promotion Steering Committee (CBLPSC) provides advice and steer on the overall

strategy and key work plans for promoting the Constitution, the Basic Law and national security-related legislation, and monitors, evaluates and reviews promotional programmes undertaken by government departments and non-governmental organisations. The Constitutional and Mainland Affairs Bureau (CMAB) provides secretariat support to CBLPSC. The 5 sub-groups under CBLPSC (namely Local Community Sub-group; Teachers and Students Sub-group; Civil Servants Sub-group; Industrial, Commercial and Professional Sectors Sub-group; and Community Outside Hong Kong Sub-group), assisted by the Home and Youth Affairs Bureau (HYAB), Education Bureau (EDB), Civil Service Bureau (CSB), Trade and Industry Department (TID) and Information Services Department (ISD) respectively, have been planning and organising various types of activities for promotion on various fronts to the general public and related sectors.

2. Regarding promotion in the community, HYAB and the Committee on the Promotion of Civic Education (CPCE) have been co-operating closely to promote the Constitution, the Basic Law and the Hong Kong National Security Law to the public at the community level through different channels and in a diversified manner, including sponsoring eligible organisations to organise promotional activities, producing publications, webpages and social media pages on relevant topics, and organising annual flagship activities such as quiz competition, exhibitions and seminars. In the past 3 years, HYAB and CPCE jointly organised a total of 20 promotional activities, with the total number of participants exceeding 160 000.

3. On school education, EDB has all along attached great importance to implementing Constitution and Basic Law education and national security education in primary and secondary schools. Over the past 3 years, approximately 300 related learning activities have been organised with a total of over 900 000 student participants. These activities included the Constitution and Basic Law Territory-wide Inter-school Competition, the Inter-school Constitution Speech Competition, the Territory-wide Inter-school National Security Knowledge Challenge, and the “Let’s Join Hands in Safeguarding National Security” Programme. Starting from the 2020/21 school year, the Constitution and Basic Law Student Ambassadors Training Scheme has been introduced, under which diversified life-wide training activities, such as film appreciation sessions on themes about our country and thematic seminars, are provided to fully support schools in implementing Constitution and Basic Law education within and beyond the classroom, thereby enabling students to understand that the fundamental principle of “One Country, Two Systems” is to safeguard national sovereignty, security and development interests, and is the basis for the long-term stability of Hong Kong.

4. As regards training for civil servants, CSB, through the Civil Service College, has in recent years continued to strengthen civil service training on the constitutional order and safeguarding national security by organising regular training programmes and thematic seminars, as well as developing e-learning resources. In the past 3 years (2023 to 2025), about 43 000 civil servants received the above training.

5. On promotion targeting the industrial, commercial and professional sectors, TID has produced easy-to-understand promotional materials and disseminated them to the sectors through various channels to promote the Constitution, the Basic Law and national security-related legislation, such as participating in exhibitions, broadcasting promotional videos in appropriate public places and social media platforms, and collaborating with trade

associations and professional organisations in Hong Kong to strengthen promotion through their member network. In the past 3 years, TID launched online promotion, including broadcasting a promotional video on social media and online news platforms, recording a total of more than 37 million views as at end-February 2026. TID has also broadcast the promotional video at 8 control points with cross-boundary passenger transport service and 5 locations frequently visited by members of the sectors (including Hong Kong Science Park, Cyberport, Hong Kong Productivity Council Building, Invest Hong Kong and TID), and broadcast the promotional video as well as distributed promotional booklets and leaflets at a number of exhibitions and seminars targeting the industrial, commercial and professional sectors.

6. ISD assists in planning activities for the Community Outside Hong Kong Sub-group. In 2023-24 and 2024-25, the Sub-group produced a series of 2 animation videos, and promoted them via the Internet and social media platforms to bring out the theme of the “Constitution precedes the Basic Law, and ‘One Country’ precedes ‘Two Systems’”, with a view to developing a comprehensive understanding of the correct relationship between the Constitution and the Basic Law, as well as the HKSAR’s constitutional framework, among the public, in particular young people overseas. In 2025-26, the Sub-group further promoted the 2 videos through online platforms and social media to overseas markets in the Asia-Pacific region (particularly ASEAN countries), the Middle East, Europe and North America, with a focus on reaching younger overseas audience, overseas individuals who intend to invest, work, study or settle in Hong Kong, and overseas Chinese communities. The video impressions exceeded 27 million in the past 3 years.

7. At present, the HKSAR Government’s promotion work on the Constitution, the Basic Law and national security-related legislation involves various bureaux and departments. The related expenditure and staff establishment are absorbed by the overall provision of the respective bureaux and departments, and therefore no breakdown figures are available.

8. CMAB has been carrying out promotion and publicity work through different means and in a diversified manner to enable the public to have a more comprehensive and thorough understanding of the Constitution, the Basic Law and national security-related legislation. Specific promotion work includes:

- (a) organising thematic seminars, e.g. Constitution Day Seminar;
- (b) using social media, online platforms and electronic means to promote widely to different strata of society, e.g. posting advertisements on social media for promotion of the videos on the Constitution and the Basic Law, designing online games, producing and launching animation videos, and co-producing different types of television programmes with the Radio Television Hong Kong to introduce the Constitution and the Basic Law in an easy-to-understand manner, such as “Appreciating the Constitution” and “Learning Basic Law with Good Neighbours”;
- (c) displaying large publicity banners outdoors, and producing publicity leaflets, posters and picture books on “One Country, Two Systems” for distribution to schools, public housing estates, etc.;

- (d) enhancing awareness and understanding of the Constitution and the Basic Law by the general public and students through mobile promotional activities in physical form at the district level (e.g. organising roving exhibitions and parent-child workshops at shopping centres in various districts, and arranging the mobile resource centre and the mobile game booth to pay visits to different schools); and
- (e) providing sponsorship to non-governmental organisations and community organisations through the “Constitution and Basic Law Promotion Activity and Research Sponsorship Scheme” for staging various promotional and research activities on the Constitution, the Basic Law and national security education, such as reporter training programmes on the Constitution and the Basic Law, poster design competitions and slogan design competitions, in order to get across the messages widely in the community.

9. The estimated expenditure of CMAB for promoting the Constitution and the Basic Law in the 2026-27 financial year is about \$25 million. CMAB will suitably deploy resources based on the actual circumstances to conduct the relevant work.

10. CBLPSC and its sub-groups will review the format, content and effectiveness of promotional activities from time to time through evaluating their popularity and efficacy based on the number and feedback of participants, and advise how to optimise the promotion strategy in light of the development and trend of promotional media and information technology. Relevant Directors of Bureaux are also members of CBLPSC to offer advice and necessary support for the purpose of effectively promoting the Constitution, the Basic Law and national security-related legislation. We will continue to make good use of the platform of CBLPSC and keep a close eye on the effectiveness of various promotional activities, and adjust the promotion strategy as appropriate having regard to the actual circumstances in order to achieve the best results.

11. Starting from 2022, the HKSAR Government has set, in the Policy Address, indicators for specified tasks on stepping up the promotion of the Constitution, the Basic Law and patriotism. In 2025, the HKSAR Government organised more than 730 promotional activities with over 940 000 participants, and attained more than 26 million views via online publicity, fully achieving the targets. In 2026, the Government targets to organise no less than 750 promotional activities with no less than 950 000 participants, and attain no less than 27 million views via online publicity. CMAB will continue to actively take forward the promotion and education work on the Constitution and the Basic Law.

- End -

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

CMAB035

(Question Serial No. 2373)

Head: (144) Government Secretariat: Constitutional and Mainland Affairs Bureau

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (2) Constitutional and Mainland Affairs

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Constitutional and Mainland Affairs (Ms Maggie WONG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Constitutional and Mainland Affairs

Question:

Under Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2026-27 for Programme (2), the Constitutional and Mainland Affairs Bureau will continue to strengthen the promotion and co-ordination work in taking forward the development of the Greater Bay Area through the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area Development Office (the Office). In this connection, please advise this Committee:

1. of the establishment and ranks of staff and the total expenditure of the Office in each of the past 5 years (2021-22 to 2025-26);
2. of the establishment and ranks of staff and the estimated expenditure of the Office for 2026-27;
3. the work achievements of the Office in promoting and co-ordinating the development of the Greater Bay Area in 2025-26;
4. the proposed work plans and targets of the Office for 2026-27; and
5. as paragraph 31 of the Budget Speech states that the Chief Executive will lead a cross-bureau, cross-departmental task force for Hong Kong to proactively align with the 15th Five-Year Plan, and for the first time, to formulate Hong Kong's five-year plan, how the Office ensures in the process that Hong Kong's five-year plan will dovetail with the development strategies of other Greater Bay Area cities.

Asked by: Hon LAU Ka-keung (LegCo internal reference no.: 3)

Reply:

1. The staff establishment and expenditure of the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area Development Office (the Office) in the past 5 years are as follows:

Year	Staff establishment	Revised estimate		Total (\$ million)
		Staff cost on civil service posts (\$ million)	Other expenses (\$ million)	
2021-22	33	32	27.50	59.50
2022-23	33	32	41.25	73.25
2023-24	33	33	29.70	62.70
2024-25	31	33	30.10	63.10
2025-26	31	34	29.20	63.20

From 2021-22 to 2023-24, the staff establishment of the Office was 33, including 4 Administrative Officers Staff Grade A/B/C; 6 Senior Administrative Officers/Administrative Officers; 8 Chief Executive Officers/Senior Executive Officers/Executive Officers I; 3 Chief Information Officer/Senior Information Officer/Information Officer; 6 Assistant Clerical Officers; 5 Senior Personal Secretary/Personal Secretaries I/Personal Secretary II; and 1 Motor Driver. In 2024-25, the staff establishment of the Office was reduced to 31 following the deletion of 2 Senior Administrative Officer/Administrative Officer posts.

2. In 2026-27, 1 Personal Secretary II post will be deleted and the staff establishment of the Office will be reduced to 30. The estimated expenditure of the Office in the aforementioned year is about \$61.2 million, of which about \$34 million is for staff cost on civil service posts .

3. & 4. The HKSAR Government attaches great importance to the high-quality development of the Greater Bay Area. Shortly upon the establishment of the current-term Government, the Chief Executive promptly set up the Steering Group on Integration into National Development (Steering Group) chaired by himself to take forward and provide steer from the top level on the work on Hong Kong's integration into the overall national development, and dovetailing with key national strategies such as the development of the Greater Bay Area. The Office has been rendering full support to the work of the Steering Group in taking forward the development of the Greater Bay Area, as well as in monitoring the implementation of various policy measures for fostering high-level connectivity in the Greater Bay Area. The Office will continue to co-ordinate the work of various bureaux of the HKSAR Government to promote the wider scope of integrated development, and continue to maintain close liaison with relevant Central Ministries and Commissions, the Guangdong Provincial Government, and the Macao Special Administrative Region Government, and strive to introduce more policy measures which are beneficial to Hong Kong and at the same time conducive to the development of our country and the Greater Bay Area at the same time under the spirit of complementarity and mutual benefits. Specific achievements in 2025-26 include: the official opening of the Hetao Hong Kong Park, which serves as a strategic node in driving new quality productive forces in the Greater Bay Area and

connecting global innovation and technology resources; the implementation of the “Southbound Travel for Guangdong Vehicles” scheme, which complements the “Northbound Travel for Hong Kong Vehicles” scheme to facilitate the two-way flow of residents of Guangdong and Hong Kong and achieve a higher level of connectivity of people and goods; the launch and continuous enhancement of the “Cross-boundary Wealth Management Connect Scheme 2.0” to further promote financial interconnectivity; the extension of the Elderly Health Care Voucher Greater Bay Area Pilot Scheme to cover more medical institutions in the nine Mainland cities of the Greater Bay Area; and the inclusion of more residential care homes for the elderly as Recognised Service Providers under the Residential Care Services Scheme in Guangdong.

5. The Chief Executive is leading the HKSAR Government in formulating Hong Kong’s five-year plan, which will provide a systematic policy framework for proactive alignment with the National 15th Five-Year Plan, and map out strategic initiatives of greater comprehensiveness, higher precision and in finer detail for key development areas. In the course of formulating Hong Kong’s five-year plan, the HKSAR Government will proactively align with the content of the 15th Five-Year Plan relating to Greater Bay Area development, outlining the development vision, core objectives, key areas and major initiatives for Hong Kong’s participation in Greater Bay Area development for the coming 5 years. The Office will co-ordinate the work of various bureaux of the HKSAR Government, and promote alignment of rules and mechanisms in the Greater Bay Area and the integrated development of the Greater Bay Area.

- End -

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

CMAB036

(Question Serial No. 0470)

Head: (144) Government Secretariat: Constitutional and Mainland Affairs Bureau

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

Programme: (2) Constitutional and Mainland Affairs

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Constitutional and Mainland Affairs (Ms Maggie WONG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Constitutional and Mainland Affairs

Question:

Following the official promulgation for implementation of the Hong Kong National Security Law, stability and order have been restored in Hong Kong. In this connection, would the Government advise this Committee of the following:

1. Please provide, in tabular form, details on the work undertaken by the Government to publicise, explain and promote the Hong Kong National Security Law and the Basic Law in the past year, including the use of social media platforms, such as Facebook, Twitter, YouTube and Instagram, as well as the staff establishment and expenditure involved.
2. What are the staff establishment and expenditure for the work to publicise, explain and promote the Hong Kong National Security Law and the Basic Law in the coming year?
3. What specific plans are in place to publicise and continuously promote the Hong Kong National Security Law and the Basic Law, so that young people will attach greater importance to and acquire a deeper understanding of safeguarding national security?

Asked by: Hon LEE Chun-keung (LegCo internal reference no.: 3)

Reply:

Under the chairmanship of the Chief Secretary for Administration, the Constitution and Basic Law Promotion Steering Committee (CBLPSC) provides advice and steer on the overall strategy and key work plans for promoting the Constitution, the Basic Law and national security-related legislation, and monitors, evaluates and reviews promotional programmes undertaken by government departments and non-governmental organisations. The Constitutional and Mainland Affairs Bureau (CMAB) provides secretariat support to CBLPSC. The 5 sub-groups under CBLPSC (namely Local Community Sub-group; Teachers and Students Sub-group; Civil Servants Sub-group; Industrial, Commercial and Professional Sectors Sub-group; and Community Outside Hong Kong Sub-group), assisted

by the Home and Youth Affairs Bureau, Education Bureau (EDB), Civil Service Bureau, Trade and Industry Department, and Information Services Department respectively, have been planning and organising various types of activities for promotion on various fronts to the general public and related sectors.

2. CMAB has been carrying out promotion and publicity work through different means and in a diversified manner to enable the public to have a more comprehensive and thorough understanding of the Constitution, the Basic Law and national security-related legislation. Specific promotion work includes:

- (a) organising thematic seminars, e.g. Constitution Day Seminar;
- (b) using social media, online platforms and electronic means to promote widely to different strata of society, e.g. posting advertisements on social media for promotion of the videos on the Constitution and the Basic Law, designing online games, producing and launching animation videos, and co-producing different types of television programmes with the Radio Television Hong Kong to introduce the Constitution and the Basic Law in an easy-to-understand manner, such as “Appreciating the Constitution” and “Learning Basic Law with Good Neighbours”;
- (c) displaying large publicity banners outdoors, and producing publicity leaflets, posters and picture books on “One Country, Two Systems” for distribution to schools, public housing estates, etc.;
- (d) enhancing awareness and understanding of the Constitution and the Basic Law by the general public and students through mobile promotional activities in physical form at the district level (e.g. organising roving exhibitions and parent-child workshops at shopping centres in various districts, and arranging the mobile resource centre and the mobile game booth to pay visits to different schools); and
- (e) providing sponsorship to non-governmental organisations and community organisations through the “Constitution and Basic Law Promotion Activity and Research Sponsorship Scheme” for staging various promotional and research activities on the Constitution, the Basic Law and national security education, such as reporter training programmes on the Constitution and the Basic Law, poster design competitions and slogan design competitions, in order to get across the messages widely in the community.

3. In the 2025-26 financial year, the estimated actual expenditure of CMAB for the above promotion work is \$31 million. As for the 2026-27 financial year, the estimated expenditure on the relevant work is about \$25 million. CMAB will suitably deploy resources based on the actual circumstances to conduct the relevant work. At present, the HKSAR Government’s promotion work on the Constitution, the Basic Law and national security-related legislation involves various bureaux and departments. The related staff establishment is absorbed by the overall provision of the respective bureaux and departments, and therefore no breakdown figures are available.

4. Since the promulgation and implementation of the National Security Law in the HKSAR on 30 June 2020, the HKSAR Government has introduced the National Security Law to

different people through different channels and means (including publishing pamphlets and compendium of articles, issuing press releases, placing newspaper advertisements, and officials taking part in interviews on television, radio and other media, and organising/attending seminars (including webinars), etc.), as well as through the Hong Kong Economic and Trade Offices. Furthermore, since the Safeguarding National Security Ordinance came into effect on 23 March 2024, the HKSAR Government has stepped up promotional efforts to explain to the public the crucial role of the legal system as a pillar in safeguarding national security.

5. Among others, the National Security Exhibition Gallery, located at the Hong Kong Museum of History, has opened with free admission since August 2024. It has received over 1.59 million visitors as of end-February 2026. To mark the 10th National Security Education Day and the 5th anniversary of the promulgation and implementation of the National Security Law, the National Security Exhibition Gallery staged thematic exhibitions from March 2025 to January 2026 and from June 2025 to March 2026 respectively.

6. In addition, the Hong Kong National Security Law online virtual exhibition first launched by the HKSAR Government in July 2021 covers the importance of the National Security Law and the Safeguarding National Security Ordinance, the legal regime, enforcement mechanisms, major provisions and effectiveness, and introduction of the work of the disciplined forces in safeguarding national security. Also, the national security comic and animation series “Andy and Security Bear” as well as mini games were launched to promote national security education in an entertaining and accessible manner. As of end-February 2026, the virtual exhibition recorded over 800 000 visits.

7. Moreover, the Security Bureau (SB) and EDB have jointly organised the “Let’s Join Hands in Safeguarding National Security” Programme for 5 consecutive years since the 2021/22 school year. The “Let’s Join Hands in Safeguarding National Security” Programme in the 2025/26 school year features a short speech competition for students, and participating students have the opportunity to be invited to partake in Mainland exchange activities.

8. SB, the Department of Justice, EDB, and the Hong Kong Shine Tak Foundation continued to organise the “Territory-wide Inter-school National Security Knowledge Challenge” in 2025/26, which aims at enhancing students’ understanding of the Constitution, the Basic Law, the National Security Law and the Safeguarding National Security Ordinance. The Challenge is conducted in the form of a quiz, with primary school section, secondary school section and English section for non-Chinese speaking secondary school students. The Challenge has attracted the participation of a total of more than 132 000 students from 651 primary and secondary schools. The number of participating schools and students reached a record high, with an increase of 6 000 participants and 41 schools as compared to the past school year. The finals will continue to be held at a shopping centre on 15 April, National Security Education Day, this year, with a view to bringing national security education to the community.

9. SB has brought the well-received online national security comic and animation series “Andy and Security Bear” offline. In early 2025, “Andy and Security Bear” printed picture books were produced for distribution to over 2 000 primary and secondary schools and kindergartens. The books have also been added to the collection of public libraries for the public to borrow. The national security comic and animation series has also received

support from EDB. In the 2025/26 school year, the National Security Interactive School Drama performed by a professional theatre troupe was staged at various primary schools in Hong Kong, so as to, through interesting stories, strengthen primary school students' awareness of safeguarding national security of their own accord.

10. Moreover, SB launched the Andy & Bear KinderFest school tour in 2025, which featured workshops themed around "Andy and Security Bear" in kindergartens, disseminating national security messages to kindergarten students so that they can learn about the importance of national security from an early age.

11. Through their youth groups, the disciplined services departments under SB have all along assisted youths to cultivate good character, positive thinking and law-abiding awareness, and facilitated their understanding of national development to enhance their sense of national identity. In future, the disciplined services departments will continue their efforts in taking forward national security education for members of the youth groups, with a view to raising the awareness of national security among youngsters.

12. Furthermore, the HKSAR Government has produced Announcements in the Public Interest for broadcasting on television and radio, at government buildings, and on online platforms to highlight the effectiveness of the National Security Law and the Safeguarding National Security Ordinance in stopping chaos and restoring order in Hong Kong, and in ensuring the steadfast and successful implementation of the "One Country, Two Systems" principle as well as the long-term prosperity and stability of Hong Kong.

13. EDB has been continuously adopting a wide array of measures, including enhancing curricula, developing learning and teaching resources (e.g. the web-based resource platform "National Education One-stop Portal"), providing training for teachers, and organising diversified life-wide learning activities for students, such as organising territory-wide quiz competitions and film appreciation sessions on themes about the country. EDB has also continued to strengthen the Constitution and Basic Law Student Ambassadors Training Scheme to enhance students' understanding of the country through the provision of diversified life-wide training activities and competitions. Besides, EDB also provides schools with various resources, such as granting senior secondary students studying the local curriculum a full subsidy once to participate in Mainland study tours of the subject of Citizenship and Social Development, and fully supports schools in planning and implementing Constitution, Basic Law and national security education within and beyond the classroom in a holistic and systematic manner. Notable progress and achievements have been made in the relevant work.

14. In future, the HKSAR Government will continue to allocate resources for its promotion work on the National Security Law through different channels (including online channels), so as to raise the national security and law-abiding awareness of Hong Kong residents, especially our youths. Major measures in 2026 include: to continue to promote the National Security Law and other laws on safeguarding national security through the National Security Exhibition Gallery and community courses on national security, as well as other initiatives, including national security quiz competitions, the online virtual exhibition and the mechanism of youth uniformed groups under the disciplined services departments; to enable students and children to learn the important concepts of national security and law-abidingness in a relaxed atmosphere through the national security comic and animation series "Andy and Security

Bear”; and to arrange public performances of the national security drama based on the “Andy and Security Bear” series to further foster the idea of “security brings prosperity” in the community.

- End -

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

CMAB037

(Question Serial No. 2230)

Head: (144) Government Secretariat: Constitutional and Mainland Affairs Bureau

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

Programme: (3) Mainland and Taiwan Offices

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Constitutional and Mainland Affairs (Ms Maggie WONG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Constitutional and Mainland Affairs

Question:

The Bureau mentions under the Programme that it will provide information and other appropriate support to Hong Kong residents and enterprises in the Mainland. Would the Government inform this Committee whether there are plans to strengthen co-operation with Mainland departments, state-owned enterprises, private enterprises, etc., and establish more “one-stop” liaison offices in major cities within the Greater Bay Area with their functions being expanded beyond trade and commerce, so as to serve Hong Kong people intending to pursue development and live in the Mainland? Apart from providing comprehensive assistance to enterprises in developing domestic markets, these offices could also offer, in a one-stop manner, specific and concrete support to Hong Kong people and enterprises pursuing development in the Mainland, covering areas such as job seeking, job matching, entrepreneurship consultation, children’s education, and assistance in adapting to daily life. If so, what are the details? If not, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon LEE Chun-keung (LegCo internal reference no.: 13)

Reply:

At present, the HKSAR Government sets up a total of 5 Offices and 11 Liaison Units in the Mainland, with their service regions covering 31 provinces, municipalities and autonomous regions in the Mainland. As the representative offices of the HKSAR Government in the Mainland, the key functions of the Mainland Offices of the HKSAR Government include enhancing liaison and communication between Hong Kong and the Central People’s Government as well as the provincial and municipal governments in the Mainland to promote exchange and co-operation in support of the HKSAR’s efforts to integrate into and serve the overall national development; telling Hong Kong’s good stories in the Mainland to promote Hong Kong’s unique advantages and opportunities of enjoying strong support of the Motherland and being closely connected to the world, so as to encourage and attract Mainland enterprises and talents to establish presence in Hong Kong; fostering youth and cultural exchange between Hong Kong and the Mainland; and providing

information and other appropriate support and assistance to Hong Kong people and enterprises in the Mainland, etc.

2. The service areas of the Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office in Guangdong of the HKSAR Government and its Shenzhen Liaison Unit cover the nine Mainland cities of the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area (Greater Bay Area). The HKSAR Government established the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area Development Promotion Centre (Promotion Centre) in Guangzhou in April 2023. The Promotion Centre has established close and cordial working relations with the Offices of the Leading Group for the development of the Greater Bay Area and government departments of Guangdong Province and the nine Mainland cities of the Greater Bay Area, Hong Kong-Macao youth innovation and entrepreneurial bases, Hong Kong Trade Development Council, Hong Kong Brand Development Council, Hong Kong Productivity Council, Hong Kong Science and Technology Parks Corporation, as well as chambers of commerce of various sectors and youth associations in Hong Kong and the Mainland, etc. Through co-operation with the above organisations and institutions, the Promotion Centre organises activities such as study missions, exchange sessions and seminars to promote the opportunities arising from Greater Bay Area development to Hong Kong residents and enterprises pursuing development in the Mainland cities of the Greater Bay Area, and seeks to better understand their needs so as to provide them with practical assistance.

3. As it is convenient to travel around the nine Mainland cities of the Greater Bay Area, we consider that, at the moment, the more desirable arrangement is to integrate resources and focus the manpower of the Promotion Centre, so that it could make flexible deployment of the manpower to meet the service needs of each Mainland city of the Greater Bay Area. We will continue to evaluate the effectiveness of the Mainland Offices and the Promotion Centre from time to time, and to make appropriate arrangements and adjustment depending on the actual circumstances to achieve the best results.

- End -

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

CMAB038

(Question Serial No. 0157)

Head: (144) Government Secretariat: Constitutional and Mainland Affairs Bureau

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (5) Subvention: Equal Opportunities Commission and Office of the Privacy Commissioner for Personal Data

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Constitutional and Mainland Affairs (Ms Maggie WONG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Constitutional and Mainland Affairs

Question:

Upon receiving a complaint, the Equal Opportunities Commission (EOC) will conduct an investigation, then encourage conciliation between the parties in dispute, and finally grant legal assistance to the complainant and take the case to court. In this connection, would the Government advise this Committee of:

1. the legal expenses incurred by the EOC in granting legal assistance to complainants in the past 3 years; and
2. the number of complaints in the past 3 years that are being taken to court?

Asked by: Hon MAN Wing-yee, Ginny (LegCo internal reference no.: 21)

Reply:

In the past 3 years, the Equal Opportunities Commission (EOC) granted assistance to 22 applications for legal assistance; proceedings were initiated for 6 of them, among which 2 cases are being taken to court. The expenditure involved in the EOC's provision of legal assistance to complainants (including the engagement of external legal services) was approximately \$724,000. As for the staff costs of the EOC's in-house lawyers, a separate breakdown is not available.

- End -

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

CMAB039

(Question Serial No. 0164)

Head: (144) Government Secretariat: Constitutional and Mainland Affairs Bureau

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (5) Subvention: Equal Opportunities Commission and Office of the Privacy Commissioner for Personal Data

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Constitutional and Mainland Affairs (Ms Maggie WONG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Constitutional and Mainland Affairs

Question:

The Equal Opportunities Commission (EOC) received a total of 1 302 complaints and handled 1 568 complaints in 2025, and both the numbers of complaints received and handled are expected to increase in 2026. In this connection, would the Government inform this Committee:

1. of the substantiation rates of complaints received and handled by the EOC in the past 3 years; and
2. given the continuous increase in the number of complaints, whether any study has been conducted into the reasons for that, and which category of cases saw the largest increase?

Asked by: Hon MAN Wing-ye, Ginny (LegCo internal reference no.: 34)

Reply:

The complaints received by the Equal Opportunities Commission (EOC) and the outcomes (Note 1) upon its handling in the past 3 years are as follows:

Year	2023	2024	2025
No. of complaints received	1 050	1 075	1 302
No. of complaints handled (Note 2)	1 294	1 385	1 568
<i>Outcome of complaints handled (as at 31 December of the respective year)</i>			
- Conciliation successful	121	144	135
- Conciliation unsuccessful	27	18	17
- Investigation not conducted or discontinued (Note 3)	810	918	1 061

- Early resolution with respondent	26	39	31
- Under investigation and carried forward to the following year for handling	310	266	324

Note 1: Complaint cases which have been handled by the EOC are categorised as “conciliation successful”, “conciliation unsuccessful”, “investigation not conducted or discontinued”, “early resolution with respondent”, and “under investigation and carried forward to the following year for handling”.

Note 2: The number of complaint cases handled includes the cases received in that year and those brought forward from the previous year.

Note 3: Under the anti-discrimination ordinances, the EOC may decide not to conduct or to discontinue an investigation for specified reasons, such as the complaint does not involve an unlawful act, the aggrieved person does not wish for the investigation to be conducted or continued, or the time limit has lapsed after the incident took place.

2. As the EOC’s public education has yielded positive results, and the society’s anti-discrimination awareness has heightened, the number of complaints received by the EOC has been increasing each year. In the past 3 years, discrimination complaints lodged under the Disability Discrimination Ordinance accounted for the largest share of complaints received by the EOC, recording 470, 512 and 592 cases respectively.

- End -

CMAB040

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 2313)

Head: (144) Government Secretariat: Constitutional and Mainland Affairs Bureau

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (3) Mainland and Taiwan Offices

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Constitutional and Mainland Affairs (Ms Maggie WONG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Constitutional and Mainland Affairs

Question:

The responsibilities of the Mainland Offices include fostering youth and cultural exchange between Hong Kong and the Mainland, and providing information and other appropriate support to Hong Kong residents and enterprises in the Mainland. There are community groups in Hong Kong indicating that when organising exchange activities, they need to contact local government units or private enterprises on their own, and they wish to receive assistance from the Mainland Offices, which are familiar with local affairs. In this connection, would the Government advise this Committee of:

1. the numbers of occasions on which the Mainland Offices assisted associations of Hong Kong people in contacting Mainland government units and private enterprises in the past 3 years, and the expenditure involved; and
2. the assistance that the Mainland Offices can provide for exchange activities.

Asked by: Hon MAN Wing-ye, Ginny (LegCo internal reference no.: 20)

Reply:

As the representative offices of the HKSAR Government in the Mainland, the key functions of the Mainland Offices of the HKSAR Government include enhancing liaison and communication between Hong Kong and the Central People's Government as well as the provincial and municipal governments in the Mainland to promote exchange and co-operation in support of the HKSAR's efforts to integrate into and serve the overall national development; telling Hong Kong's good stories in the Mainland to promote Hong Kong's unique advantages and opportunities of enjoying strong support of the Motherland and being closely connected to the world, so as to encourage and attract Mainland enterprises and talents to establish presence in Hong Kong; fostering youth and cultural exchange between Hong Kong and the Mainland; and providing information and other appropriate support and assistance to Hong Kong people and enterprises in the Mainland, etc. As maintaining liaison with and providing assistance to Hong Kong people and enterprises in the Mainland are an

integral part of the work of the Mainland Offices, the provision required has not been singled out and itemised, and relevant statistics have not been kept.

2. The Mainland Offices have all along been dedicated to fostering exchange activities between Hong Kong and the Mainland. In recent years, there has been a growing number of study and exchange visits to the Mainland by various sectors of the community. The Mainland Offices will, having regard to the actual circumstances, provide assistance and support to the groups visiting the Mainland as far as practicable, such as maintaining communication and liaison with visiting groups at their request and providing relevant information to facilitate their itinerary planning. In addition, the Mainland Offices will, subject to resource availability and actual needs, attend some of the events or participate in parts of the itinerary of visiting groups. If visiting groups encounter any unforeseen incidents, the Mainland Offices will also provide emergency support and other practicable assistance.

- End -

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

CMAB041

(Question Serial No. 0417)

Head: (144) Government Secretariat: Constitutional and Mainland Affairs Bureau

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (2) Constitutional and Mainland Affairs

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Constitutional and Mainland Affairs (Ms Maggie WONG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Constitutional and Mainland Affairs

Question:

The Constitutional and Mainland Affairs Bureau (CMAB)'s main responsibilities under this Programme are to, among others, "promote and co-ordinate co-operation and liaison with the Mainland, Macao Special Administrative Region and Taiwan, and advise bureaux and departments on related matters as necessary". Please advise this Committee of CMAB's work to promote and co-ordinate co-operation and liaison with Taiwan in 2025-26 and the expenditure involved; the areas and extent of co-operation and liaison as well as the projects included; and the specific work plan, estimated expenditure and timetable for the coming year.

Asked by: Hon NG Kit-chong, Johnny (LegCo internal reference no.: 14)

Reply:

In 2025-26, the Constitutional and Mainland Affairs Bureau (CMAB) has continued to offer advice to policy bureaux and departments on the handling of matters related to Taiwan. While the Hong Kong Economic, Trade and Cultural Office in Taipei has suspended operation with effect from May 2021, it does not affect communication and liaison between the two places on a case-by-case basis when necessary, for example, provision of appropriate assistance for the Hong Kong people and their families when Hong Kong people are in distress in Taiwan. The CMAB will continue with the above-mentioned work in the coming year. As the relevant work is an integral part of the work of the CMAB, the provision required cannot be singled out and itemised.

- End -

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

CMAB042

(Question Serial No. 0419)

Head: (144) Government Secretariat: Constitutional and Mainland Affairs Bureau

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (3) Mainland and Taiwan Offices

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Constitutional and Mainland Affairs (Ms Maggie WONG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Constitutional and Mainland Affairs

Question:

As regards Matters Requiring Special Attention under this Programme, the Mainland Offices will, among others, “promote the strengths of Hong Kong in the Mainland, especially the distinctive advantages of enjoying strong support of the Motherland and being closely connected to the world”, and strengthen economic and trade liaison with and enhance the investment promotion function in the Mainland, including the support to the work of the Task Force on Supporting Mainland Enterprises in Going Global in attracting Mainland enterprises to go global via Hong Kong. Please advise this Committee of the expenditure and manpower for promoting Hong Kong’s strengths as well as economic and trade liaison in the Mainland during 2025-26, of the effectiveness of such efforts, and how many Mainland enterprises were attracted to leverage Hong Kong as a platform to go global and what these enterprises were, with examples for illustration. Please also provide information on the specific work plan, timetable and estimated expenditure for 2026-27.

Asked by: Hon NG Kit-chong, Johnny (LegCo internal reference no.: 15)

Reply:

One of the key functions of the Mainland Offices of the HKSAR Government is to promote the strengths of Hong Kong so as to encourage and attract Mainland enterprises to establish presence in Hong Kong. To this end, the Mainland Offices from time to time organise and participate in different forms of promotional activities, including seminars, exhibitions, film festivals, concerts, gala dinners etc., to tell Hong Kong’s good stories comprehensively from multiple perspectives such as economy and trade, culture, arts, sports and tourism, and to encourage and attract Mainland enterprises to explore more development opportunities in Hong Kong by leveraging on Hong Kong’s unique position of enjoying strong support of the Motherland and being closely connected to the world under “One Country, Two Systems”, as well as its high level of internationalisation, market-orientation, rule of law and professional services. In addition, the Mainland Offices actively support the work of the Office for Attracting Strategic Enterprises and Invest Hong Kong to vigorously promote Hong Kong’s investment opportunities and business advantages in the Mainland,

and provide appropriate support and assistance to enterprises intending to operate their business in Hong Kong.

2. Specifically, the Mainland Offices completed in 2025 the targets of the performance indicators on promoting Hong Kong's strengths and opportunities in the Mainland set out in the 2024 Policy Address, including organising no less than 3 300 visits to Mainland authorities or bodies, attending no less than 280 speaking occasions, conducting no less than 340 media interviews or briefings, and participating in no less than 850 business and trade meetings. Furthermore, the Mainland Offices organised or participated in various large-scale events, such as forums, seminars, study missions and exhibitions, to promote the strengths of Hong Kong, which have achieved positive outcomes. For example, from June to November 2025, the Beijing Office organised the "Three Centres and a Hub – Serving National Strategies and Empowering Hong Kong's Future" Roving Exhibition in 9 municipalities, including Tianjin, Changchun and Shenyang, with a total of over 1 million participants. In September 2025, the Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office (ETO) in Guangdong served as a supporting unit of the "2025 Guangxi-ASEAN Brand Export Coordination Conference" and sent a representative to deliver a speech at the event, which was attended by over 400 entrepreneurs as well as representatives of businesses, chambers of commerce and associations from Guangxi, Guangdong, Hong Kong, Macao and ASEAN countries. In June and July 2025, the Shanghai ETO organised "Immersive Hong Kong" in Shanghai and Qingdao, enabling nearly 300 000 participants to explore Hong Kong's unique opportunities and potential in tourism, education, business and investment. From December 2025 to January 2026, the Chengdu ETO organised the "Hong Kong: Bridge of Connections" Thematic Exhibition in Guiyang, with the number of participants reaching around 300 000. In September 2025, the Wuhan ETO set up "Hong Kong Pavilion" in the 10th China International Food & Catering Expo in Changsha, with the number of participants exceeding 150 000.

3. In 2025, the Mainland Offices completed a total of 255 investment promotion projects, which assisted Mainland companies in setting up business or undergoing a significant expansion in Hong Kong. These included the listing on the Main Board of Hong Kong Exchanges and Clearing Limited of an enterprise providing robotics and artificial intelligence agent services; the establishment of an overseas headquarters in Hong Kong by a new energy smart vehicle manufacturer; the setting up of a research and development centre in Hong Kong by a life and health enterprise; the establishment of a regional headquarters in Hong Kong by a human resources management services enterprise; opening of branches in Hong Kong by well-known catering enterprises, etc.

4. As promoting the strengths of Hong Kong and the work related to economic and trade liaison are an integral part of the work of the Mainland Offices, the provision and manpower required have not been singled out and itemised.

5. The 2026 key performance indicators for the Mainland Offices set out in the 2025 Policy Address are higher than those of last year, including organising no less than 3 400 visits to Mainland authorities or bodies, attending no less than 290 speaking occasions, conducting no less than 350 media interviews or briefings, and participating in no less than 880 business and

trade meetings. Besides, the Mainland Offices expect to complete 295 investment promotion projects in 2026. The Mainland Offices will continue to actively liaise with the provincial, municipal and autonomous regional governments in their service regions to promote exchange and communication between Hong Kong and the Mainland in areas of economy, trade and investment, while further promoting Hong Kong's strengths and opportunities in the Mainland. In addition, the Mainland Offices will actively organise and attend more large-scale events, and continue to explore more business and development opportunities for Hong Kong people and enterprises by deepening co-operation with various provinces and municipalities in commerce and trade, finance, innovation and technology, creative industries, youth exchange, and so forth.

- End -

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

CMAB043

(Question Serial No. 1142)

Head: (144) Government Secretariat: Constitutional and Mainland Affairs Bureau

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (5) Subvention: Equal Opportunities Commission and Office of the Privacy Commissioner for Personal Data

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Constitutional and Mainland Affairs (Ms Maggie WONG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Constitutional and Mainland Affairs

Question:

Surveys have indicated that women in Hong Kong are still subject to sexual harassment in the workplace. Some victims are deeply distressed but have nowhere to seek help; some choose to stay silent to secure employment; and some have no alternative but to give up their promising careers. In this connection, would the Government advise this Committee of the following:

1. What plans are in place to strengthen publicity and education on gender equality in society, so as to eliminate the unequal and disrespectful treatment of women, and what is the expenditure involved?
2. What was the number of help-seeking and complaint cases related to workplace sexual harassment in the past 5 years, and what was the expenditure involved in handling such cases?
3. Will the Government promote the inclusion of protecting working women from sexual harassment as one of the key ESG indicators for corporates, so as to prevent workplace sexual harassment? If so, what are the details? If not, what are the reasons?
4. What measures are in place to strengthen publicity and education on workplace sexual harassment, such as raising public awareness and enhancing knowledge of help-seeking channels? What are the details and estimated expenditure involved?

Asked by: Hon QUAT Elizabeth (LegCo internal reference no.: 3)

Reply:

(1), (3) & (4) The Equal Opportunities Commission (EOC) has been actively promoting the message of anti-sexual harassment in the workplace, including collaborating closely with

the business sector. Through research and surveys, provision of recommendations and training (such as thematic talks and seminars) and so forth, the EOC encourages and facilitates corporates in establishing anti-sexual harassment policies and complaint mechanisms, so as to put in place more immediate and direct channels for handling employees' complaints or enquiries related to sexual harassment. Moreover, the EOC has not only compiled a series of practical policy guidelines on the prevention of sexual harassment to assist employers in formulating internal codes of practice, which clearly set out the definition of sexual harassment, reporting procedures and handling mechanisms, but also provided targeted recommendations in light of the needs of different industries.

Meanwhile, the EOC promotes gender equality and a culture of respecting people of different genders through media promotion, production of promotional videos, and social and digital media publicity. The EOC also organises various types of activities to instil the concept of gender equality in children and young people, including recruiting tertiary students as Equal Opportunity Youth Ambassadors, and conducting anti-sexual harassment workshops and promotional activities to promote equality on campuses.

The Government provided funding to the EOC in 2020-21 to establish the Anti-Sexual Harassment Unit, which is responsible for providing support to persons affected by sexual harassment and conducting publicity and education work on sexual harassment. On the occasion of its 30th anniversary in 2026, the EOC will launch a large-scale territory-wide publicity campaign to widely promote messages and information on the prevention of workplace sexual harassment, including its one-stop website "COMPASS - EOC Anti-Sexual Harassment Resource Platform" and the anti-sexual harassment hotline 2106 2222.

In the Territory-wide Representative Survey on Sexual Harassment in Hong Kong in 2022, the EOC recommended that the Hong Kong Exchanges and Clearing Limited (HKEX) review the Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) Reporting Guide of the Listing Rules to include the adoption of an anti-sexual harassment policy as one of the key gender equality strategies that listed companies should disclose in their ESG report. Furthermore, in its submission to the HKEX in 2024, the EOC proposed that listed companies formulate a clear anti-sexual harassment policy and incorporate it into their diversity framework, so as to further enhance corporates' commitment to gender equality and diversity.

The EOC will continue to actively encourage different organisations to develop internal codes of practice and complaint mechanisms on anti-sexual harassment, and provide internal training, with a view to safeguarding the rights and interests of victims. Besides, the EOC is planning to launch a community partner training programme, inviting corporates and organisations to nominate staff members to participate in the programme. Participants who have completed the training and passed the assessment will be appointed as "community partners" to promote in their organisations the message of preventing workplace sexual harassment.

The expenditure for the aforementioned work has been subsumed under the EOC's overall expenditure on education and publicity, and a separate breakdown is not available.

(2) The numbers of enquiries and complaints related to workplace sexual harassment received by the EOC in the past 5 years are as follows:

	Year				
	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Number of enquiries					
Employment-related	278	230	327	373	385
Non-employment-related*	120	143	171	215	211
Total	398	373	498	588	596
Number of complaints					
Employment-related	148	143	153	156	207
Non-employment-related	35	35	54	72	108
Total	183	178	207	228	315

* Including enquiry cases in which the enquirer's identity or industry is not disclosed.

Handling enquiries and complaints related to sexual harassment is an integral part of the work of the EOC, and a breakdown of expenditure is not available.

- End -

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

CMAB044

(Question Serial No. 1544)

Head: (144) Government Secretariat: Constitutional and Mainland Affairs Bureau

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (4) Rights of the Individual

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Constitutional and Mainland Affairs (Ms Maggie WONG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Constitutional and Mainland Affairs

Question:

Regarding the follow-up to the judgment of the Court of Final Appeal in the judicial review case of Sham Tsz Kit v Secretary for Justice (FACV 14/2022), the Government conducted detailed research and formulated a proposal on the alternative framework during the two-year suspension period. Please advise this Committee:

1. of details of the manpower expenditure incurred in conducting the research and formulating the proposal, with a breakdown by rank, policy bureau or department and professional background of the staff involved;
2. whether the Government engaged any consultants or commissioned any third-party organisations to conduct research in connection with the above work; if so, of the names of consultants or organisations engaged, the scope of research, the contract sum and the selection method; if not, of the reasons; and
3. whether the Government consulted any stakeholders or relevant groups in connection with the above work; if so, of the number and details of stakeholders or groups consulted; if not, of the reasons.

Asked by: Hon SO Shiu-tsung, Thomas (LegCo internal reference no.: 29)

Reply:

1. & 2. Pursuant to the Court of Final Appeal's ruling in the case of Sham Tsz Kit v Secretary for Justice, the Government had made every effort to introduce the Registration of Same-sex Partnerships Bill (Bill) to the Legislative Council, with a view to fulfilling its positive obligations under Article 14 of the Hong Kong Bill of Rights. The resources required are subsumed under the recurrent expenditure of the Constitutional and Mainland Affairs Bureau and a separate breakdown is not available. The Bureau has not engaged any consultants or third-party organisations for this purpose.

3. When the Government introduced the Bill, the relevant Bills Committee of the Legislative Council invited written submissions on the Bill from the public. The Legislative Council Secretariat has received a total of 10 775 submissions, among which 8 694 submissions express opposition, accounting for 80.7% of the total, while 2 081 submissions indicate support, representing 19.3% of the total.

- End -

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

CMAB045

(Question Serial No. 1545)

Head: (144) Government Secretariat: Constitutional and Mainland Affairs Bureau

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (5) Subvention: Equal Opportunities Commission and Office of the Privacy Commissioner for Personal Data

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Constitutional and Mainland Affairs (Ms Maggie WONG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Constitutional and Mainland Affairs

Question:

Regarding the funding programme launched by the Equal Opportunities Commission (EOC) for implementing promotional/training activities, please advise this Committee of the following:

1. From 2021 to 2025, the numbers of applications approved under the funding programme were 25, 18, 12, 2 and 6 respectively. Please tabulate, by year, the total number of applications received, the approval rate, the details of approved projects (including applicant organisations, project themes and project content), and the amount of funding for each project.
2. The Community Participation Funding Programme on Equal Opportunities has been implemented for over 20 years, with the number of funded projects exceeding 60 per year at its peak. While the overall financial provision received by the EOC has been increasing year on year, the number of projects approved under the funding programme has been declining in recent years, dropping to single digits in the past 3 years, and it was announced this year that the funding programme will not be launched in 2026-27. What are the reasons for that?

Asked by: Hon SO Shiu-tsung, Thomas (LegCo internal reference no.: 30)

Reply:

Details of applications received and projects approved by the Equal Opportunities Commission (EOC) under the Community Participation Funding Programme on Equal Opportunities (Funding Programme) from 2021-22 to 2025-26 are tabulated below:

Year	Number of applications received	Number of projects approved	Funding approval rate	Total amount of funding (\$)
2021-22	41	25	61%	973,416
2022-23	42	18	43%	1,262,779
2023-24	36	14	39%	1,153,320
2024-25	The EOC did not launch the Funding Programme in 2024-25			
2025-26	50	6	12%	442,350

Details of funded projects are at [Annex](#).

2. Launched by the EOC in 1997, the Funding Programme provides funding support for eligible organisations to implement educational activities that aim to enhance public understanding of the 4 anti-discrimination ordinances, and to promote equality and inclusion. To encourage organisations to launch more activities to raise public awareness of different issues, the funding limit for each project under the Funding Programme was relatively low in the early years, but it was gradually increased from \$30,000 in 1996-97 to \$50,000 in 2021-22.

3. As public understanding of the concepts of equality and inclusion has deepened, the EOC has, upon review, optimised the Funding Programme starting from 2022-23 by categorising applications into General Projects and Thematic Projects, with funding limits of \$50,000 and \$150,000 respectively, so as to enhance the effectiveness and impact of funded projects. The EOC may also set a theme of Thematic Projects for the year to invite organisations to focus on promoting the relevant theme, and organise larger-scale activities to reach a wider audience and achieve greater effectiveness. In 2023-24, the EOC further raised the funding limit for General Projects to \$100,000, while the funding limit for Thematic Projects remained unchanged. With the raise in the funding limit, it is normal to see a decrease in the number of funded projects. Besides, the number of funded projects is subject to various factors, such as the quality of a proposed project, the relevance of the proposed project to the objective and specific themes of the Funding Programme, and whether the amount of funding required is cost-effective in terms of the anticipated effectiveness.

4. The Funding Programme is only a part of the EOC's publicity and education work. On the occasion of its 30th anniversary in 2026, the EOC will organise a number of publicity and education activities, including co-organising experiential activities with non-governmental organisations for public participation to promote the protection under the anti-discrimination ordinances etc, with a view to deepening public understanding of the values of diversity, equality and inclusion.

5. The funded projects under the 2025-26 Funding Programme will be run until the third quarter of 2026. The EOC will keep in view the implementation and effectiveness of the Funding Programme, and launch a new round of the Funding Programme upon consolidating the experience gained.

Details of funded projects under the Community Participation Funding Programme on Equal Opportunities:

2021-22			
Number	Organisation Name	Project Name	Content and Theme of Project
1	Hong Kong Multimedia Design Association Limited	“The Digital Story Book of Equality” - Multimedia E-Story Book for Child Creation Competition	Promote the messages of gender equality and disability inclusion through workshops, a storybook creation competition and exhibitions.
2	Women In Sports Empowered Hong Kong Limited	Level the Playing Field in Hong Kong	Promote the Sex Discrimination Ordinance and the message of gender equality through the production of short videos and organisation of sports activities.
3	HKWMA Chu Shek Lun Secondary School	Respect Diversity to Build a Caring and Inclusive Community	Promote the Race Discrimination Ordinance and the message of racial inclusion through multicultural activities and competitions.
4	Delia Memorial School (Hip Wo)	PREACH	Promote the Race Discrimination Ordinance and the message of racial inclusion through multicultural activities and competitions.
5	The I.M.C. Lutheran School for the Deaf	The 8th All Hong Kong Inter-Primary Schools Sign-a-Song Contest	Promote the message of disability inclusion through sign language workshops and a sign language song competition.
6	Hong Kong Playground Association	Project for Serving without Boundaries	Promote the message of racial inclusion through a volunteer ambassador training programme and volunteer service activities.
7	The Society for the Aid and Rehabilitation of Drug Abusers/Children Tutorial Class of East Kowloon Social Service Center	“Children · Acceptance · Start Afresh”	Promote the message of disability inclusion through the production of booklets, training activities and sharing sessions.
8	The Boys’ and Girls’ Clubs	“Art · Inclusive” Community	Promote the message of racial inclusion through workshops and a community education sharing day.

2021-22			
Number	Organisation Name	Project Name	Content and Theme of Project
	Association of Hong Kong	Education Programme	
9	Equal Justice Limited	Hong Kong Maternity Information Portal	Promote the Sex Discrimination Ordinance and the Family Status Discrimination Ordinance through the creation of an information portal.
10	Hong Kong Federation of Women's Centres Limited	Go-beyond Unconscious Bias: Community Education for Gender Awareness	Promote the message of gender equality through workshops, interactive theatre and volunteer training days.
11	Gay Harmony	Love with Equality	Promote the message of protecting HIV-patients from disability discrimination through exhibitions, workshops, and production of videos and promotional materials.
12	Artscompana Limited	"LOOKS" Inclusive Drama Project	Promote the message of disability inclusion through interactive drama performances with people with disabilities.
13	The Hong Kong Society for the Blind	A Tour of Barrie Free Life	Promote the Disability Discrimination Ordinance and the message of disability inclusion through experiential activities and sharing sessions.
14	Baby Friendly Hospital Initiative Hong Kong Association	Breastfeeding-Supporting Activities & Publication	Promote the Sex Discrimination Ordinance and how it protects breastfeeding women from discrimination and harassment on the ground of breastfeeding through booklets, talks and workshops.
15	Sky Blue Club-Men Development Centre	Men under Adversity - Male Filming Volunteer Recruitment and Program Production	Promote the Sex Discrimination Ordinance and the message of gender equality through organising training workshops, producing videos and hosting screening events.
16	Wai Ji Christian Service Association	Volunteer Scheme for Art Action	Promote the Disability Discrimination Ordinance and the message of disability inclusion through publication production, community education talks, art workshops, volunteer visits and sharing sessions.
17	Natural Parenting Network	A Loving Start - Awareness	Promote the Sex Discrimination Ordinance and how it protects

2021-22			
Number	Organisation Name	Project Name	Content and Theme of Project
		Campaign for Optimal Early Feeding Among School Aged Children	breastfeeding women from discrimination and harassment on the ground of breastfeeding through educational videos.
18	Tuberous Sclerosis Complex Association of Hong Kong	Rare But Not Weird	Promote the message of disability inclusion through movie screenings and sharing sessions.
19	Culture Power Charity Foundation Limited	Inclusive Engineer 2021/2022	Promote the Disability Discrimination Ordinance and the message of disability inclusion through educational community research activities for primary school students.
20	Pro Bono Hong Kong Ltd	Anti-discrimination Law Promotion Program-Race Discrimination/ Sex Discrimination	Enhance public awareness of the Race Discrimination Ordinance and the Sex Discrimination Ordinance through organising talks on anti-discrimination ordinances.
21	Street Law HK Limited (A Company Limited by Guarantee)	“Law x Edu” Street Law Community Workshops on Discrimination Programme	Enhance public awareness of the Race Discrimination Ordinance and the Sex Discrimination Ordinance through organising legal workshops for students and producing booklets.
22	Hong Kong Federation of Women’s Centres Limited	Community Education for Supporting Carers in Hong Kong	Promote the Sex Discrimination Ordinance, the Family Status Discrimination Ordinance, and the messages of gender equality and protecting carers against family status discrimination through storybook production and sharing sessions.
23	Youth Guardian Foundation Limited	“Trips to Equal Opportunities” Board Games Education Leading Program	Promote the Disability Discrimination Ordinance, the Sex Discrimination Ordinance, the Family Status Discrimination Ordinance and the Race Discrimination Ordinance through game design and school activities.
24	Hong Kong Multimedia Design	“The Digital Story Book of Equality” Series - Multimedia	Promote the messages of disability and racial inclusion through workshops and competitions.

2021-22			
Number	Organisation Name	Project Name	Content and Theme of Project
	Association Limited	Comic Book for Child & Youth Creation Competition	
25	Gay Harmony	Love with Understanding	Promote the message of protecting HIV-patients from disability discrimination through exhibitions, workshops, production of videos and promotional materials.

2022-23			
Number	Organisation Name	Project name	Content and Theme of Project
1	The I.M.C. Lutheran School for the Deaf	The 9th All Hong Kong Inter-Primary Schools Sign-a-Song Contest	Promote the message of disability inclusion through sign language workshops and a sign language song competition.
2	Hong Kong Network for the Promotion of Inclusive Society	Biography of Fearless Dragon in English - A Book of Equal Opportunities Diversity Public Education Project	Promote the message of disability inclusion through the production of a public education book.
3	The Hong Kong Society for the Blind	Learn more about VIP (Visually Impaired Persons)	Promote the Disability Discrimination Ordinance and the message of disability inclusion through video production and public education activities.
4	Ma On Shan Community Services Association	“Sunshine of My Life” Film Appreciation	Promote the Disability Discrimination Ordinance and the message of disability inclusion through movie screenings and sharing sessions.
5	Helpology Limited	Helpology Ambassador Programme	Strengthen foreign domestic helpers’ understanding of the Sex Discrimination Ordinance, the Disability Discrimination Ordinance and the Race Discrimination Ordinance through the recruitment of ambassadors and the provision of workshops.

2022-23			
Number	Organisation Name	Project name	Content and Theme of Project
6	The Hong Kong College of Psychiatrists Limited	Look at MI - Mental Health Youth Ambassador Programme	Promote the message of non-discrimination against people in mental recovery by organising a mental health ambassador programme for secondary school students.
7	Access to Justice Fellowship Limited (A2J Fellowship)	Stories of Hong Kong Labour's Inequalities & Discrimination	Promote the Race Discrimination Ordinance, the Sex Discrimination Ordinance, the Disability Discrimination Ordinance and the Family Status Discrimination Ordinance through the production of leaflets.
8	Chinese Young Men's Christian Association of Hong Kong	"V-cook together" Social Inclusion Project	Promote the message of racial inclusion through community visits, volunteer activities, workshops, sharing sessions, and a multicultural experience day.
9	Chinese YMCA of Hong Kong (Service Unit: Counselling Unit)	"Let's Act" Volunteer Scheme	Promote the message of disability inclusion through volunteer training and services as well as the production of educational leaflets.
10	Christian Action	Women Support Women: Migrant Domestic Worker Engagement in Promoting Community Free of Sexual Harassment	Promote the Sex Discrimination Ordinance and how it protects the public (including foreign domestic helpers) from sexual harassment by organising workshops and social media competitions.
11	Delia Memorial School (Hip Wo)	#bettertogether	Promote the message of racial inclusion through multicultural activities and competitions.
12	Flash Action	Protection on Breastfeeding Campaign - Go Around Hong Kong	Promote the Sex Discrimination Ordinance and how it protects breastfeeding women from discrimination and harassment on the ground of breastfeeding by producing promotional short videos and leaflets, as well as launching a promotional truck in the community.
13	Resolve Foundation Limited	StepUpNow: Be an Active Bystander	Promote the Disability Discrimination Ordinance, the Sex Discrimination Ordinance and the

2022-23			
Number	Organisation Name	Project name	Content and Theme of Project
			Race Discrimination Ordinance through video production.
14	Navigator Life Planning and Development Company Limited	Caring for Caregivers – Bitter or Sweet Sharing Campaign 2022-2023	Promote the message of supporting carers by producing videos and organising an online voting competition.
15	Direction Association For the Handicapped	Universal Access	Promote the concept of universal design through video production.
16	Care Apparel Association Limited	Spreading Love through Clothing of Universal Design	Promote the concept of universal design in clothing through workshops.
17	Access to Justice Fellowship Limited (A2J Fellowship)	Human Library- Everyone Has a Story to Share	Promote the Race Discrimination Ordinance, the Sex Discrimination Ordinance, the Disability Discrimination Ordinance and the Family Status Discrimination Ordinance through workshops and human library sharing.
18	Equal Justice Limited	Pregnancy@Work (PAT)	Promote the Sex Discrimination Ordinance and the Family Status Discrimination Ordinance, and how they protect working pregnant women from discrimination on the grounds of sex and family status by enhancing the functionality and content of an information portal.

2023-24			
Number	Organisation Name	Project Name	Content and Theme of Project
1	Rehabilitation Alliance Hong Kong Limited	“Universal Access” for All: Web-Based Education and Promotion Platform on Universal Accessibility Environment	Promote the Disability Discrimination Ordinance and the concept of universal design through the production of an online education platform.

2023-24			
Number	Organisation Name	Project Name	Content and Theme of Project
2	HKWMA Chu Shek Lun Secondary School	Eliminate Discrimination to Embrace Diversity and Inclusion	Promote the message of racial inclusion through multicultural activities and competitions.
3	The Family Planning Association of Hong Kong	“Talent has no Gender” – Educational Programme on Gender Equality for Young People	Promote the Sex Discrimination Ordinance and the message of gender equality through video production, talent workshops, small exhibitions, human library sharing and activity days.
4	Tuberous Sclerosis Complex Association of Hong Kong	“3CM” Screening and Music Performance	Promote the message of disability inclusion and support for carers through inclusive music performances, movie screenings and sharing sessions.
5	Hong Kong Network for the Promotion of Inclusive Society Limited	“Can’t See, Can’t Hear, Running Beyond”	Promote the message of disability inclusion by producing a microfilm.
6	The Hong Kong College of Psychiatrists Limited	Look at MI – Mental Health Youth Ambassador Programme	Promote the message of non-discrimination against people in mental recovery through a mental health ambassador programme for secondary school students.
7	Cheung Ching Lutheran Centre for the Disabled, Hong Kong Lutheran Social Service, LC-HKS	Emerging “Sports” and “Art” Inclusive Volunteer Programme	Promote the message of disability inclusion through experiential workshops, an inclusive sports competition, volunteer activities and an activity day.
8	Tung Wah Group of Hospitals - Lok Ching Community Mental Health Education and Promotion Service Centre	Reasoning Voices: Mental Health Anti-Stigma Community Integration Project	Promote the Disability Discrimination Ordinance and the message of protecting persons in mental recovery against disability discrimination through video production, immersive experiential activities and human library sharing.
9	The Hong Kong Society for the Blind - Resource	Deafblind On the Move	Promote the Disability Discrimination Ordinance and the message of disability inclusion by

2023-24			
Number	Organisation Name	Project Name	Content and Theme of Project
	Centre for the Deafblind		launching a mobile promotional truck and relevant activities.
10	Silence Limited	The Life of the Deaf	Promote the message of disability inclusion by organising experiential activities about the life of persons with hearing impairment.
11	Kowloon Women's Organisations Federation Lau Shun Man Fu Cheong women Services Centre	Anti-Discrimination and Building an Equal and Harmonious Community	Promote the protections under the Disability Discrimination Ordinance, the Family Status Discrimination Ordinance, the Race Discrimination Ordinance and the Sex Discrimination Ordinance through workshops and the production of a radio drama.
12	MB Education Association Limited	"Equal Voices, Equal Choices!"-Equal Opportunities Thematic Debate Competition (EO Cup) 2024	Promote the Disability Discrimination Ordinance, the Family Status Discrimination Ordinance, the Race Discrimination Ordinance and the Sex Discrimination Ordinance through organising debate competitions for secondary school students.
13	Institute of Leadership and Management Foundation Limited	Breaking Barriers: A Six-Month Awareness and Empowerment Programme	Promote the employment for ethnic minorities and people with disabilities through workshops and company visits, etc.
14	Tung Wah Groups of Hospital - Image Pro	《 No Sexual Harassment 》 Video Competition	Promote the Sex Discrimination Ordinance and how it protects the public from sexual harassment through a short video creation competition.

2025-26			
Number	Organisation Name	Project Name	Content and Theme of Project
1	HKWMA Chu Shek Lun Secondary School	Respect Diversity, Promote Racial Equality, and Build a Harmonious Society	Promote the message of racial inclusion through multicultural activities and competitions.
2	The Hong Kong College of	Look at MI - Mental Health Youth	Promote the message of non-discrimination against people in

2025-26			
Number	Organisation Name	Project Name	Content and Theme of Project
	Psychiatrists Limited	Ambassador Programme	mental recovery through a mental health ambassador programme for secondary school students.
3	Hong Kong Network for the Promotion of Inclusive Society	Fearless Dragons: Community Film Screening	Promote the message of disability inclusion through microfilm screenings and sharing sessions.
4	Navigator Life Planning and Development Company Limited	Caring for Cares: Cares' Story and Ideal Family - Friendly Practices Interactive Exhibition Sharing Campaign 2025-2026	Promote the Family Status Discrimination Ordinance and the message of supporting carers through workshops, online voting competitions, and physical and online exhibitions.
5	Agency for Volunteer Service	Miracle Summer Volunteer Programme	Promote the messages of disability inclusion and anti-sexual harassment through the production of educational and promotional short videos, and volunteer activities and services.
6	Hong Kong Guide Dogs Association	Guide Dog Little Q Goes to School	Promote the Disability Discrimination Ordinance, and the messages of accepting guide dogs and disability inclusion through school talks.

- End -

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

CMAB046

(Question Serial No. 1546)

Head: (144) Government Secretariat: Constitutional and Mainland Affairs Bureau

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (4) Rights of the Individual

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Constitutional and Mainland Affairs (Ms Maggie WONG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Constitutional and Mainland Affairs

Question:

Regarding Programme (4) Rights of the Individual, please advise this Committee of the following:

1. What are the reasons for the 2025-26 revised estimate being 16.3% lower than the original estimate?
2. In 2026-27, there will be a net decrease of 1 post, while the estimate is 9.4% higher than the revised estimate for the previous year. The analysis indicates that this is due to "the increased provision for other charges". What are the details?
3. What support measures are currently in place to promote equal opportunities for people of different sexual orientations/gender identities? What is the provision earmarked for this purpose in 2026-27, and how does it compare with the levels of the past 5 years? Please set out the information in a table.

Asked by: Hon SO Shiu-tsung, Thomas (LegCo internal reference no.: 31)

Reply:

1. & 2. For Programme (4) Rights of the Individual, the main reason for the 16.3% decrease in the revised estimate for 2025-26 compared with the original estimate is that the Bureau had to focus on a number of important tasks last year, necessitating a reprioritisation of work; and there is also a decrease in manpower costs due to staff changes.

As regards the 9.4% increase in the provision for 2026-27 compared to the revised estimate for the past year, this is mainly due to the increase in personnel related expenses, and the continuation of the work to promote public education and encourage community participation.

3. To promote equal opportunities on grounds of sexual orientation or gender identity or provide support services for the sexual minorities, the Government has implemented the Equal Opportunities (Sexual Orientation) Funding Scheme (the Scheme). In the past 5 years, the provision earmarked for the Scheme was \$1.35 million (2021-22 to 2024-25) and \$1.2 million (2025-26) respectively, and the estimated expenditure for 2026-27 is \$1.2 million, which is comparable to that of the previous years.

- End -

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

CMAB047

(Question Serial No. 1547)

Head: (144) Government Secretariat: Constitutional and Mainland Affairs Bureau

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (5) Subvention: Equal Opportunities Commission and Office of the Privacy Commissioner for Personal Data

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Constitutional and Mainland Affairs (Ms Maggie WONG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Constitutional and Mainland Affairs

Question:

The Office of the Privacy Commissioner for Personal Data (PCPD) conducted 2 rounds of compliance checks on the use of artificial intelligence (AI) in 2024 and 2025, covering a total of 88 organisations (28 in the first round and 60 in the second round). Please advise this Committee of the following:

1. What are the details of manpower expenditure involved in these 2 rounds of compliance checks?
2. What sampling methods and principles were adopted for the compliance checks?
3. Regarding the organisations under the compliance checks, what are the findings on the use of AI by government departments, public utilities and social services organisations? Please provide details on the 3 aspects of collection, use and processing of personal data, implementation and management of AI systems, and AI strategy and governance.
4. While both rounds of compliance checks “found no contravention of the Personal Data (Privacy) Ordinance”, the coverage of the checks remained at a low level as compared to the total number of enterprises and organisations using AI in Hong Kong. Does the PCPD have plans to expand the scale of compliance checks and conduct more in-depth special checks targeting high-risk sectors (e.g. finance, medical services and legal services)?

Asked by: Hon SO Shiu-tsung, Thomas (LegCo internal reference no.: 32)

Reply:

1. The 2 rounds of compliance checks in 2024 and 2025 were conducted by the Compliance and Enquiries Division of the Office of the Privacy Commissioner for Personal Data (PCPD). The staff concerned are responsible not only for

these 2 rounds of compliance checks, but also for other duties. As the expenditure involved is subsumed under the recurrent expenditure, a separate breakdown is not available.

2. & 3. The PCPD selected, through proactive online patrols, local organisations (including public and private organisations) that might use artificial intelligence (AI) in their daily operation for compliance checks. Among the organisations under compliance checks, information on the AI usage of government departments, public utilities and social services organisations has been set out in the media statements issued by the PCPD on 21 February 2024 and 8 May 2025 (see **Annex 1** and **Annex 2**):

https://www.pcpd.org.hk/english/news_events/media_statements/press_20240221.html

https://www.pcpd.org.hk/english/news_events/media_statements/press_20250508.html

4. The PCPD has been attaching great importance to the privacy risks arising from organisations' use of AI in view of the growing prevalence of AI applications. Therefore, in addition to the 2 rounds of compliance checks conducted in 2024 and 2025, the PCPD commenced a new round of compliance checks early this year, covering various sectors including banking and finance, medical services, public utilities, social services and government departments, to understand their latest practices in the collection, use and processing of personal data during the use of AI, and whether they comply with the relevant requirements of the Personal Data (Privacy) Ordinance, thereby promoting the safe and healthy development of AI in Hong Kong.

Media Statement

Date: 21 February 2024

**Implications of the Development or Use of Artificial Intelligence
on Personal Data Privacy
The Privacy Commissioner's Office has Completed Compliance Checks
on 28 Organisations**

With the development and use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) becoming increasingly common in Hong Kong, organisations may collect, use or process personal data when they develop or use AI systems, thereby posing risks to personal data privacy. In order to understand the implications of the development and use of AI on personal data privacy in Hong Kong, **the Office of the Privacy Commissioner for Personal Data (PCPD) carried out compliance checks on 28 local organisations (Organisations) from August 2023 to February 2024 to understand their practices in relation to the collection, use and processing of personal data in the development or use of AI, as well as the AI governance structure of the relevant organisations.**

The exercise covered various sectors, including telecommunications, finance and insurance, beauty services, retail, transportation and education sectors, and government departments. Based on the findings of the compliance checks, the PCPD has the following overall observations as regards the Organisations' data protection practices when they develop or use AI:

- **21 organisations used AI in their day-to-day operations**, which included using AI in data analysis, assessing interview performance of job candidates, and utilising chatbots to respond to customer enquiries, etc.;
- Among the 21 organisations, **19 of them established internal AI governance frameworks**, such as setting up an AI governance committee and/or appointed designated officer to oversee the development or use of AI products or services;
- **Only 10 out of the 21 organisations collected personal data through AI products and services.** The 10 organisations provided data subjects with Personal Information Collection Statements on or before the collection of their personal data, which specified the purposes for which the data is to be used, as well as the classes of person to whom the data may be transferred;
- **Eight out of the 10 organisations had conducted privacy impact assessments** prior to the development or use of AI products and services;
- **All of the 10 organisations implemented appropriate security measures** to ensure that the personal data held by them was protected against unauthorised or accidental access, processing, erasure, loss or use in the course of the development or use of AI products or services. These measures included granting access to personal data to authorised personnel only, encrypting personal data at rest and in

transit, conducting regular security vulnerability assessments and penetration tests, or providing employees with written guidelines and trainings; and

- Among the 10 organisations, nine of them retained personal data collected through the AI products or services. Out of these, **eight organisations specified retention periods for personal data** and would delete or anonymise the data when the original purpose of collection has been achieved. The remaining organisation allowed data subjects to delete their personal data themselves.

The PCPD has now completed the compliance checks and has found no contravention of the Personal Data (Privacy) Ordinance (PDPO) during the compliance check process. The results of this compliance check exercise demonstrate that there is an increasing number of organisations (including both public and private organisations) deploying AI to enhance their daily operational efficiency.

The Privacy Commissioner for Personal Data, Ms Ada CHUNG Lai-ling, said, “While AI has immense potential for driving productivity and economic growth, it also poses varying degrees of personal data privacy and ethical risks. I am pleased to learn that among the organisations reviewed, most organisations established internal AI governance frameworks to oversee the development or use of AI products or services. Organisations, as data users, bear the responsibility to ensure data security when they develop or use AI systems. They should review and assess the impacts of AI systems on personal data privacy in a timely manner to ensure compliance with the relevant provisions of the PDPO.”

The PCPD issued the “Guidance on the Ethical Development and Use of Artificial Intelligence” in August 2021 to facilitate the healthy development and use of AI in Hong Kong as well as assist organisations to mitigate privacy and ethical risks in complying with the relevant provisions of the PDPO in their development or use of AI.

Through this compliance check exercise, the PCPD would like to provide the following recommended measures to organisations which develop or use AI:

- If an organisation collects or processes personal data in the development or use of AI, it should adopt measures to ensure compliance with the PDPO, as well as monitor and review AI systems on a continuing basis;
- Establish a strategy for the development or use of AI and an internal AI governance structure, and provide adequate training to all relevant personnel;
- Conduct comprehensive risk assessment (including privacy impact assessment) to systematically identify, analyse and evaluate the risks, including privacy risks, in relation to the development or use of AI, and adopt appropriate risk management measures that are commensurate with the risks, for instance, adopt a higher level of human oversight for an AI system with a higher risk profile; and

- Communicate and engage effectively with stakeholders to enhance transparency in the use of AI, and fine-tune AI systems in response to concerns raised by stakeholders.

Media Statement

Date: 8 May 2025

**The Privacy Commissioner's Office has Completed
Compliance Checks on 60 Organisations to Ensure AI Security**

With the use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) becoming increasingly prevalent, more and more organisations use AI in their operations. Nevertheless, the privacy and security risks associated with AI should not be overlooked. To understand the usage of AI in Hong Kong and its impact on personal data privacy, the Office of the Privacy Commissioner for Personal Data (PCPD) carried out compliance checks on 28 local organisations from August 2023 to February 2024 and provided practical recommendations to organisations which developed or used AI^[1].

To implement the policy direction from the “Two Sessions” to promote the “AI Plus” Initiative and the Hong Kong Innovation and Technology Development Blueprint promulgated by the Government of Hong Kong Special Administrative Region, as well as to promote the safe and healthy development of AI in Hong Kong, the PCPD has begun a new round of compliance checks in February 2025. The compliance checks covered 60 local organisations (Organisations) across various sectors, including telecommunications, banking and finance, insurance, beauty services, retail, transportation, education, medical services, public utilities, social services and government departments, and aim to understand whether the Organisations complied with the relevant requirements of the Personal Data (Privacy) Ordinance (PDPO) in the collection, use and processing of personal data during the use of AI. Meanwhile, the compliance checks also examined the Organisations’ implementation of the recommendations and best practices provided in the “Artificial Intelligence: Model Personal Data Protection Framework”^[2] (Model Framework) published by the PCPD in 2024, as well as their governance as regards the use of AI. Based on the findings of the compliance checks, the PCPD published a report today and has the following major observations as regards the Organisations’ data protection practices when they used AI (see Annex for details):

- **48 organisations (80%) used AI in their day-to-day operations**, indicating a 5% increase compared to the compliance checks carried out in 2024. Among these, 42 organisations (approximately 88%) had been using AI for over a year;
- Among these 48 organisations, 26 (approximately 54%) of them used three or more AI systems. **These AI systems were primarily applied in areas such as customer service, marketing, administrative support, compliance/risk management, and research and development, etc.;**
- Among these 48 organisations, **24 (50%) of them collected and/or used personal data through AI systems.** They provided data subjects with Personal Information Collection Statements on or before the collection of personal data, which specified the purposes for which the data was to be used, as well as the classes of persons to whom the data might be transferred, etc.;

- Among the 24 organisations, **19 (about 79%) of them retained the personal data collected through AI systems and specified the retention periods for personal data.** They would delete the personal data after achieving the original purposes of collection. The remaining five organisations (approximately 21%) did not retain the personal data collected through AI systems;
- **All organisations reviewed which collected and/or used personal data through AI systems implemented appropriate security measures** to ensure that the personal data held by them in the course of using AI systems was protected. These measures included access control, penetration testing, encryption of data and anonymisation of personal data, etc. Among these, seven organisations (around 29%) also activated AI-related security alerts and conducted red teaming drills;
- Among the 24 organisations, **23 (about 96%) of them conducted tests prior to the implementation of AI systems** to ensure their reliability, robustness and fairness. Additionally, **20 organisations (about 83%) conducted privacy impact assessments prior to the implementation of AI systems;**
- Among these 24 organisations, **22 (approximately 92%) of them formulated data breach response plans** to address contingencies. Among these, **seven organisations (around 32%) specifically addressed AI-related data breach incidents in their response plans;**
- Among the 24 organisations, **15 (approximately 63%) of them made reference to the guidelines/advice on AI published by the PCPD regarding the collection, use and processing of personal data through AI systems.** These included the Model Framework, “10 Tips for Users of AI Chatbots”^[3] and “Guidance on the Ethical Development and Use of Artificial Intelligence”^[4]. Additionally, **seven organisations (about 29%) planned to make reference to the aforesaid guidelines; and**
- Among these 24 organisations, **19 (about 79%) of them established AI governance structures,** such as setting up AI governance committees and/or appointing designated personnel to be responsible for overseeing the use of AI systems.

The PCPD has now completed the compliance checks and found no contravention of the PDPO during the compliance check process.

The Privacy Commissioner for Personal Data (Privacy Commissioner), Ms Ada CHUNG Lai-ling, said, “The results of the compliance checks reveal that most organisations in Hong Kong have already begun to use AI in various areas of operations to enhance the efficiency of their daily operations and the quality of their products or services. All organisations reviewed implemented appropriate security measures to ensure data security during the collection and/or use of personal data through AI systems, and adopted a relatively high level of human oversight in the decision-making process to mitigate the risk of errors made by AI. In addition, most organisations

formulated data breach response plans to address contingencies, with some of which specifically covered AI-related data breach incidents.”

The Privacy Commissioner also pointed out, “AI is a double-edged sword. While AI can facilitate business development, it also brings various degrees of personal data privacy and ethical risks. I am pleased to learn that among the organisations reviewed, most had established AI governance structures to oversee the use of AI systems. Organisations, as data users, bear the responsibility to ensure the data security of AI systems when developing or using AI systems. They should also review, monitor and assess the impact of AI systems on personal data privacy in a timely manner to ensure compliance with the relevant provisions of the PDPO. Meanwhile, organisations should proactively formulate AI incident response plans and provide appropriate training to their employees to cope with AI-related contingencies.”

In addition to making reference to the Model Framework, the PCPD also encourages organisations to refer to the “Checklist on Guidelines for the Use of Generative AI by Employees”^[51] issued by the PCPD to help them develop internal policies or guidelines on the use of generative AI by employees at work and comply with the relevant provisions of the PDPO. Through this compliance check exercise, the PCPD would like to provide the following recommended measures to organisations that develop or use AI:

- If an organisation collects or processes personal data in the development or use of AI, it should adopt measures to ensure compliance with the relevant requirements of the PDPO, as well as monitor and review AI systems on a continuous basis;
- Establish a strategy for the development or use of AI and an internal AI governance structure, and provide adequate training to all relevant personnel. In addition, organisations should formulate an AI incident response plan to monitor and address incidents that may inadvertently occur;
- Conduct comprehensive risk assessments (including privacy impact assessments) to systematically identify, analyse and evaluate the risks, including privacy risks, in relation to the development or use of AI, and adopt appropriate risk management measures that are commensurate with the risks. For instance, a higher level of human oversight should be adopted for AI systems with a higher risk profile;
- Conduct internal audits (and independent assessments as necessary) of AI systems on a regular basis to ensure system security and data security, and that the development or use of AI continues to comply with the requirements of the organisation’s policies, including its AI strategy; and
- Communicate and engage effectively with stakeholders to enhance transparency in the use of AI, and fine-tune AI systems in a timely manner in response to feedback from stakeholders.

Please [click here](#) to download the report.

- End -

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

CMAB048

(Question Serial No. 1548)

Head: (144) Government Secretariat: Constitutional and Mainland Affairs Bureau

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (5) Subvention: Equal Opportunities Commission and Office of the Privacy Commissioner for Personal Data

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Constitutional and Mainland Affairs (Ms Maggie WONG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Constitutional and Mainland Affairs

Question:

The everyday application of artificial intelligence (AI) is becoming widespread, and the issues of privacy protection, AI ethics and ethical development involved have aroused considerable concern. Please advise this Committee of the following:

1. The Office of the Privacy Commissioner for Personal Data (PCPD) has co-chaired the Ethics and Data Protection in Artificial Intelligence Working Group of the Global Privacy Assembly since October 2024. In this regard, what exchanges and research work has the PCPD conducted to date, what outcomes have been achieved, and what are the expenditure and manpower involved?
2. Regarding the establishment of an ethical framework for AI development, the PCPD published the Guidance on the Ethical Development and Use of Artificial Intelligence in 2021. It has been over 4 years since then. In view of the rapid advancement of AI technology during the period, has the PCPD assessed whether the content of the Guidance remains relevant to current technological developments and application scenarios? Apart from updating the Guidance, will the PCPD consider developing more binding measures or codes of practice for the ethical regulation of AI?

Asked by: Hon SO Shiu-tsung, Thomas (LegCo internal reference no.: 35)

Reply:

1. The work of the Office of the Privacy Commissioner for Personal Data (PCPD) related to the Global Privacy Assembly in 2025 has been elaborated in the annual work report submitted to the Legislative Council Panel on Constitutional Affairs in February 2026, with the relevant content extracted at Annex.

The PCPD's work related to the Artificial Intelligence (AI) Working Group (AI Working Group) is mainly undertaken by the Global Affairs and Research Division. The Division is responsible not only for the work related to the AI Working Group, but also for other duties. As the expenditure involved is subsumed under the recurrent expenditure, a separate breakdown is not available.

2. The PCPD has been closely monitoring the latest developments in AI technology and its applications, and continuously assessing the related privacy risks. Since 2021, the PCPD has published a series of guidance materials and leaflets to provide practical advice to the public and organisations on privacy protection and ethical standards in relation to AI:
 - a) publishing the leaflet "10 TIPS for Users of AI Chatbots" in 2023;
 - b) comprehensively reviewing and updating the "Guidance on the Ethical Development and Use of Artificial Intelligence", and publishing the "Artificial Intelligence: Model Personal Data Protection Framework" in 2024;
 - c) issuing the "Checklist on Guidelines for the Use of Generative AI by Employees" in March 2025; and
 - d) issuing the "Abuse of AI Deepfakes: Toolkit for Schools and Parents" in December 2025.

The PCPD will continue to keep in view the development of emerging technologies (including AI), and consider developing relevant guidelines or codes of practice as necessary to ensure that organisations comply with the relevant requirements of the Personal Data (Privacy) Ordinance and adhere to international ethical standards.

(VIII) International and Chinese Mainland Connections

41. As the world becomes increasingly interconnected and data flows across borders, privacy protection is no longer a matter for a single region but a shared global issue. In 2025, the PCPD actively engaged in international and regional forums, maintaining close liaison with privacy or data protection authorities worldwide, sharing the latest trends, exchanging practical experience, and working together to address the challenges posed by the digital age to privacy protection. Throughout 2025, the PCPD continued to participate actively in various international and regional forums, including the Global Privacy Assembly (GPA)⁵, the Asia Pacific Privacy Authorities (APPA)⁶, and the Global Privacy Enforcement Network (GPEN)⁷, etc..

42. In September 2025, the Privacy Commissioner, together with 19 commissioners or senior representatives of privacy or data protection authorities around the world, jointly signed a “Joint Statement on Building Trustworthy Data Governance Frameworks to Encourage Development of Innovative and Privacy-protecting AI” on the sidelines of the 47th GPA annual conference (Conference) held in Seoul, Korea. The signatories committed to sharing information and establishing a shared understanding of data security, continuously monitoring both the technical and societal implications of AI, encouraging innovation while reducing legal uncertainty and strengthening cooperation with other relevant authorities.

43. During the Conference, the Privacy Commissioner, as co-chair of the Ethics and Data Protection in Artificial Intelligence Working Group (AIWG), reported on the work of the AIWG to the GPA members. In response to the privacy risks stemming from AI, members unanimously adopted two AI-related resolutions at the Conference, namely, the “Resolution on Meaningful Human Oversight of Decisions Involving AI Systems” and “Resolution on the Collection, Use and Disclosure of Personal Data to Pre-Train, Train and Fine-Tune AI Models”, both co-sponsored by the PCPD. The Privacy Commissioner also participated in a panel discussion as cochair of the International Enforcement Cooperation Working Group (IEWG) and held bilateral meetings with commissioners from privacy or data protection authorities in Australia, Canada, New Zealand, Singapore, as well as the European Data Protection Supervisor, to exchange views on various data protection issues.

44. In addition, in June 2025 and November 2025, the Privacy Commissioner and representatives of the PCPD attended the 63rd and 64th APPA Forums. During the meetings, the Privacy Commissioner introduced the work of the PCPD to members of the forums, including providing an overview of the “Checklist on Guidelines for the Use of Generative AI by Employees” published by the PCPD, and introducing the facilitation measure on the standard contract for the cross-boundary flow of personal information within the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area. Subsequently, the PCPD and the Personal Data Protection Bureau, Macao, together with seven privacy or data protection authorities from Australia (Victoria), Canada (Federal and British Columbia), Japan, Korea, New Zealand and Singapore published the jointly developed “Guide to Getting Started with Anonymisation” to provide a practicable introductory guidance for organisations seeking to anonymise personal data.

⁵ The GPA is the leading international forum where over 130 privacy or data protection authorities from across the globe are convened to discuss and exchange views on privacy issues and the latest international developments.

⁶ The APPA is the principal forum for 20 privacy or data protection authorities in the Asia Pacific region to strengthen cooperation, discuss best practices and share information on privacy regulations and emerging technologies.

⁷ Currently consisting of over 80 members, the GPEN aims to facilitate cross-border cooperation among privacy enforcement authorities.

- End -

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

CMAB049

(Question Serial No. 2383)

Head: (144) Government Secretariat: Constitutional and Mainland Affairs Bureau

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

Programme: (2) Constitutional and Mainland Affairs

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Constitutional and Mainland Affairs (Ms Maggie WONG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Constitutional and Mainland Affairs

Question:

Regarding the work to promote the Constitution and the Basic Law, please advise this Committee of the following:

1. What is the actual expenditure on promoting the Constitution and the Basic Law in each of the years from 2019, and what is the estimated expenditure for the next financial year?
2. What are the number of applications received, number of applications approved, amount of sponsorship, details of projects and number of participants under related sponsorship schemes such as the "Constitution and Basic Law Promotion Activity and Research Sponsorship Scheme" and the "Community Participation Scheme" in each of the years from 2019?
3. Taking the "Constitution and Basic Law Promotion Activity and Research Sponsorship Scheme" as an example, and with reference to data from 2020 to 2024:
 - 1) The approval rate for activities basically remained above 50% from 2020 to 2023. However, in 2024, the number of applications increased to 87, a 70% increase as compared to the average figures in the preceding 4 years, while the number of applications approved remained at 24, bringing the approval rate down to 27.5%. What are the Government's considerations in assessing and approving applications? If more organisations in the community wish to participate in the promotion of the Constitution and the Basic Law, will the Government consider expanding the scale of sponsorship?
 - 2) Certain applicant organisations were granted sponsorship multiple times under the Scheme for their series of brand events. To encourage diversity and innovation, and to expand the coverage of activities, has the Government applied more stringent assessment and effectiveness evaluation criteria for similar types of activities? Are there measures to encourage or guide applicant organisations to

explore innovative promotional activities targeting different groups of young people (e.g. out-of-school youth and ethnic minority youth)?

Asked by: Hon SO Shiu-tsung, Thomas (LegCo internal reference no.: 34)

Reply:

Under the chairmanship of the Chief Secretary for Administration, the Constitution and Basic Law Promotion Steering Committee (CBLPSC) provides advice and steer on the overall strategy and key work plans for promoting the Constitution, the Basic Law and national security-related legislation, and monitors, evaluates and reviews promotional programmes undertaken by government departments and non-governmental organisations. The Constitutional and Mainland Affairs Bureau (CMAB) provides secretariat support to CBLPSC. The 5 sub-groups under CBLPSC (namely Local Community Sub-group; Teachers and Students Sub-group; Civil Servants Sub-group; Industrial, Commercial and Professional Sectors Sub-group; and Community Outside Hong Kong Sub-group), assisted by the Home and Youth Affairs Bureau, Education Bureau, Civil Service Bureau, Trade and Industry Department and Information Services Department respectively, have been planning and organising various types of activities for promotion on various fronts to the general public and related sectors.

2. CMAB has been carrying out promotion and publicity work through different channels and in a diversified manner to enable the public to have a more comprehensive and thorough understanding of the Constitution and the Basic Law. The actual expenditure of CMAB for the promotion of the Constitution and the Basic Law in the past 5 years is as follows:

Financial year	Actual expenditure (\$ million)
2021-22	17
2022-23	32
2023-24	33
2024-25	31
2025-26	31 (estimated actual expenditure)

3. The number of applications, number of approved applications and amounts of sponsorship under the Constitution and Basic Law Promotion Activity and Research Sponsorship Scheme^{Note} in the past 5 years are as follows:

Year	Number of applications received	Number of applications approved	Amount of sponsorship (\$)
2021-22	40	28	Basic Law Promotion Activity Sponsorship Scheme: \$6,685,300
	4	2	Basic Law Promotion Research Sponsorship Scheme: \$1,323,200
2022-23	53	21	Basic Law Promotion Activity Sponsorship Scheme: \$4,826,090
	4	2	Basic Law Promotion Research Sponsorship Scheme: \$1,304,000

Year	Number of applications received	Number of applications approved	Amount of sponsorship (\$)
2023-24	37	24	Constitution and Basic Law Promotion Activity and Research Sponsorship Scheme: \$8,242,835
2024-25	87	24	Constitution and Basic Law Promotion Activity and Research Sponsorship Scheme: \$6,217,580
2025-26	38	17	Constitution and Basic Law Promotion Activity and Research Sponsorship Scheme: \$4,492,630

Note: Before February 2023, the relevant sponsorship scheme was separated into 2 schemes, namely, Basic Law Promotion Activity Sponsorship Scheme and Basic Law Promotion Research Sponsorship Scheme.

Details of the sponsored projects are at [Annex 1](#).

The number of applications, number of approved applications and amounts of sponsorship under the Community Participation Scheme in the past 5 years are as follows:

Year	Number of applications received	Number of applications approved	Amount of sponsorship (\$)
2021-22	117	63	12,750,000
2022-23	142	64	13,240,000
2023-24	115	62	12,800,000
2024-25	168	62	12,460,000
2025-26	204	63	10,460,000

Details of the sponsored projects are at [Annex 2](#).

4. Regarding the applications under the Constitution and Basic Law Promotion Activity and Research Sponsorship Scheme, a Vetting Committee (VC) of the Constitution and Basic Law Promotion Activity and Research Sponsorship Scheme, comprising representatives from the Government and non-official members with rich experience in relevant fields, assists in assessing applications and gives advice on related matters. In assessing each application, the VC will rigorously consider various factors, including the proposed project's objectives, content, innovativeness (including target group and approach), feasibility, the applicant's experience, management capability and past performance in the Sponsorship Scheme, and the number and feedback of similar or same series of activities etc.

5. For the purpose of monitoring and evaluating the progress and effectiveness of sponsored projects, CMAB has strictly required sponsored organisations to submit the progress reports, project final report and financial report on time. The project final report should state if the number of participants is in line with expectations and participants' feedback on the project (e.g. report on participants' responses), and attach project deliverables (e.g. winning entries of competitions, learning materials, and photos or videos of activities). The secretariat will disburse funds to the organisation concerned only upon confirmation that the project has been completed with the targets met. Sponsored organisations' performance

in previous projects will be considered in the assessment of their future applications. The VC may review the above assessment procedures from time to time.

Details of the sponsored projects under the Constitution and Basic Law Promotion Activity and Research Sponsorship Scheme:

2021-22

Promotion activity	
Name of organisation	Title of project
Kowloon City Youths Association	Light the City · Basic Law Promotion Activity
Youth · Travel	「《基本法》與我」香港中小學生海報設計比賽2021-2022*
Hong Kong Association of Youth Development Limited	「識」法精英培訓計劃*
New Home Association Kowloon West Service Center	Let's get to know the Basic Law
Federation of Industries and Commerce in Kwai Chung and Tsing Yi Charitable Foundation Ltd.	VR Adventures in Basic Law
Hong Kong Life Extension Association	「考基本·尋法寶」《基本法》推廣活動*
The HKFYG Institute for Leadership Development Limited	Engaged Learning: Basic Law Education Programme
Chung Yeh Yuk Tsoi Educational Organization Company Limited	第一屆青年法治領航員訓練計劃*
Joint Committee for The Promotion of The Basic Law of Hong Kong	Basic Law Promotion in Community and Schools 2021-2022
Chinese History and Culture Enhancement Fund	Promotion of the Basic Law Education for Children (Phase 3)
National History Education (Hong Kong) Limited	Hong Kong Basic Law Multi-media Teaching and Learning kit: 2020 back and forth 30 years
Tai Po Youths Association	Tai Po District Basic Law Promotion Programme 2021
Hong Kong Young Leaders Development Association	香港青少年基本法推廣視頻創作大賽2021*
Hong Kong Youth Nurture Association	「一國兩制」與《基本法》標語創作比賽2022*
New Home Association New Territories West Service Center	一·兩·知多點點基本法*

Zhongshan University Law Faculty Hong Kong Students Association Ltd	The 23rd online quiz competition on Basic Law & One Country Two System promotional activity
Hongkong Shine Tak Foundation Association Limited	慶祝香港回歸 25 週年 — 善德基金會 「一國兩制」教育計劃 2022*
Hong Kong Higher Education Convergence	Project of “Children’s Book, Board Games, and Studying about the Basic Law”
Chung Yeh Yuk Tsoi Educational Organization Company Limited	全港小學生《基本法》校園推廣計劃 2022*
Joint Committee for The Promotion of The Basic Law of Hong Kong	Symposium in Commemoration of the 32nd Anniversary of the Promulgation of the Basic Law of the HKSAR
Joint Committee for The Promotion of The Basic Law of Hong Kong	The 19th Basic Law Ambassador Training Scheme
Basic Law Foundation Limited	12 月「國家憲法日」電車推廣、及 4 月「國 家安全日」和「紀念《基本法》頒布 31 周 年」巴士廣告推廣活動系列*
Basic Law Foundation Limited	《基本法》及法治電視教育節目項目*
Hong Kong Commerce & Industry Association Ltd	第二屆《中學生電台節目製作基本法》*
Flash Action	基本法遊走十八區*
Kowloon Federation of Associations	1st “Secure Homeland” Basic Law and NSL School Promotion Programme
Chinese History and Culture Enhancement Fund Limited	Promotion of the Basic Law Education for Children (Phase 4)
Endeavor Education Center	真識《基本法》2022*
Research project	
Research organisation	Subject of research
One Country Two Systems Youth Forum Limited	對學校、社會團體、媒體和網絡進行國家安 全宣傳和教育初探*
Hong Kong Policy Research Institute	Case Studies of Junior and Senior Secondary School Basic Law Education: Lesson Preparation, Observation and Briefing

* The organisation in question only submitted the Chinese title for the project.

2022-23

Promotion activity	
Name of organisation	Title of project
National History Education (Hong Kong) Ltd.	Learning Basic Law through Board Games
Chung Yeh Yuk Tsoi Educational Organization Company Limited	The 2nd Hong Kong Young Leaders in Law Training Scheme
Hong Kong Basic Law Foundation Limited	2022 Basic Law Speech Contest
Hong Kong Life Extension Association	「考基本·尋法寶」《基本法》推廣活動2023*
Youth · Travel	「《基本法》與我」香港中小學生海報設計比賽2022-2023*
Joint Committee for The Promotion of The Basic Law of Hong Kong	《基本法》多面體 – 全港學生辯論賽系列2022-2023*
Hong Kong Youth Nurture Association	「一國兩制」與《基本法》標語創作比賽2023*
Youth Chain Limited	東區「看過·聽過·走過 – 基本法」*
Ngau Tau Kok Kaifong Welfare Assn. Ltd	Basic Law and Us
Hong Kong Basic Law Foundation Limited	1 st Basic Law and NSL Tertiary Students' Promotion Programme
Hong Kong Youth Power Association	「青識」基本法*
Kowloon Federation of Associations	「國安·家好」社區推廣系列活動2023*
Hong Kong Ladies Dynamic Association	齊來認識《憲法》、《基本法》*
Basic Law Foundation Limited	4月「紀念《基本法》頒布33周年」電車廣告推廣活動系列*
Hong Kong Elderly Charitable Limited	基本法「耆」望人人識*
East Teenagers Go	保家衛國基本法*
Hong Kong Wuyi Association Company Limited	Touch Base: Enhancing Basic Law awareness among youth in the community through immersive social games
Joint Committee for The Promotion of The Basic Law of Hong Kong	紀念《基本法》頒布三十三周年系列活動*

Joint Committee for The Promotion of The Basic Law of Hong Kong	The 20 th Basic Law Ambassador Training Scheme
Chin Ching Association	「始於基本 您我同心」基本法推廣計劃*
HK11 Association Limited	HK11 Law-abiding Elite Cultivate Program
Research project	
Research organisation	Subject of research
Beijing Institute of Hong Kong & Macau Scholars	Quantitative Study on the Differences in the Understanding of the Rights and Obligations of the Basic Law by Different Age Groups and the Corresponding Suggestions
One Country Two Systems Youth Forum Limited	基本法實施以來的重要議題研究-25年回顧與前瞻*

* The organisation in question only submitted the Chinese title for the project.

2023-24

Promotion activity	
Name of organisation	Title of project
Joint Committee for the Promotion of the Constitution and Hong Kong Basic Law	《基本法》多面體—全港學生辯論賽系列 2023-2024*
Chung Yeh Yuk Tsoi Educational Organisation Company Limited	The 3 rd Hong Kong Young Leaders in Law Training Scheme
Youth · Travel	「《基本法》與我」香港中小學生海報設計比賽 2023-2024*
New Home Association Kowloon West Service Center	Basic Law Community Ambassador Program
Basic Law Foundation Limited	2023年12月「國家憲法日」電車廣告推廣活動*
Hongkong Shine Tak Foundation Association Limited	善德基金會「一國兩制」教育計劃2023*
Hong Kong Commerce & Industry Association LTD	第三屆《中學生電台節目製作基本法》*
Hongkong Young Historian Institute Limited	「回到制憲現場」憲法及基本法香港青年培訓項目*
鳳凰薈^	「國家安全『PLAY · STEM · LEARN』」計劃*

To Kwa Wan Resident Service Organisation	《香港國安法》社區推廣計劃2023*
Rudolf Steiner Education Foundation Hong Kong Maria College	Basic Law Quiz & Speed Stacks Competition 2023
Hong Kong Basic Law Foundation Limited	2 nd Basic Law Speech Contest (Cantonese and Putonghua)
Hong Kong Life Extension Association	「考基本、尋法寶」《基本法》推廣活動 2023-2024*
Basic Law Foundation Limited	2024年4月「《基本法頒布紀念日》」電車推廣廣告活動*
International Probono Legal Services Association Limited	National Security Elite Training Program
Hong Kong Youth Nurture Association	「一國兩制」與《基本法》標語創作比賽 2024*
Chin Ching Association	「識」「晰」相關--基本法推廣計劃*
Hongkong Shine Tak Foundation Association Limited	慶祝中華人民共和國成立75周年：善德基金會「認識憲法、《基本法》— 與法治同行」系列比賽*
Kowloon West Community Harmony and Solidarity Services Centre Limited	「憲」為「基本」之母*
Joint Committee for the Promotion of The Constitution and Hong Kong Basic Law	Basic Law Ambassador Training Scheme
Research project	
Research organisation	Subject of research
Path of Democracy Limited	探討香港市民對《香港基本法》保障人的權利及相應之義務的認識程度*
Hong Kong Policy Research Institute Ltd.	Case studies related to the implementation of the Hong Kong National Security Law
Hong Kong Huaxia Education Institute Limited	The Linkage between Patriotic Education and the “Three Laws” Education: A Case Study of Traditional Patriotic Schools
Basic Law Foundation Limited	Research on Situation of Community Education of the Hong Kong Basic Law and Chinese Constitution in the Hong Kong 18 Districts

* The organisation in question only submitted the Chinese title for the project.

^ The organisation in question only has a Chinese name.

2024-25

Promotion activity	
Name of organisation	Title of project
Youth · Travel	「《基本法》與我」香港中小學生海報設計比賽2024-2025*
鳳凰薈^	「國家安全『PLAY · STEM · LEARN』」計劃2.0*
Kowloon Federation of Associations Kwun Tong District Committee	中華人民共和國成立75周年暨國家憲法日設立10周年系列活動*
Hong Kong Basic Law Foundation Limited	2nd “Constitution” and “the Basic Law” Tertiary Students’ Promotion Programme – Understand the Relationship between the “Safeguarding National Security Ordinance” and the “One Country Two Systems”
Kowloon Federation of Associations	「國安·家好」社區推廣系列活動2024-2025*
Youth Centric Association Limited	The Constitution and the Basic Law Opportunities Forum
Hong Kong STEM Education Award Limited	Hong Kong Primary and Secondary School Basic Law Game Making Competition
New Home Association Kowloon West Service Centre	Let’s get to know the Constitution and Basic Law
Hong Man Association	「基本法」青年同行計劃*
Youth’s Origin Association	Bilingual Junior Reporter – The Constitution and the Basic Law Training Programme
Basic Law Foundation Limited 2	2024年12月「國家憲法日」電車廣告推廣活動*
Hong Kong Youth Nurture Association	「一國兩制」與《基本法》標語創作比賽2025*
鳳凰薈^	A Holistic Approach to National Security – Project of PLAY·STEM·LEARN
New Home Association Kowloon East Service Centre	Basic Law Community Ambassador Program
Chin Ching Association	《憲法》和《基本法》與您息息相關*
Joint Committee for the Promotion of the Constitution and Hong Kong Basic Law	The 22nd Basic Law Ambassador Training Scheme

Hong Kong Basic Law Foundation Limited	3rd Basic Law Speech Contest (Cantonese and Putonghua)
Basic Law Foundation Limited	2025年4月「《基本法》頒布紀念日」電車廣告推廣活動*
Hongkong Shine Tak Foundation Association Limited	善德基金會「一國兩制」教育計劃2025 - 「認識憲法、《基本法》- 與法治同行」系列活動*
Hong Kong Life Extension Association	「考基本、尋法寶」《基本法》推廣活動2025*
Research project	
Research organisation	Subject of research
Path of Democracy Limited	完成《基本法》第二十三條對「新聞自由」影響的研究*
Youth Council Limited	回歸前《基本法》制訂與政制發展的歷程研究*
Tsinghua Law Association (Hong Kong) Limited	主要普通法系地區的非非法披露國家秘密罪相關案例研究*
Hong Kong Huaxia Education Institute Limited	Patriotic Education and the Education of the “Three Laws” in the Digital New Era: A Case Study of Primary and Secondary Schools in Hong Kong

* The organisation in question only submitted the Chinese title for the project.

^ The organisation in question only has a Chinese name.

2025-26

Promotion activity	
Name of organisation	Title of project
鳳凰薈 [^]	Project of Exploration of the Constitution and a Holistic Approach to National Security of PLAY·STEM·LEARN
Kowloon Federation of Associations	「國安·家好」社區推廣系列活動 2025-2026*
Hong Kong Life Extension Association	「考基本·尋法寶」《基本法》推廣活動2026*
Hong Kong Youth Nurture Association	「一國兩制」與《基本法》標語創作比賽2026*

Hong Kong New Arrivals Services Foundation Limited	與「法」同行*
Basic Law Foundation Limited	「國家憲法日」電車廣告推廣活動*
Basic Law Foundation Limited	「《基本法》頒布紀念日」電車廣告推廣活動*
Hongkong Shine Tak Foundation Association Limited	善德基金會「一國兩制」教育計劃:「認識憲法、《基本法》—與法治同行」系列比賽 2026*
Youth · Travel	「《基本法》與我」香港中小學生海報設計比賽 2026*
Yaumati Kaifong Association School	The Forest of Institutions: A School-wide Scripted Constitutional Education Program
Tsinghua Law Association (Hong Kong) Limited	二零二五年國家憲法日講座*
Youth's Origin Association	2nd Junior Reporter – The Constitution and the Basic Law Training Program
The Hong Kong Federation of Youth Groups	Project Lift – Rule of Law & National Security Education Program
Hong Kong Basic Law Foundation Limited	第三屆《憲法》及《基本法》推廣計劃(大專):《基本法》及「一國兩制」的根源—認識《中華人民共和國憲法》*
Research project	
Research organisation	Subject of research
PoD Research Institute Limited	一國兩制框架下香港發展成就的口述歷史研究*
Hong Kong Policy Research Institute Limited	Successful Experiences and Theoretical Innovations of 'One Country, Two Systems' Practice in Hong Kong
Basic Law Foundation Limited	香港融入國家發展大局研究*

* The organisation in question only submitted the Chinese title for the project.

^ The organisation in question only has a Chinese name.

Details of the sponsored projects under the Community Participation Scheme:

2021-22

Promotion activity	
Name of organisation	Title of project
Singingholic	「跨代創晴天」-跨代共融藝術計劃2022
一帶一路青年發展協會有限公司	「織夢·傳承·共獻」社會關懷計劃2022
九龍社團聯會觀塘地區委員會	『關懷社區·青年齊護「法」』
九龍城青年協進會	2022 躍動龍城基本法齊參與活動系列－展藝青創卓越青年計劃
大埔青年協會	2022年度大埔區青年領袖培訓計劃
大埔區公民教育運動委員會	大埔區中小學電影放映會
工聯會職業發展服務處有限公司	「共慶回歸廿五載」社區展關懷計劃
中山大學法律系香港同學會有限公司	第二十二屆《基本法》及一國兩制網上問答比賽及推廣活動
中業育才教育機構有限公司 中業育才教育機構 (活動中心)	《憲法》、《基本法》及《香港國安法》一校園法治推廣計劃2022-2023
夫子會有限公司	『志有禮』立志成人計劃2022-2023
屯門婦聯有限公司 林貝聿嘉綜合服務中心	「點滴在屯門」社區關愛計劃
北區居民聯會有限公司	「始於基本·家國共融·銀禧回歸」《基本法》及國情推廣計劃
西九社區共融服務中心有限公司	從心出「法」·守護香港
沙田婦女會國民教育中心	筆描中港情，攜手抗頑疫
兩地一心	造橋者
和富社會企業有限公司	傑出公民學生獎勵計劃2022/2023

和富領袖網絡有限公司	「義仁同恆」和富義行者計劃2021-22
東九龍青年社有限公司	從心認識香港・認識《基本法》2022
青年・出走	「細看多元社區・共建和諧香港」香港中小學生海報設計比賽2022
青年新世界有限公司	逆流挑戰 2022
南青鋒	「青於南」學生大使計劃
政賢力量有限公司	第八屆「卓越學生領袖選舉」
香港STEM培育協會	STEM X 國安教育活動
香港中西區婦女會	【「法與你」息息相關 有你參與更精彩】 - 慶祝《基本法》在港實施25周年
香港中華基督教青年會 藍田會所	藍Teen戶「互」愛
香港中華基督教青年會 天水圍天晴會所	晴彩・童Teen+「家」義動計劃
香港中華基督教青年會 天水圍天澤會所	智Kid新Teen地
香港升旗隊總會	升旗隊國民教育計劃
香港少年領袖團有限公司	認識「一國兩制下的香港」
香港可持續發展研究基金有限公司 活動統籌組	祖父母節2022 「情牽25載・兩代共融」
香港生涯規劃協會有限公司	「香港+」青年領袖培訓計劃2022
香港拓展生活協會	《基本法》宣傳大使設計及填色比賽2022
香港明愛 明愛堅道社區中心	「快樂聯盟」-愛家、愛己、愛社區活動計劃2022
香港青少年領袖發展協會 香港模擬立法會2022籌委會	香港模擬立法會2022
香港青年協會 青年違法防治中心 深宵青年服務	Youth - Positive
香港青年培育協會	《基本法》及「一國兩制」漫畫設計比賽2022
香港青年領袖學院有限公司	共「理」共「情」社會推廣計劃2022

香港律師會	青Teen講場 2022
香港家庭教育學院有限公司	「CEO家長・疫地宜笑」計劃
香港海事青年團	國安・家康・海事共建樂安居
香港基本法推介聯席會議	國家安全青少年大使訓練計劃
香港基督教協基會有限公司 屯門綜合青少年服務中心	『傳愛齊加油』社區關愛計劃
香港婦聯有限公司	港灣起跑線
香港教育研究及發展基金會有限公司	「立法者們」青年議政培訓計劃
香港聖公會麥理浩夫人中心 林植宣博士老人綜合服務中心	耆悠童話正能量
香港路德會社會服務處 路德會賽馬會富善綜合服務中心	青「連」 「Full」善行動
香港遊樂場協會社會企業部	「青」心講「禮」
香港耀能協會 兒童及家庭支援服務	生命導航 - Let's Zoom Up
草圖文化有限公司	好公民創意設計比賽系列
帶TEEN童路	「尊重・負責・關愛・包容」標語創作大賽2022」
博愛醫院 博愛醫院慧妍雅集新Teen地	家友童行 - 兒童成長計劃2021-22
博愛醫院 香港新界獅子會家庭發展中心	牽手連心・愛我中華
港灣社	「尋找港灣的故事」系列活動
黃埔軍校慈善有限公司	公民教育之軍事體驗篇
新青年論壇有限公司	DV頭青年社會觀察行動2022
新家園協會有限公司 新界東服務處	親親家園・故事演講比賽
義務工作發展局義工服務中心	「行義香港」插畫創作大賽暨「行義香港週」探訪長者計劃
滬港同心協進會	「認識中國與香港發展」活動計劃

蒲窩青少年中心有限公司	「愛香港·愛文物」計劃2022
學友社 學生輔導中心	第三十一屆全港中學生十大新聞選舉
學友社	明日領航者計劃2022
曉晴慈善發展基金有限公司	良好盡責公民培訓計劃
灣區莞港菁英薈	認識國家發展新方向及國安法親職培訓計劃(證書課程)

2022-23

Promotion activity	
Name of organisation	Title of project
Singingholic	「跨」出新一頁 - 跨代共融藝術計劃2023
一帶一路青年發展協會有限公司	「織夢·傳承·共獻」社會關懷計劃2023
九龍社團聯會觀塘地區委員會	護「法」並肩前行·呈「憲」繁榮穩定
九龍城區各界慶典委員會有限公司	國在心中 法律知識PK擂台賽
大埔青年協會	2023年度大埔區傑出學生領袖培訓計劃
大灣區青年企業家協會有限公司	灣區青年創未來計劃
中山大學法律系香港同學會有限公司	第二十二屆《基本法》及一國兩制網上問答比賽及推廣活動
元朗青年商會有限公司	第三十五屆香港特別行政區傑出學生選舉
夫子會有限公司	「志有禮」立志成人計劃2023-2024
屯門婦聯有限公司 林貝聿嘉綜合服務中心	「港·灣·祖國」系列比賽
心聆舍有限公司	HEART Shed「家」油站計劃
北區居民聯會有限公司	「始於基本·回歸廿六載·攜手奮進新征程」《基本法》及國情推廣計劃
西貢文化中心	西貢區抗日「游」踪識歷史及電影欣賞
協進同行有限公司	全港公民教育問題常識比賽 Hong Kong Civil Education Competition
和富社會企業有限公司	傑出公民學生獎勵計劃2023/2024

和富領袖網絡有限公司	後生仔 港故仔 青年大使培訓計劃
明匯智庫有限公司	「明日新星創未來」青年人才培訓計劃
東九龍青年社有限公司	從心認識香港·認識《基本法》2023
青年·出走	「細看多元社區·共建和諧香港」香港中小學生海報設計比賽2023
青雲薈有限公司	全民喜動 共築社區
青新行動	遊走十八區認識基本法流動宣傳車
南青鋒	「青於南」學生大使計劃2023
政賢力量有限公司	第九屆「卓越學生領袖選舉」
香港STEM培育協會	STEM X 國安教育活動
香港中西區婦女會	「法」與你息息相關 有你參與更精彩 - 慶祝《基本法》在港實施26周年
香港中華基督教青年會 天水圍天晴會所	家·Teen·義·童行計劃
香港中華基督教青年會 彩暉多元文化中心	「屯」聚大使 - 社區關愛計劃
香港升旗隊總會	升旗隊國民教育計劃
香港少年領袖團有限公司	認識「一國兩制下的香港」
香港可持續發展研究基金有限公司 活動統籌組	祖父母節2023「關愛共融·迎接新篇」
香港生涯規劃協會有限公司	「香港+」青年領袖培訓計劃2023
香港多媒體設計協會有限公司	[正向明天 Get, Set, Go] 數碼公民領袖計劃
香港拓展生活協會	《基本法》宣傳大使設計及填色比賽2023
香港明愛 明愛堅道社區中心	「快樂聯盟」—愛家、愛己、愛社區活動計劃2023
香港青少年領袖發展協會 香港模擬立法會2023籌委會	香港模擬立法會 2023
香港青年大專學生協會有限公司	青年公民領袖培訓計劃2023-2024
香港青年協進會有限公司	「認識祖國·認識香港」系列活動2023
香港青年協會 青年違法防治中心 深宵青年服務	Youth - Positive II
香港青年培育協會	《基本法》及「一國兩制」漫畫設計比賽2023

香港青年領袖學院有限公司	共「理」共「情」社會推廣計劃2023
香港青暉社發展有限公司	根繫中華：認識香港與內地
香港律師會	法律周 2023
香港家庭教育學院有限公司	CEO·家長疫地宜笑計劃 2023/24
香港航空青年團	香港航空青年團 - 公民教育活動2023
香港基本法推介聯席會議	第二屆國家安全青少年大使訓練計劃
香港基督少年軍臻品中心	《藝粹學堂》中華文化推廣計劃2023
香港婦聯有限公司	全民識法
香港傷殘人士發展基金會有限公司	「同創·共融公民」學習計劃
香港新來港人士服務基金有限公司	守法有「你」·和諧社區計劃
荃灣青年會	【荃民·公民·國民】推廣計劃
馬鞍山社區服務協會	齊來認識《基本法》網上問答比賽暨《基本法》知識展覽廳
國際青年法律交流聯會有限公司 青年法治建設高峰會2023籌備委員會	青年法治建設高峰會 2023
國際青年發展學院有限公司	「情牽灣區·共創機遇」青年科創能力提升活動2023
帶TEEN 童路	「尊重·負責·關愛·包容」標語創作大賽2023
教育倡行(香港)有限公司	「立法者們」青年議政培訓計劃
博愛醫院 香港新界獅子會家庭發展中心	攜手同心·愛在中華
港灣社	「尋找港灣的故事」系列活動2023
華夏書院有限公司	「有國才有家」
新家園協會 九龍西服務處	《TEENS作之合》領袖培訓計劃
義務工作發展局香港義工學院	公民教育X義工小領袖 Civic Education X Junior Volunteer Leader
鳳凰薈	《STAND IN LOVE》系列活動
學友社	明日領航者計劃2023
學友社 學生輔導中心	第三十二屆全港中學生十大新聞選舉
願景基金會有限公司	「V JUMP」正向青年培訓計劃

2023-24

Promotion activity	
Name of organisation	Title of project
香港婦聯有限公司	全民識法2.0
中山大學法律系香港同學會有限公司	第二十四屆《基本法》及一國兩制網上問答比賽及推廣活動系列
鳳凰薈	【聞天下·識法治·倡公民】系列活動
油尖旺愛心慈善基金有限公司	「心繫國家」藝術創作系列比賽
天水圍婦聯有限公司 - 廖湯慧靄綜合服務中心	華韻匠心。「法」與「藝」和諧社區計劃
香港STEM培育協會	STEM X 國安教育活動2024
新家園協會有限公司 - 九龍西服務處	「逆」境「童」行和識法培訓計劃
Singingholic	「跨代藝縱橫」跨代共融藝術計劃2024
青年新世界有限公司	逆流挑戰2024
香港多媒體設計協會有限公司	【正向明天Get, Set, Go】數碼公民領袖計劃2024
香港青年培育協會	《基本法》及「一國兩制」漫畫設計比賽2024
青年·出走	「細看多元社區·共建和諧香港」香港中小學生海報設計比賽2024
九龍城區青年發展及公民教育委員會	九龍城線上歷史文化問答比賽
一帶一路發展聯會有限公司	微電影(大灣區青年發展主題)
香港生涯規劃協會有限公司	「香港+」青年領袖培訓計劃2024
香港未來發展協會有限公司	「推廣《基本法》你我齊參與」中小學生壁報設計比賽
神話東方青年會有限公司	「朝政之路」：青年培訓計劃
夫子會有限公司	『志有禮』立志成人計劃2024-2025
香港青年領袖學院有限公司	共「理」共「情」社會推廣計劃2024
香港拓展生活協會	《基本法》宣傳大使設計及填色比賽2024
帶TEEN童路	「尊重·負責·關愛·包容」標語創作大賽2024
願景基金會有限公司	「V JUMP」正向青年培訓計劃2024 - 2025

香港教育工作者聯會公民教育活動基金會有限公司 - 愛國教育支援中心	認識家國青年大使計劃
香港中華共建協會有限公司	川港共融 - 共建愛心·文化·民族之情
香港中華基督教青年會 - 彩暉多元文化中心	「屯」聚社區關愛計劃
天主教香港教區 - 大角嘴天主教小學	齊認識國家安全，同守護公民價值
大埔區青年發展及公民教育委員會	大埔區公民教育系列活動
童理心有限公司	「兩地同心」大灣區青年百人交流計劃
家安全人發展協會有限公司	國家安全人人要知 自主學習天書 暨 網上學習及計分計劃
協進同行有限公司	全港公民教育常識問答比賽(全英文)
南青鋒	「青於南」學生大使計劃2024
博愛醫院 - 香港新界獅子會家庭發展中心	同心為家·情繫中華
大舜基金 - 大舜青之林	舜我有計 - 灣區青年大使交流計劃
香港專業進修學校 - 學生發展部	心繫家國系列:揭開新疆神秘面紗文化考察之旅2024
香港律師會	法律周2024/25
東九龍青年社有限公司	同心賀國慶75周年- 認識香港·認識《基本法》2024
國際青年法律交流聯會有限公司 - 青年法治建高峰會2024-25籌委會	青年法治建設高峰會2024-25
香港史學後進協會有限公司	「穿越共和國史」優秀青年普法培訓項目
香港青少年領袖發展協會 - 香港模擬立法會2024-25籌委會	香港模擬立法會2024-25
香港航空青年團 - 行動部	香港航空青年團 - 公民教育活動2024
華夏書院有限公司	「有國才有家」2024
香港青年協會 - 青年違法防治中心深宵青年服務	「職」法總動員

香港中西區婦女會	「法與你息息相關 有你參與更精采」慶祝基本法在港實施27周年
憲法和香港基本法推介聯席會議	紀念《基本法》頒布三十四周年研討會
香港教育裝備行業協會	「AI 創新與國家安全」學生培訓計劃
學友社 - 學生輔導中心	第三十三屆全港中學生十大新聞選舉
學友社	明日領航者計劃2024
香港青年大專學生協會有限公司	青年公民服務領袖培訓計劃2024-2025
香港新來港人士服務基金有限公司	共建未來·培養公民教育計劃
香港社區應急輔助隊基金有限公司	青龍領導訓練計劃
粵港澳大灣區青年職業發展促進會有限公司	香港青年看祖國之2024「數字先鋒，創領灣區」
紅磡三約街坊福利會	「我城·我港·我祖國」社會關愛計劃
香港基督教協基會有限公司 - 屯門綜合青少年服務中心	『傳愛遍社群』社區關愛計劃
港灣社	「尋找港灣的故事」系列活動2024
中業育才教育機構有限公司 - 中業育才教育機構 (活動中心)	《憲法》、《基本法》及《香港國安法》- 校園法治推廣計劃2024
香港升旗隊總會有限公司	升旗隊國民教育培訓計劃
蒲窩青少年中心有限公司	Maker's Wonderland - 關愛社群共融計劃
兩地一心	造橋者2024
和富社會企業有限公司	傑出公民學生獎勵計劃2024/2025
教育倡行(香港)有限公司	「立法者們」青年議政培訓計劃
香港公眾考古學會有限公司	香港教育專場·粵港澳大灣區歷史文化環島遊
政賢力量有限公司	第十屆「卓越學生領袖選舉」

2024-25

Promotion activity	
Name of organisation	Title of project
香港婦聯有限公司	全民識法3.0
一帶一路發展聯會有限公司	微電影(大灣區青年發展主題)《向北走 向南走 2》
香港STEM培育協會	STEM X 國安教育活動2025
香港青年培育協會	《基本法》及「一國兩制」漫畫設計比賽2025
神話東方青年會有限公司	2025-2026年度「朝政之路」：青年培訓計劃
博愛醫院 香港新界獅子會家庭發展中心	同根同心·情滿中華
中山大學法律系香港同學會有限公司	第二十五屆《基本法》及一國兩制網上問答比賽及推廣活動系列
香港中華基督教青年會 天水圍天晴會所	晴Teen。義彩。築夢社區計劃
香港廣東社團總會慈善基金有限公司	香港青年公民教育計劃 愛我中華學習團 – 汕尾
東九龍青年社有限公司	認識家國·認識《基本法》2025
粵港澳大灣區青年職業發展促進會有限公司	香港青年看祖國之「探尋歷史足跡 感悟愛國情懷」
香港青年獎勵計劃	活「歷」國安及中華文化
Singingholic	「HEY」戲劇場—跨代共融藝術計劃2025
青年·出走	「細看多元社區·共建和諧香港」香港中小學生海報設計比賽2025
香港生涯規劃協會有限公司	「香港+」青年領袖培訓計劃2025
香港青年領袖學院有限公司	共「理」共「情」社會推廣計劃2025
黃埔軍校慈善有限公司	公民教育之軍事體驗篇
港灣社	「尋找港灣的故事」系列活動2025
香港中西區婦女會	「法與你息息相關 有你參與更精采」慶祝「基本法」在港實施28周年
九龍青年聯席會議有限公司	全國中小學生繪畫書法作品
協進同行有限公司	全港公民教育問答常識比賽(英文版)

香港基督教協基會有限公司 屯門綜合青少年服務中心	『傳愛齊分享』社區關愛計劃
香港多媒體設計協會有限公司	【正向明天 Get, Set, Go】數碼公民領袖計劃2025
香港青少年領袖發展協會 香港模擬立法會2025-26籌委會	香港模擬立法會2025-26
國際青年法律交流聯會有限公司 青年法治建設高峰會2025-26籌委會	青年法治建設高峰會2025-26
共童走過有限公司	「星火」連青人領袖培訓計劃2025
民眾安全服務隊 民眾安全服務隊少年團	向國家歷史及成就致敬 學習關愛社會 服務他人
香港升旗隊總會有限公司	國家認識、國家安全從小做起
香港童軍總會 九龍地域	「童里尋原味」文化探索計劃
粵港澳大灣區慈善基金有限公司	大灣·共融 心繫我家
學友社 學生輔導中心	第三十四屆全港中學生十大新聞選舉
學友社	明日領航者計劃2025
青識教育發展中心有限公司	「家國公民智多Fun」全港中學生國情知識教育平台
願景基金會有限公司	「V JUMP」正向青年培訓計劃2025 - 2026
九龍社團聯會	「薪星之火」公民教育系列活動
九龍婦女聯會有限公司	繪好家風·傳愛國情—繪本創作比賽
香港演辯總會有限公司	大灣區創科演辯文化交流計劃2025
香港青少年輔導協會	「熊貓」利是封設計比賽暨利是封派發活動
香港教育裝備行業協會有限公司	第二屆「AI 創新與國家安全」學生培訓計劃
教育倡行(香港)有限公司	「立法者們」青年議政培訓計劃
香港律師會	法律周 2025/26
香港青年協會 荃景青年空間	薪「伙」相傳
香港中華基督教青年會 天水圍天澤會所	愛·傳承

新家園協會有限公司 九龍東服務處	心連國家·港望未來
中業育才教育機構有限公司 中業育才教育機構(活動中心)	紀念《基本法》頒布35周年系列活動：第三屆國家安全青少年大使訓練計劃
大舜基金 大舜青之林	「舜」念傳遞-公民教育實踐計劃
蒲窩青少年中心有限公司	三饊一湯 - 舌尖上的中華文化
香港家庭調解協會有限公司	文化探索與國家認同：大灣區實地學習計劃
激揚工作坊	「華服盛宴：傳承中華文化價值與公民責任」推廣計劃
新界五邑青年聯會	模擬法庭啟明智
香港現代中醫中藥協會有限公司	從《本草綱目》學中華文化
香港青年協會 青年領袖發展中心有限公司 香港青年協會領袖學院	識法守法代言人 Learning to be a Law Expert
知識產權創新聯盟有限公司	展“憲”愛國主義之紅色文化傳承交流計畫
兩地一心	造橋者 2025
和富領袖網絡有限公司	共融未來：青年領袖計劃
香港五邑總會有限公司	愛國主義沉浸式體驗活動：AIGC與綜藝遊戲的創新應用與推廣
大埔區青年發展及公民教育委員會	大埔區公民教育系列活動
憲法和香港基本法推介聯席會議	紀念《基本法》頒布35周年系列活動：青年公民領袖學院2025
大灣區青年企業家協會有限公司	法治灣區，安全你我
香港教育協會(國際)有限公司	港韻華章 --- 華服文化探索
家安全人發展協會有限公司	「中華古跡·建築之美」中國古建築積木拼砌比賽
博愛醫院 博愛醫院慧妍雅集 新Teen地	古韻續章·中華文化推廣計劃2024-25

2025-26

Promotion activity	
Name of organisation	Title of project
香港多媒體設計協會有限公司	【正向明天 Get·Set·Go】數碼公民領袖計劃2026
香港婦聯有限公司	智安新人類
香港島各界社會服務基金會有限公司	香港公民教育計劃 港滙同心 共築中國夢交流團
神話東方青年會有限公司	2026-2027年度「朝政之路」：青年培訓計劃
中山大學法律系香港同學會有限公司	第二十六屆《基本法》及一國兩制網上問答比賽及推廣活動系列
香港教育工作者聯會公民教育活動基金會有限公司 愛國教育支援中心	第二屆認識家國青年大使計劃
香港中華基督教青年會 天水圍天晴會所	晴空。義動。社區共融計劃
香港青年獎勵計劃	國安守護者 — 歷「棋」挑戰賽
香港升旗隊總會有限公司	認識祖國 從你我開始
香港STEM培育協會	STEM X 國安教育活動2026
香港青年培育協會	《基本法》及「一國兩制」漫畫設計比賽2026
機電聯社會服務中心有限公司	「智藝承傳·共創新篇」— 愛國文化與數碼共融計劃
社區發展脈搏	「銀髮法治守護者」計劃
港專學院有限公司 學生發展部	行者無「疆」— 探索絲綢之路
香港社區應急輔助隊基金有限公司	第三屆「青龍領袖」訓練計劃
家安全人發展協會有限公司	「築夢中華·匠心傳承」活化中華古建中學生積木拼砌大賽
九龍社團聯會觀塘地區委員會	法治中華·傳承繁華
香港傷健協會 坪洲長者暨青少年鄰舍中心	國安同行·歡慶祖國
香港童軍總會 九龍地域	「童里尋原味」文化探索計劃

世紀華心	「青年興邦計劃」
激揚工作坊	「中華盛宴:衣飾茶香映古今 — 傳承中華文化價值與公民責任」
香港弘德基金會有限公司	獅舞傳承：非遺裡的國家記憶與精神
願景基金會有限公司	「V JUMP」正向青年培訓計劃2026 - 2027
圓玄學院社會服務部 圓玄學院荃灣西長者鄰舍中心	情繫中華心連「深」
香港真光書院	《復興密令》解謎遊戲 及《做一日古代人·文化尋蹤》
聯協社會服務處有限公司 粉嶺綜合服務中心	家風傳禮·六藝育德 — 中華文化與公民教育推廣計劃
賽馬會萬鈞毅智書院	「傳藝揚芳」北部都會區非物質文化遺產推廣計劃
勞聯匯青協會	匯青同行 — 江西家國文化交流考察團
香港廣東青年總會有限公司	廣青華服好聲音2026
香港青少年領袖發展協會 香港模擬立法會2026-27籌委會	香港模擬立法會2026-27
香港生涯規劃協會有限公司	「香港+」青年領袖培訓計劃2026
香港仔坊會社會服務 社區中心	「非遺·傳承」之旅
九龍社團聯會	「薪星之火」公民教育系列活動2026
香港青年動力協會	「青年大使」培訓計劃
九龍城區青年發展及公民教育委員會	《智叻AI·龍城》(待定)
國際青年法律交流聯會有限公司 青年法治建設高峰會2026-27籌委會	青年法治建設高峰會2026-27
粵港澳大灣區慈善基金有限公司	灣區築夢·南沙紅途創見營
香海正覺蓮社佛教陳式宏學校 公民教育部	社區情 家國心
天水圍居民協會有限公司	青年力量·公民意識實踐計劃
義務工作發展局 香港義工學院	公民義務新世代_Civic Responsibility of New Generation's Volunteers

事事樂慈善基金會有限公司	香港青年遼寧探索交流團
香港光澤聯誼會	閩北非遺文化學習青年考察之旅
民眾安全服務隊 民眾安全服務隊少年團	「弘揚抗戰精神」考察及研討營
東九龍青年社有限公司	認識香港·認識《基本法》2026-27
香港律師會	法律周2026
香公所永續教育有限公司	中華芳香研究所 — 歷史文化探索及實踐計劃
仁愛堂有限公司 深水埗區議會 仁愛堂美孚鄰舍活動中心	「深」載承傳·中華文化推廣計劃
非常遊學教育基金會有限公司	了不起的長征精神 — 重走長征路遊學路線展暨紅色延安交流之旅
香港中華基督教青年會 藍田會所	「世界公民」證書課程特別篇：惠州自然及社群關愛考察之旅
香港青年協會 青年違法防治中心 深宵青年服務	守法之旅
香港中西區婦女會	「法與你息息相關 有你參與更精采」慶祝「基本法」在港實施29周年
香港現代中醫中藥協會有限公司	從《本草綱目》學中華文化(升級版)
大埔區青年發展及公民教育委員會	大埔區公民及愛國教育系列活動
真理浸信會富泰幼稚園	「童」來做個有品小公民 — 幼兒中華文化傳承及公民核心價值培育系列活動
和富領袖網絡有限公司	共融未來：青年領袖計劃
領航協會有限公司	傳承·創新：國安教育系列活動
香港大專青年協會有限公司	潮代非遺 與傳承對話
香港青年協進會有限公司	「認識祖國·認識香港」系列活動2026
九龍青年聯席會議有限公司	全國中小學生繪畫書法作品比賽
中業育才教育機構有限公司 中業育才教育機構(活動中心)	第四屆國家安全青少年大使訓練計劃
學友社 學生輔導中心	第三十五屆全港中學生十大新聞選舉
學友社	明日領航者計劃2026

憲法和香港基本法推介聯席會
議

紀念《基本法》頒布三十六周年研討會

- End -

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

CMAB050

(Question Serial No. 3147)

Head: (144) Government Secretariat: Constitutional and Mainland Affairs Bureau

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (3) Mainland and Taiwan Offices

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Constitutional and Mainland Affairs (Ms Maggie WONG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Constitutional and Mainland Affairs

Question:

The Government has indicated that in 2026-27, it will continue to strengthen co-operation with the relevant organisations and institutions, and promote opportunities brought about by the Greater Bay Area development and provide appropriate assistance to Hong Kong people and enterprises pursuing development in the Mainland cities of the Greater Bay Area through the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area Development Promotion Centre in Guangzhou. Please advise this Committee of:

1. in tabular form, the types of activities organised, the industries and sectors covered, the number of activities organised, the number of beneficiaries, and the expenditure on such activities in each of the years since the establishment of the Promotion Centre in 2023; and
2. the plans for work or activities of the Promotion Centre for 2026-27, and the provision earmarked for this purpose.

Asked by: Hon SO Shiu-tsung, Thomas (LegCo internal reference no.: 27)

Reply:

1. The HKSAR Government attaches great importance to the development of the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area (Greater Bay Area). To more effectively promote the significant opportunities brought about by the Greater Bay Area to Hong Kong people and enterprises, the HKSAR Government established the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area Development Promotion Centre (Promotion Centre) in Guangzhou in April 2023. The Promotion Centre has established close and cordial working relations with the Offices of the Leading Group for the Development of the Greater Bay Area and government departments of Guangdong Province and the nine Mainland cities of the Greater Bay Area, Hong Kong-Macao youth innovation and entrepreneurial bases, Hong Kong Trade Development Council, Hong Kong Brand Development Council, Hong Kong

Productivity Council, Hong Kong Science and Technology Parks Corporation, as well as chambers of commerce of various sectors and youth associations in Hong Kong and the Mainland, etc. It has also collaborated with the above organisations and institutions to organise various activities to promote opportunities across all sectors of the Greater Bay Area to Hong Kong residents and enterprises pursuing development in the Mainland cities of the Greater Bay Area, and seeks to better understand their needs to provide practical assistance. The Promotion Centre has also produced a series of promotional videos on “telling good stories of the Greater Bay Area” and “youth entrepreneurship in the Greater Bay Area” to convey to the public the development opportunities brought about by Greater Bay Area development.

The major activities organised and arranged by the Promotion Centre from its establishment in April 2023 to March 2026 are set out by year in the table below:

Nature of activities	Number of activities held (Number of participants)			
	April to December 2023	2024	2025	January to March 2026
Seminars/symposiums	3 (705)	3 (487)	3 (715)	1 (210)
Gatherings for Hong Kong people and enterprises	2 (43)	2 (66)	5 (337)	1 (162)
Exchange activities for young people	0	2 (400)	7 (768)	1 (350)
Visits	2 (83)	6 (193)	3 (117)	1 (30)

2. In 2026-27, the Promotion Centre will continue to build on its good foundation of work and further enhance the publicity and promotion in the Mainland cities of the Greater Bay Area, as well as providing support for Hong Kong people and enterprises there. Major activities planned include:

- (a) Seminars – the Promotion Centre will, in collaboration with the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area Development Office and relevant partners, organise seminars in the Mainland cities of the Greater Bay Area to introduce the latest policies and preferential measures of the Greater Bay Area to local enterprises and talents (including Hong Kong people and enterprises), so as to facilitate exchanges between participants from Hong Kong and the Mainland, and to explore business opportunities with each other, thereby jointly seizing the enormous opportunities arising from Greater Bay Area development;
- (b) Gatherings for Hong Kong people and enterprises – the Promotion Centre will continue to organise gatherings for Hong Kong people and enterprises in the Greater Bay Area cities to proactively reach out to Hong Kong people and enterprises in Guangdong, and to learn more about their situations and needs in living, working and doing business in the Greater Bay Area, so as to provide them with practical assistance;
- (c) Exchange activities for young people – the Promotion Centre will continue to collaborate with the youth innovation and entrepreneurial bases, youth

associations and student groups in the Mainland cities of the Greater Bay Area to organise different types of activities, arrange experience sharing by young entrepreneurs and introduce various entrepreneurship and employment schemes and measures continuously launched by the HKSAR Government, so as to provide practical information and appropriate support to Hong Kong young people aspiring to set up their businesses and develop their career in the Mainland cities of the Greater Bay Area, and to support them to unleash their strengths in the Greater Bay Area; and

- (d) Visits – the Promotion Centre will assist and arrange various Hong Kong organisations and groups to conduct visits to the Mainland cities of the Greater Bay Area, including meeting with representatives from local governments and enterprises, so as to introduce opportunities brought about by Greater Bay Area development and expand networks, etc.

In the past 3 financial years (i.e. 2023-24, 2024-25 and 2025-26), the actual expenditure of the Promotion Centre on publicity and promotion work was \$550,000, \$1.22 million and \$1.4 million (estimated actual expenditure) respectively. The estimated expenditure for 2026-27 is \$1.4 million.

- End -

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

CMAB051

(Question Serial No. 3148)

Head: (144) Government Secretariat: Constitutional and Mainland Affairs Bureau

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (5) Subvention: Equal Opportunities Commission and Office of the Privacy Commissioner for Personal Data

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Constitutional and Mainland Affairs (Ms Maggie WONG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Constitutional and Mainland Affairs

Question:

Regarding the financial provision for the Office of the Privacy Commissioner for Personal Data in 2025-26, the revised estimate is 21.3% higher than the original estimate. What are the reasons for that?

Asked by: Hon SO Shiu-tsung, Thomas (LegCo internal reference no.: 33)

Reply:

The time-limited capital subvention additionally allocated to the Office of the Privacy Commissioner for Personal Data in 2025-26 is primarily used for research/amendments on the Personal Data (Privacy) Ordinance and related work, and for strengthening publicity, promotional and educational work on artificial intelligence and data security.

- End -

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

CMAB052

(Question Serial No. 3114)

Head: (144) Government Secretariat: Constitutional and Mainland Affairs Bureau

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (3) Mainland and Taiwan Offices

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Constitutional and Mainland Affairs (Ms Maggie WONG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Constitutional and Mainland Affairs

Question:

The Mainland Offices aim to facilitate Hong Kong's co-operation with different Mainland provinces, municipalities and autonomous regions, including attracting talents and investments into Hong Kong, supporting the work of the Task Force on Supporting Mainland Enterprises in Going Global, and fostering youth and cultural exchange between Hong Kong and the Mainland. In this connection, please advise of the following:

1. In the past 2 years, what major work was undertaken by the Mainland Offices to attract talents and investments into Hong Kong and support the use of Hong Kong as a platform to go global? What were the major difficulties encountered, and how will the relevant work be strengthened in future?
2. In the past 2 years, what major achievements were made by the Mainland Offices in fostering youth exchange between Hong Kong and the Mainland, and how many young people were reached out to? Will the Government step up efforts in future to encourage outstanding Mainland youth to visit Hong Kong for exchanges, such as inviting young entrepreneurs to participate in youth entrepreneurship forums and international innovation and technology exhibitions etc. in Hong Kong so that they can experience first-hand the institutional strengths of "One Country, Two Systems"? If so, what are the details? If not, what are the reasons?
3. Will the Government holistically review resource allocation of the Mainland Offices in promoting the aforementioned co-operation, such that the focus will shift from the more developed cities such as Beijing, Shanghai, Guangzhou and Chengdu to regions with untapped economic potential such as the Ningxia Hui Autonomous Region? If so, what are the details? If not, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon TANG Ming-sum, Michelle (LegCo internal reference no.: 2)

Reply:

The Dedicated Teams for Attracting Businesses and Talents (the Teams) of the Mainland Offices of the HKSAR Government are responsible for providing support to the Office for Attracting Strategic Enterprises under the Financial Secretary, Invest Hong Kong (InvestHK) under the Commerce and Economic Development Bureau, and other relevant bureaux in their work to attract businesses, investment and talents. On attracting businesses and investment, InvestHK and the Teams of the Mainland Offices actively leverage Hong Kong's roles as a "super connector" and a "super value-adder", and collaborate with relevant organisations, chambers of commerce, and professional bodies, etc. to organise investment promotion activities, including meetings, conferences, roadshows, seminars, exhibitions, etc., so as to proactively provide potential investors and enterprises in the Mainland with the latest information on Hong Kong's business environment and promote Hong Kong's distinctive advantages of enjoying strong support of the Motherland and being closely connected to the world and other core strengths under "One Country, Two Systems", with a view to attracting Mainland enterprises to set up or expand their businesses in Hong Kong. InvestHK also proactively liaises with other relevant bureaux, departments and organisations for the needs of individual projects, so as to discuss appropriate proposals as well as remove barriers and ease restrictions for enterprises, thereby facilitating their establishment of presence in Hong Kong.

2. In addition, the Mainland Offices work with the Office for Attracting Strategic Enterprises and the Hong Kong Talent Engage to actively reach out to talents and provide them with information and services in order to proactively assist them to pursue development in Hong Kong. The Mainland Offices also organise different activities, such as symposiums, forums and exchange sessions, and adopt a more proactive strategy to identify and approach potential talents, introducing to them Hong Kong's business advantages and talent policies. Besides, through online media and social media platforms, the Mainland Offices actively promote Hong Kong's advantages and provide updates on Hong Kong in the Mainland, such as policy measures, details of mega events, the Central Government's preferential policies and measures for Hong Kong, etc., with a view to encouraging talents to pursue development and explore opportunities in Hong Kong. In 2025, the Mainland Offices participated in or organised over 300 activities on Hong Kong's talent schemes and received 5 870 related enquiries.

3. In 2026, the Mainland Offices will continue to provide active support to the relevant bureaux and departments, and proactively take forward the work on attracting businesses and investment and promoting talent schemes.

4. The Mainland Offices have all along been supporting exchange and co-operation between young people from the Mainland and Hong Kong, and actively encouraging Hong Kong students to join internship and exchange programmes in the Mainland. Not only have the Mainland Offices provided around 60 summer internship openings for Hong Kong students, but also participated in and supported numerous internship and exchange events for Hong Kong students organised by other bureaux or associations in various provinces and municipalities. Examples include the exchange activity for young people from Guangxi and Hong Kong, the Zhejiang exploration tour for Hong Kong students in the eastern China, and

the 2025 career talk for Hong Kong university students in the central China, etc. The Mainland Offices also provide practical information, support and assistance to the students participating in internship and exchange programmes. In 2024 and 2025, the Mainland Offices organised around 100 online and offline youth activities each year in the Mainland, reaching out to around 12 000 young people. As regards Mainland youth coming to Hong Kong for activities and exchanges, the Mainland Offices will, upon request from the relevant bureaux or event organisers, provide support as far as practicable having regard to the actual circumstances. In 2026, the Mainland Offices will continue with the work on actively fostering youth exchange between Hong Kong and the Mainland.

5. At present, the HKSAR Government sets up a total of 5 Offices and 11 Liaison Units in the Mainland, with their service areas covering 31 provinces, municipalities and autonomous regions in the Mainland. The HKSAR Government will continue to review the functions and service scope of the Mainland Offices from time to time, and keep on enhancing and improving the work and service of the Mainland Offices in light of the new opportunities arising from the country's overall development strategies, and having regard to the actual circumstances and needs.

- End -

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

CMAB053

(Question Serial No. 2275)

Head: (144) Government Secretariat: Constitutional and Mainland Affairs Bureau

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (2) Constitutional and Mainland Affairs

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Constitutional and Mainland Affairs (Ms Maggie WONG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Constitutional and Mainland Affairs

Question:

Matters Requiring Special Attention for the Constitutional and Mainland Affairs Bureau in 2026-27 include supporting the Steering Group on Integration into National Development chaired by the Chief Executive to proactively dovetail with major national strategies including the National 15th Five-Year Plan and the Greater Bay Area development (“the work to support the Steering Group”). Please advise:

1. of the estimated expenditure and additional manpower for “the work to support the Steering Group”;
2. of the new arrangements for strengthening cross-bureau and cross-departmental co-operation made by the Constitutional and Mainland Affairs Bureau in taking its leading role in the formulation of “Hong Kong’s five-year plan”;
3. of the spectrum of duties of the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area Development Office in the formulation of “Hong Kong’s five-year plan”; and
4. given that the service areas of the Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office in Guangdong currently cover 4 provinces and regions, namely Guangdong, Fujian, Guangxi and Hainan, whether the Government will consider establishing a dedicated office in the Mainland to promote Hong Kong’s integration into the Greater Bay Area development.

Asked by: Hon WONG Kwok, Kingsley (LegCo internal reference no.: 6)

Reply:

The Constitutional and Mainland Affairs Bureau is responsible for providing secretariat support to the Steering Group on Integration into National Development in taking forward its work. As the provision of the relevant secretariat support is an integral part of the work of the Constitutional and Mainland Affairs Bureau, the expenditure and manpower involved cannot be singled out and itemised.

2. This year marks the beginning of the National 15th Five-Year Plan. The Chief Executive is leading the HKSAR Government in formulating Hong Kong's Five-year Plan, which will provide a systematic policy framework for proactive alignment with the National 15th Five-Year Plan, and map out strategic initiatives of greater comprehensiveness, higher precision and in finer detail for key development areas. Hong Kong's Five-year Plan will be an important document that is macroscopic, strategic and forward-looking, outlining Hong Kong's development vision, core objectives, key areas and major initiatives for the coming 5 years, which include proactive alignment with the National 15th Five-Year Plan's content on the development of the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area, and providing a clear roadmap and timetable for Hong Kong's social, economic and livelihood development. It requires whole-of-government, cross-departmental and multi-sectoral input and collaboration. On the Chief Executive's directive, the formulation teams under various bureaux are working at full speed on the formulation work. The Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area Development Office will co-ordinate the work of various bureaux of the HKSAR Government, and promote alignment of rules and mechanisms in the Greater Bay Area and the integrated development of the Greater Bay Area. The HKSAR Government will complete the formulation of Hong Kong's Five-year Plan within this year.

3. The HKSAR Government established the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area Development Promotion Centre (Promotion Centre) in Guangzhou in April 2023. The Promotion Centre will continue to promote Greater Bay Area opportunities to Hong Kong residents and enterprises pursuing development in the Mainland cities of the Greater Bay Area, and provide them with various practical assistance.

4. The HKSAR Government will continue to review the effectiveness of work of the Mainland Offices, their Liaison Units, and the Promotion Centre, and make appropriate arrangements and adjustments as necessary to achieve the best results.

- End -

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

CMAB054

(Question Serial No. 3035)

Head: (144) Government Secretariat: Constitutional and Mainland Affairs Bureau

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

Programme: (2) Constitutional and Mainland Affairs

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Constitutional and Mainland Affairs (Ms Maggie WONG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Constitutional and Mainland Affairs

Question:

The year of 2026 marks the beginning of the National 15th Five-Year Plan. Under Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2026-27, the Constitutional and Mainland Affairs Bureau will support the Steering Group on Integration into National Development chaired by the Chief Executive to proactively dovetail with major national strategies including the National 15th Five-Year Plan and the Greater Bay Area development. In this connection, would the Government advise this Committee of:

1. the dedicated staff establishment for supporting the Steering Group on Integration into National Development, and the estimated expenditure for the Steering Group and its related policy work in 2026-27; and
2. the major forums, conferences or alignment activities to be organised or participated in by the Government in 2026-27 to dovetail with the 15th Five-Year Plan and the Greater Bay Area development, and of these activities, the respective numbers to be held in the Mainland and in Hong Kong; and the promotional and administrative expenses involved.

Asked by: Hon YAO Cho-fai, Andrew (LegCo internal reference no.: 32)

Reply:

The HKSAR Government will actively support and proactively align with the National 15th Five-Year Plan, as well as deeply participate in the development of the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area (Greater Bay Area), so as to better integrate into and serve the overall national development, and drive Hong Kong's high-quality development.

2. The Constitutional and Mainland Affairs Bureau (CMAB) is responsible for providing secretariat support to the Steering Group on Integration into National Development. As the provision of the relevant secretariat support is an integral part of the work of the CMAB, the expenditure and manpower involved cannot be singled out and itemised.

3. Regarding the alignment with the National 15th Five-Year Plan, all bureaux have established their formulation teams. As such alignment work involves the whole government, and the related expenditure and staff establishment are absorbed by the overall provision of the respective bureaux and departments, the CMAB has not maintained the breakdown of relevant figures. The Government will announce activities and programmes related to the 15th Five-Year Plan in due course.

4. As regards the development of the Greater Bay Area, the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area Development Office (the Office) will continue to take forward various initiatives to promote the significant opportunities brought about by the Greater Bay Area development, including through duty visits, disseminating information through traditional media, the Internet and social media platforms, and publishing the GBA Development Office Newsletters, etc. At the same time, the Office will continue to organise and participate in physical activities, such as exhibitions and seminars, to introduce the latest developments in the Greater Bay Area to business sector, professionals and investors interested in pursuing development in the Greater Bay Area. For example, the Office co-organised the “GoGBA Development Day” seminar with the Hong Kong Trade Development Council in February 2025; co-organised the seminar on “Creating Business Value through Intellectual Property in the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area” with the Hong Kong Productivity Council in Guangzhou in July of the same year; and co-organised the “Greater Bay Area AI+ & Investment Exchange Seminar” and the seminar on the “Cross-Boundary Applications of the Low-altitude Economy in the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area: Opportunities and Challenges” with the Hong Kong Science and Technology Parks Corporation in Shenzhen in August 2025 and January 2026 respectively. In 2026-27, the Office will continue with the relevant work, such as participating in various large-scale exhibitions including the “Education & Careers Expo” and the “Entrepreneur Day” exhibition; organising and participating in seminars that promote Greater Bay Area development; and producing different types of television programmes. These efforts aim to keep various sectors informed of the Greater Bay Area’s latest developments in different realms, and strengthen Hong Kong’s bridging role between the Mainland and the world, thereby proactively integrating into and serving the overall national development. The estimated expenditure of the Office for publicity and promotion of Greater Bay Area development in 2026-27 is \$19.7 million.

- End -

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 0915)

Head: (144) Government Secretariat: Constitutional and Mainland Affairs Bureau

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

Programme: (2) Constitutional and Mainland Affairs

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Constitutional and Mainland Affairs (Ms Maggie WONG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Constitutional and Mainland Affairs

Question:

The Chief Executive will lead a cross-bureau, cross-departmental task force for Hong Kong to proactively align with the 15th Five-Year Plan, and for the first time, to formulate Hong Kong's five-year plan. Formulating a medium- to long-term development plan for Hong Kong's proactive alignment with the National 15th Five-Year Plan will be a massive exercise of social systems engineering, which will inevitably require considerable manpower and financial resources from the HKSAR Government. The estimate for Programme (2) is 1.5% higher than the original estimate for 2025-26. In this connection, please advise this Committee whether sufficient provision has been earmarked to cover the costs of research and consultancy etc. in support of the formulation of Hong Kong's first "five-year plan" as announced by the Chief Executive.

Asked by: Hon YIM Kong, Erik (LegCo internal reference no.: 18)

Reply:

This year marks the beginning of the National 15th Five-Year Plan. The Chief Executive is leading the HKSAR Government in formulating the Hong Kong's Five-year Plan, which will provide a systematic policy framework for proactive alignment with the National 15th Five-Year Plan, and map out strategic initiatives of greater comprehensiveness, higher precision and in finer detail for key development areas. Hong Kong's Five-year Plan will be an important document that is macroscopic, strategic and forward-looking, outlining Hong Kong's development vision, core objectives, key areas and major initiatives for the coming 5 years, and providing a clear roadmap and timetable for Hong Kong's social, economic and livelihood development. It requires whole-of-government, cross-departmental and multi-sectoral input and collaboration.

2. On the Chief Executive's directive, the formulation teams under various bureaux are working at full speed. The HKSAR Government will complete the formulation of the Hong Kong's Five-year Plan within this year. The process involves the whole government, and the related expenditure and staff establishment are absorbed by the overall provision of the

respective bureaux and departments. The Bureau has not maintained relevant breakdown figures.

- End -

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

CMAB056

(Question Serial No. 2295)

Head: (144) Government Secretariat: Constitutional and Mainland Affairs Bureau

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (2) Constitutional and Mainland Affairs

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Constitutional and Mainland Affairs (Ms Maggie WONG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Constitutional and Mainland Affairs

Question:

According to the Bureau's estimation, the provision for this Programme in 2026-27 (estimate) is \$22,600,000 (or an increase of 10.5%) higher than the provision for 2025-26 (revised estimate), mainly due to the increased provision for general departmental expenses. Given that the revised estimate for 2025-26 is 8.2% lower than the original estimate, please advise this Committee: (1) of the major areas involved in the 10.5% increase in the 2026-27 estimate; (2) whether the estimated expenditure for elections in 2026-27 will also increase, and if so, of the estimated amount; and (3) of the rate of increase or decrease as compared with the actual election expenses in 2025-26.

Asked by: Hon YIM Kong, Erik (LegCo internal reference no.: 35)

Reply:

1. Regarding the increase in the 2026-27 estimate of Programme (2) "Constitutional and Mainland Affairs", it is mainly due to the need to earmark provision for strengthening the promotion and co-ordination work in taking forward the development of the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area, strengthening regional co-operation with the Mainland to facilitate Hong Kong's active integration into the overall national development, promoting the importance of the full implementation of the principle of "patriots administering Hong Kong" to Hong Kong, and developing among the public a comprehensive and accurate understanding of the relationship between "One Country" and "Two Systems" as well as the constitutional order of the HKSAR etc.
2. & 3. The Registration and Electoral Office (REO) is responsible for the preparation and conduct of elections, and has earmarked the relevant provision. The provision for REO's election expenses in 2026-27 is about \$880 million, which is about \$379 million (30.1%) lower than the revised estimate of about \$1,259 million for 2025-26. This is mainly because the provision required for the preparation and conduct of the 2026 Election Committee Subsector Ordinary Elections and the

2027 Chief Executive Election, as well as the preparation of the 2027 District Council Ordinary Election, etc., is lower than the revised estimate for conducting the 2025 Election Committee Subsector By-elections and the 2025 Legislative Council General Election.

- End -

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

CMAB057

(Question Serial No. 2243)

Head: (144) Government Secretariat: Constitutional and Mainland Affairs Bureau

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (3) Mainland and Taiwan Offices

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Constitutional and Mainland Affairs (Ms Maggie WONG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Constitutional and Mainland Affairs

Question:

1. What were the specific work and expenditure of the Beijing Office and the Hong Kong Economic and Trade Offices in the Mainland to promote the uniqueness and advantages of Hong Kong and share good stories of Hong Kong in the past 3 years?
2. In the past 3 years, did the Beijing Office and the Hong Kong Economic and Trade Offices in the Mainland proactively promote Hong Kong's cultural, sports and tourism mega events in the cities where they are located? If so, what are the details and effectiveness? If not, what are the reasons?
3. What specific plans will be implemented by the Beijing Office and the Hong Kong Economic and Trade Offices in the Mainland this year to publicise and promote Hong Kong's advantages and foster the two-way flow of people? What is the estimated expenditure for such work?

Asked by: Hon YIU Pak-leung (LegCo internal reference no.: 54)

Reply:

One of the key functions of the Mainland Offices of the HKSAR Government is to promote the strengths of Hong Kong. To this end, the Mainland Offices from time to time organise and participate in different forms of promotional activities, including seminars, exhibitions, film festivals, concerts, gala dinners etc., to tell Hong Kong's good stories comprehensively from multiple perspectives such as economy and trade, culture, arts, sports and tourism, and to encourage and attract Mainland talents and enterprises to explore more development opportunities in Hong Kong by leveraging on Hong Kong's unique position of enjoying strong support of the Motherland and being closely connected to the world under "One Country, Two Systems", as well as its high level of internationalisation, market-orientation, rule of law and professional services. In addition, the Mainland Offices make use of social media platforms in the Mainland, such as WeChat, Douyin, Bilibili,

Xiaohongshu and Weibo, to provide updates on Hong Kong’s economy and trade, culture, mega events and tourism for enhancing publicity effect.

2. In the past 3 years, all Mainland Offices completed the targets of the performance indicators on promoting Hong Kong’s strengths and opportunities in the Mainland set out in the Policy Addresses. Details are set out in the table below:

Indicator	2023 Actual number	2024 Actual number	2025 Actual number
Visits to Mainland authorities or bodies	3 135 (3 000)	3 233 (3 200)	3 328 (3 300)
Speaking occasions attended	267 (260)	274 (270)	286 (280)
Media interviews or briefings given	325 (320)	332 (330)	341 (340)
Business and trade-related meetings participated	775 (760)	826 (800)	853 (850)

Note: Numbers in brackets denote the indicators for the respective year.

Besides, the numbers of public relations or cultural functions/events for promoting Hong Kong’s advantages organised or attended by the Mainland Offices in the past 3 years are as follows:

	2023 Actual number	2024 Actual number	2025 Actual number
Public relations or cultural functions/events organised	618	622	635
Public relations or cultural functions/events attended	884	893	911

3. In 2024 to 2025, the Mainland Offices organised a number of online and offline promotional activities to promote Hong Kong’s cultural, sports and tourism mega events, which have achieved positive results. For example, in 2024, the Beijing Office collaborated with an internet company to launch the “Love Hong Kong” online promotional campaign, inviting key opinion leaders to produce short videos to showcase Hong Kong’s many facets of charm, which reached over 3.6 million viewers across major social media platforms. From February to April 2025, the Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office (HKETO) in

Guangdong launched a promotional campaign on Hong Kong's mega events, promoting Hong Kong's mega events in 2025 and rich tourism resources on 3 trains of the Guangzhou-Shenzhen-Hong Kong Express Rail Link covering the nine Mainland cities of the Greater Bay Area, which reached 950 000 passengers and recorded a viewership of nearly 1.4 million on online media. In August 2025, the Shandong Liaison Unit under the HKETO in Shanghai organised a series of activities to celebrate the 10th anniversary of its establishment, including touring concerts and receptions featuring renowned Hong Kong singers and star opera singers, as well as the opening ceremony of the 2025 Hong Kong films exhibition in Jinan. The HKETO in Chengdu invited Opera Hong Kong, Hong Kong String Orchestra and award-winning film composer to stage touring performances in the western China from July to August 2025. In September 2025, the HKETO in Wuhan hosted the "Hong Kong Night" outdoor film screening event at the Yangtze River beach park in Wuhan, featuring the Hong Kong film "Twilight of the Warriors: Walled In", with the attendance of representatives from the provincial and municipal governments, foreign consuls in Wuhan, Hong Kong businessmen in Hubei Province and members of the public.

4. The 2026 key performance indicators for the Mainland Offices set out in the 2025 Policy Address are higher than those of last year, including organising no less than 3 400 visits to Mainland authorities or bodies, attending no less than 290 speaking occasions, conducting no less than 350 media interviews or briefings, and participating in no less than 880 business and trade meetings. Additionally, the Mainland Offices expect to organise 655 public relations or cultural functions/events and attend 940 public relations or cultural functions/events in 2026. As promoting the strengths of Hong Kong is an integral part of the work of the Mainland Offices, the provision required cannot be singled out and itemised.

- End -

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

CMAB058

(Question Serial No. 2253)

Head: (163) Registration and Electoral Office

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: Electoral Services

Controlling Officer: Chief Electoral Officer (Ms Natalie CHAN)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Constitutional and Mainland Affairs

Question:

In 2025-26, the Registration and Electoral Office was responsible for the conduct and supervision of the 2025 Rural By-election, the 2025 Election Committee Subsector By-elections and the 2025 Legislative Council General Election. In this connection, please inform this Committee of the following:

1. a breakdown of the actual expenditure and staff establishment involved for the 2025 Rural By-election;
2. a breakdown of the actual expenditure and staff establishment involved for the 2025 Election Committee Subsector By-elections; and
3. a breakdown of the actual expenditure and staff establishment involved for the 2025 Legislative Council General Election.

Asked by: Hon CHAN Kapui, Judy (LegCo internal reference no.: 11)

Reply:

The Home Affairs Department is responsible for the preparation and conduct of rural elections (including by-elections), and the provision of the resources and manpower required. The Registration and Electoral Office (REO) mainly provides administrative support to the Electoral Affairs Commission (EAC) and assists the EAC in supervising the relevant elections. The resources and manpower required for the relevant work are absorbed in the recurrent expenditure and establishment of the REO, and there is no related breakdown.

2. The revised estimate for 2025-26 under the REO for the preparation and conduct of the 2025 Election Committee Subsector (ECSS) By-elections is about \$179 million, with breakdown as follows:

Expenditure on the preparation and conduct of the ECSS By-elections	2025-26 (Revised estimate) \$ million
(1) Staff cost	57
(2) Publicity	6
(3) Other expenses (including the costs of manning polling and counting stations, hiring venues, printing, transportation, postage, free mailing, rental cost of temporary offices and stores, etc.)	116
Total	179

3. The revised estimate for 2025-26 under the REO for the preparation and conduct of the 2025 Legislative Council General Election (LCGE) (including the provision for the preparation and conduct of the 2025 Voter Registration Campaign) is about \$1,132 million, with breakdown as follows:

Expenditure on the preparation and conduct of the LCGE (including the Voter Registration Campaign)	2025-26 (Revised estimate) \$ million
(1) Staff cost	303
(2) Publicity	149
(3) Other expenses (including the costs of manning polling and counting stations, hiring venues, printing, transportation, postage, free mailing, rental cost of temporary offices and stores, etc.)	680
Total	1,132

4. The REO recruited about 1 000 and 34 000 government employees as electoral staff for the 2025 ECSS By-elections and the 2025 LCGE respectively.

- End -

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

CMAB059

(Question Serial No. 1735)

Head: (163) Registration and Electoral Office

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: Electoral Services

Controlling Officer: Chief Electoral Officer (Ms Natalie CHAN)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Constitutional and Mainland Affairs

Question:

The Registration and Electoral Office (REO) conducts exercise for voter registration every year. In this connection, please inform this Committee of the following:

- (1) the estimated expenditure for the REO's voter registration exercise in 2026-27;
- (2) the actual annual expenditures on (i) voter registration, (ii) verification of voter registration and (iii) publicity of voter registration in the past 5 financial years;
- (3) the staff establishment and emolument expenses of the Voter Registration Division responsible for voter registration matters under the REO in the past 5 financial years;
- (4) the respective numbers of persons eligible for voter registration and newly registered electors in the past 5 financial years; and
- (5) whether there are any measures by the Government to encourage eligible persons to register as electors.

Asked by: Hon CHAN Wing-kwong (LegCo internal reference no.: 18)

Reply:

The provision for the Voter Registration Division responsible for voter registration matters under the Registration and Electoral Office (REO) for 2026-27 is about \$150 million. The Division has been flexibly deploying resources according to operational needs, thus a breakdown by different work objectives is not available. In the past 5 years, the establishment and relevant expenditure of the Division are tabulated below:

Financial year	Establishment	Expenditure#
2021-22	131	\$168 million
2022-23	127	\$130 million
2023-24	124	\$165 million
2024-25	124	\$145 million
2025-26 (Revised estimate)	122	\$170 million

Inclusive of staff remuneration and operating expenses

2. Under the improved electoral system, the REO normally launches the Voter Registration Campaign (VRC) in April every year. The statutory deadline for submitting applications for new registration/change of particulars is set on 2 June every year. The publicity expenses for the campaigns in the past 5 years are tabulated below:

Voter Registration Campaign	Expenditure
2021	\$14.34 million
2022	\$5.16 million
2023	\$13.60 million
2024	\$7.06 million
2025	\$11.46 million

3. The actual numbers of newly registered electors and total registered electors in the Final Register of Electors by Geographical Constituencies in the recent 5 years are available on the voter registration dedicated website (vr.gov.hk) of the REO.

4. Each year, the REO collaborates with relevant departments to organise the VRC, making use of various channels to appeal to eligible persons to register as electors and to remind registered electors to check whether their registration particulars requires updating. The REO will continue to disseminate the promotion messages of voter registration through a multi-pronged approach. The various publicity measures and activities of the 2026 VRC are set out in the Paper No. CB(2)307/2026(04) of the Panel on Constitutional Affairs of the Legislative Council for its meeting on 16 March 2026.

- End -

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 1736)

Head: (163) Registration and Electoral Office

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: Electoral Services

Controlling Officer: Chief Electoral Officer (Ms Natalie CHAN)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Constitutional and Mainland Affairs

Question:

It is mentioned in the Budget that during 2025-26, the Registration and Electoral Office provided the Electoral Affairs Commission with administrative support to accomplish a number of major tasks, including: the conduct and supervision of the 2025 Rural By-election, the 2025 Election Committee Subsector By-elections and the 2025 Legislative Council General Election (LCGE). In this regard, will the Administration inform us of the following:

- (1) the staffing establishment, actual expenses and a breakdown of expenditure for organising the above three elections, including (i) staff costs, (ii) publicity expenses, (iii) other expenses (including the costs of hiring venues, manning polling and counting stations, transportation, postage, free mailing, printing, rental cost of temporary offices and stores, etc.);
- (2) the rate of change in the total actual expenses and breakdown of expenditure between the 2025 LCGE and the 2021 LCGE; and the reasons for the increase/decrease;
- (3) has the Administration utilised information technology to enhance the efficiency of electoral work and reduce the costs of such work; if so, what are the details and the expenses involved; and
- (4) the specific measures to be taken by the Administration in 2026-27 to publicise and promote the improved electoral system so as to enhance public understanding and awareness of the electoral system; and the estimated expenditure involved in the related promotional activities.

Asked by: Hon CHAN Wing-kwong (LegCo internal reference no.: 19)

Reply:

The Home Affairs Department is responsible for the preparation and conduct of rural elections (including by-elections), and the provision of the resources and manpower required. The Registration and Electoral Office (REO) mainly provides administrative support to the Electoral Affairs Commission (EAC) and assists the EAC in supervising the relevant elections.

The resources and manpower required for the relevant work are absorbed in the recurrent expenditure and establishment of the REO, and there is no related breakdown.

2. The revised estimate for 2025-26 under the REO for the preparation and conduct of the 2025 Election Committee Subsector (ECSS) By-elections is about \$179 million, with breakdown as follows:

Expenditure on the preparation and conduct of the ECSS By-elections	2025-26 (Revised estimate) \$ million
(1) Staff cost	57
(2) Publicity	6
(3) Other expenses (including the costs of manning polling and counting stations, hiring venues, printing, transportation, postage, free mailing, rental cost of temporary offices and stores, etc.)	116
Total	179

3. The revised estimate for 2025-26 under the REO for the preparation and conduct of the 2025 Legislative Council General Election (LCGE) (including the estimate for the preparation and conduct of the 2025 Voter Registration Campaign) is about \$1,132 million, with breakdown as follows:

Expenditure on the preparation and conduct of the LCGE (including the Voter Registration Campaign)	2025-26 (Revised estimate) \$ million
(1) Staff cost	303
(2) Publicity	149
(3) Other expenses (including the costs of manning polling and counting stations, hiring venues, printing, transportation, postage, free mailing, rental cost of temporary offices and stores, etc.)	680
Total	1,132

4. The revised estimate for 2025-26 for the preparation and conduct of the 2025 LCGE (including the estimate for the preparation and conduct of the 2025 Voter Registration Campaign) is about \$1,132 million. This represents an increase of about 34.6% over the actual expenditure in 2021-22 for the preparation and conduct of the 2021 LCGE (including the expenditure for the preparation and conduct of the 2021 Voter Registration Campaign) which was about \$841 million. The increase was mainly due to expenditure for information technology (IT) support, publicity expenses, rental cost of venues, as well as staff remuneration, etc.

5. The REO recruited about 1 000 and 34 000 government employees as electoral staff for the 2025 ECSS By-elections and the 2025 LCGE respectively.

6. The REO has been applying IT more extensively in different stages of elections in recent years, with a view to enhancing electoral procedures and increasing work efficiency to facilitate various stakeholders. In the 2025 ECSS By-elections and the 2025 LCGE, besides

continuing the use of the Electronic Poll Register System to issue ballot papers to electors, the REO also digitalised most of the election-related forms to facilitate candidates. Regarding the counting of votes, the REO adopted new electronic counting systems in the ECSS By-elections and the Legislative Council (LegCo) Election Committee constituency election, and adopted the electronic counting system for the first time in the LegCo functional constituency election, thereby significantly enhancing the efficiency of the count. Furthermore, the REO introduced the Election Information Communication System and used the Mobile Input System for Electoral Statistics, the Polling Station Management System, the Counting Information Display System, etc., to strengthen communication and co-ordination between the Central Command Centre (CCC) and the polling stations so as to effectively support the CCC, monitor the progress of the polling and counting work, and facilitate the polling staff to calculate, verify and submit various types of data to the Statistical Information Centre, and thus significantly enhanced the efficiency of the electoral work. The resources required for the relevant work are subsumed under the recurrent expenditure of the REO and there is no related breakdown.

7. In addition, the Constitutional and Mainland Affairs Bureau (CMAB) will continue to promote the improved electoral system, and introduce its superiority and significance to the public, so as to enhance their understanding and awareness. The CMAB has earmarked approximately \$2 million in 2026-27 for setting up publicity counters and organising roving exhibitions in the community, as well as promoting relevant messages such as in schools.

- End -

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

CMAB061

(Question Serial No. 1623)

Head: (163) Registration and Electoral Office

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: Electoral Services

Controlling Officer: Chief Electoral Officer (Ms Natalie CHAN)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Constitutional and Mainland Affairs

Question:

1. Please advise of the manpower arranged and resources allocated by the Registration and Electoral Office for the extensive application of information technology (IT) in various processes of past elections. Please provide a breakdown of the relevant details by type of election, name or category of IT, as well as applicable target such as candidates' teams, electoral staff and electors.
2. In the estimated expenditure for 2026-27, is there any provision for the development of IT which facilitates electors, such as electronic voting facilities? If so, what are the details? If not, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon CHAN Yung (LegCo internal reference no.: 10)

Reply:

The Registration and Electoral Office (REO) has been applying information technology (IT) extensively in different stages of elections in recent years with a view to enhancing electoral procedures, increasing work efficiency, and facilitating various stakeholders. In the 2025 Election Committee Subsector (ECSS) By-elections and the 2025 Legislative Council General Election (LCGE), major IT systems utilised and relevant arrangements implemented are as follows:

IT systems and relevant arrangements	Target user and scope of application
Online Voter Information Enquiry System	Enabling electors to check their registration status and particulars, as well as polling information, including their allocated polling station and its location map, guide on voting procedures and the Introduction to Candidates in respect of the elector's relevant constituency(ies)
Near Boundary Polling Stations (NBPSs) Online Registration System	Enabling geographical constituency and functional constituency electors of the 2025 LCGE to apply online for voting at a NBPS

IT systems and relevant arrangements	Target user and scope of application
Digitalisation of election-related forms	Facilitating candidates to fill out, sign and submit election-related forms and information via an online platform
Electronic Poll Register System	Verifying the identity of electors and issuing ballot papers
Ballot paper checking machine	Providing ballot paper checking machines in polling stations for voters/electors in the 2025 ECSS By-elections and the 2025 Legislative Council Election Committee constituency election to assist them to check whether their ballot papers have been marked properly
Electronic counting system	Sorting ballot papers (where applicable), screening out invalid/questionable ballot papers and conducting automated vote counting for elections which adopt electronic counting, thereby supporting the electronic vote counting operations at the Central Counting Station
Integrated System for Recruitment and Management of Electoral Staff	Supporting the work related to the recruitment of electoral staff
Polling Station Management System	Supporting electoral staff in the management of the delivery and replenishment of electoral materials
Election Information Communication System	Supporting communications between the Central Command Centre, the Statistical Information Centre (SIC) and the polling stations
Mobile Input System for Electoral Statistics	Enabling polling and counting staff of the 2025 LCGE to input, calculate, verify and submit various electoral statistical data of polling and counting stations to the SIC on the polling day through tablet computers
Electronic Voter Turnout Compilation System	Supporting electoral staff in collecting and compiling various electoral statistics (such as hourly voter turnout and voter turnout rate), and publishing the relevant statistics through the dedicated election website

2. The Information Technology Management Division of the REO is responsible for the department's IT planning, IT security, network infrastructure, application development and maintenance. The number of staff in the establishment of the division in 2026-27 is 18. Meanwhile, the REO recruits suitable IT contract staff based on actual operational needs through the contract centrally managed by the Digital Policy Office. As the resources required for IT support are subsumed under the recurrent expenditure of the REO, no separate breakdown is available.

3. The REO will conduct system enhancement of the Electronic Poll Register System in 2026-27 to enhance the functions, efficiency and security of the system, so as to provide support for the 2026 ECSS Ordinary Elections, the 2027 Chief Executive Election and the 2027 District Council Ordinary Election. The REO will, having regard to the actual circumstances and needs, continue to promote the application of IT to make elections more efficient and user-friendly.

- End -

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

CMAB062

(Question Serial No. 2248)

Head: (163) Registration and Electoral Office

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: Electoral Services

Controlling Officer: Chief Electoral Officer (Ms Natalie CHAN)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Constitutional and Mainland Affairs

Question:

1. Please provide a breakdown of estimated expenditure for the preparation and conduct of the 2026 Election Committee Subsector Ordinary Elections, the 2027 Chief Executive Election and the 2027 District Council Ordinary Election (categorised by publicity, manpower establishment, staff costs and other expenses).
2. The preparation for the above three elections is a very important and pressing task. Yet, the estimated expenditure for 2026-27 has not increased but decreased by more than 23%. In this regard, please tell us the reasons and how to ensure that the preparation and conduct of the relevant elections by the department will not be affected?

Asked by: Hon CHAN Yung (LegCo internal reference no.: 9)

Reply:

Excluding election expenses which cannot be apportioned to individual elections, the breakdown of the Registration and Electoral Office (REO)'s provision for 2026-27 which is directly related to the preparation and conduct of the 2026 Election Committee Subsector Ordinary Elections (ECSSOEs) and the 2027 Chief Executive Election (CEE), as well as the preparation for the 2027 District Council Ordinary Election (DCOE) is as follows:

	2026 ECSSOEs (\$ million)	2027 CEE (\$ million)	2027 DCOE (\$ million)
(1) Staff cost	135	58	71
(2) Publicity	9	1	0
(3) Other expenses (such as the costs of manning polling and counting stations, hiring venues, printing, transportation, postage, free mailing, etc.)	116	22	12
Total	260	81	83

2. The REO's provision for 2026-27 is about \$363 million (23.6%) lower than the revised estimate for 2025-26. This is mainly because the funding required for the preparation and conduct of the 2026 ECSSOEs and the 2027 CEE, as well as the preparation for the 2027 DCOE is less than the revised estimate for the conduct of the 2025 Election Committee Subsector By-elections and the 2025 Legislative Council General Election. When preparing the estimates, the REO has set aside sufficient provision based on the resources required for each election.

- End -

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

CMAB063

(Question Serial No. 0647)

Head: (163) Registration and Electoral Office

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: Electoral Services

Controlling Officer: Chief Electoral Officer (Ms Natalie CHAN)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Constitutional and Mainland Affairs

Question:

Regarding the 2025 Legislative Council General Election (LCGE), will the Government inform this Committee of:

- (1) the respective expenditures involved in the preparation and promotion of the 2025 LCGE by the Government; and
- (2) the staff establishment, the operating expenses involved, and the voter turnout for each "Near Boundary Polling Station", "Designated Polling Station" (i.e. (i) Civil Servant Designated Polling Station, (ii) Hospital Authority Healthcare Staff Designated Polling Station, and (iii) Ethnic Minorities Designated Polling Station), as well as Outreach Polling Station for Residential Care Homes?

Asked by: Hon LAM Chun-sing (LegCo internal reference no.: 7)

Reply:

The revised estimate for 2025-26 under the Registration and Electoral Office for the preparation and conduct of the 2025 Legislative Council General Election (LCGE) (including the provision for the preparation and conduct of the 2025 Voter Registration Campaign) is about \$1,132 million, with breakdown as follows:

Expenditure on the preparation and conduct of the LCGE (including the Voter Registration Campaign)	2025-26 (Revised estimate) \$ million
(1) Staff cost	303
(2) Publicity	149
(3) Other expenses (including the costs of manning polling and counting stations, hiring venues, printing, transportation, postage, free mailing, rental cost of temporary offices and stores, etc.)	680
Total	1,132

2. In the 2025 LCGE, the voter turnout for each Near Boundary Polling Station, Designated Polling Station and Outreach Polling Station for Residential Care Homes is as follows:

Type of polling station	Name of polling station	Voter turnout
Near Boundary Polling Station	Hong Kong Taoist Association Tang Hin Memorial Secondary School (Covered Playground)	488
	Hong Kong Taoist Association Tang Hin Memorial Secondary School (Hall)	1 221
	TWGHs Kap Yan Directors' College (Covered Playground)	1 317
	TWGHs Kap Yan Directors' College (Hall)	1 581
	Passenger Clearance Building of Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge Hong Kong Port (Arrival Hall)	833
	Hong Kong International Airport Terminal 2 (Coach Hall)	1 713
Civil Servant Designated Polling Station	Hong Kong Police Force Police Headquarters Designated Polling Station	5 078
	Hong Kong Police Force Police Sports and Recreation Club Designated Polling Station	3 605
	Hong Kong Police Force Hong Kong Auxiliary Police Force Headquarters Designated Polling Station	3 077
	Hong Kong Police Force New Territories South Regional Headquarters Designated Polling Station	2 824
	Hong Kong Police Force Marine Outer Waters District Headquarters Designated Polling Station	693
	Hong Kong Police Force New Territories North Regional Headquarters Designated Polling Station	2 335
	Hong Kong Police Force Tuen Mun Police Station Designated Polling Station	1 469
	Hong Kong Police Force Tin Shui Wai Police Station Designated Polling Station	1 099
	Correctional Services Department Shek Pik Prison and Sha Tsui Correctional Institution Officers' Mess Designated Polling Station	353
	Correctional Services Department Hei Ling Chau Officers' Mess Designated Polling Station	210
Hospital Authority Healthcare Staff Designated Polling Station	Meng Tak Catholic School Designated Polling Station	133
	Former Caritas Wu Cheng-Chung Secondary School Designated Polling Station	46
	Yaumati Kaifong Association School Designated Polling Station	96
	Kwun Tong Maryknoll College Designated Polling Station	94
	Lai King Community Hall Designated Polling Station	80
	St. Rose of Lima's College Designated Polling Station	86
	Tuen Mun Government Primary School Designated Polling Station	96

Type of polling station	Name of polling station	Voter turnout
Ethnic Minorities Designated Polling Station	Tang Shiu Kin Victoria Government Secondary School Designated Polling Station	2
	Kowloon Park Sports Centre Designated Polling Station	5
Outreach Polling Station for Residential Care Homes	Kwu Tung North Multi-welfare Services Complex Outreach Polling Station	188
	Yan Chai Hospital Chinachem Care and Attention Home Outreach Polling Station	86
	TWGHs Jockey Club Sunshine Complex for the Elderly Outreach Polling Station	45

3. The REO recruited a total of about 34 000 government employees as electoral staff for the 2025 LCGE, including frontline and support staff responsible for the Near Boundary Polling Stations, Designated Polling Stations and Outreach Polling Stations for Residential Care Homes. As some staff provided support services to multiple polling stations, we are unable to provide a breakdown of the manpower involved at individual polling stations. In addition, some of the operating expenses of the polling stations (which cover various expenditures related to frontline and support staff, installation of systems and equipment, procurement, storage and transportation of materials, etc.) involved more than one polling station or items and services procured centrally, the REO is unable to compile the operating expenses for individual polling stations.

- End -

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

CMAB064

(Question Serial No. 1543)

Head: (163) Registration and Electoral Office

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: Electoral Services

Controlling Officer: Chief Electoral Officer (Ms Natalie CHAN)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Constitutional and Mainland Affairs

Question:

The Government earmarked \$1.28 billion for the 2025 Legislative Council General Election (LCGE), including \$177 million for publicity expenses and \$289 million for staff cost, setting a new high for the estimate of election expenses in recent years. Will the Government inform this Committee of the following:

1. What were the actual expenditures for the 2025 LCGE, including the breakdown by staff cost, publicity expenses and printing cost, and what were the differences between these expenditures and the original estimates?
2. Regarding the publicity expenses, what were the respective expenditures for TV and radio advertisements, newspaper and outdoor advertisements, social media advertisements, production of promotional videos, printing and distribution of promotional materials, as well as inviting or hiring public figures to participate in publicity events? How did the Government evaluate the effectiveness of various publicity work? Has the Government taken into account the click-through rates, number of views and interaction rates of social media advertisements, and what are the relevant statistics?
3. How many government employees did the Registration and Electoral Office actually recruit to participate in the 2025 LCGE, and what were the relevant staff cost? Regarding the measures implemented to mobilise and facilitate civil servants to vote on the polling day, such as making deployments of additional manpower to be on duty and arranging for reimbursement of travelling expenses between the place of work and the polling stations assigned for civil servants to vote, what were the details of the costs incurred?
4. What electoral work had to be cancelled, postponed, streamlined or rearranged due to the fire at Wang Fuk Court in Tai Po, and what were the respective amounts involved?

Asked by: Hon SO Shiu-tsung, Thomas (LegCo internal reference no.: 28)

Reply:

The Registration and Electoral Office (REO)'s revised estimate for 2025-26 for the preparation and conduct of the 2025 Legislative Council General Election (LCGE) (including the estimate for the preparation and conduct of the 2025 Voter Registration Campaign) was about \$1,132 million, with breakdown as follows:

Expenditure on the preparation and conduct of the LCGE (including the Voter Registration Campaign)	2025-26 (Revised estimate) \$ million
(1) Staff cost	303
(2) Publicity	149
(3) Other expenses (including the costs of manning polling and counting stations, hiring venues, printing, transportation, postage, free mailing, rental cost of temporary offices and stores, etc.)	680
Total	1,132

2. The REO's revised estimate for 2025-26 for the preparation and conduct of the 2025 LCGE was about \$148 million lower than the original estimate, mainly because the costs of manning polling and counting stations, publicity and printing, etc. were lower than expected, and the contingency provision was not utilised.

3. As various publicity and promotion service providers provide cross-platform publicity services, it would be difficult to provide a breakdown of expenses by publicity means. All in all, a diversified and creative approach was adopted for the publicity activities of this election, which effectively publicised the importance of Legislative Council election and was widely covered by the media, generating significant public response with satisfactory publicity impact. The Government will review and enhance publicity for elections, so as to continue to raise the public's awareness of and attention to elections, and encourage their participation in elections.

4. The REO recruited about 34 000 government employees as electoral staff for the 2025 LCGE. Also, to facilitate civil servants to cast their votes smoothly, Bureaux/Departments (B/Ds) implemented all feasible measures for civil servants scheduled to work on the polling day, including arranging for civil servants on duty to be released in an orderly manner for a short period of time to vote at polling stations, and reimbursing them the travelling expenses between the office and the polling stations assigned for them to vote in accordance with regulations. The relevant expenses were absorbed by existing resources of respective B/Ds. As for the REO, the relevant expenses were subsumed under its recurrent expenditure and a breakdown is not available.

5. Due to the fire at Wang Fuk Court in Tai Po, the REO had to reassign electors of the three affected polling stations from their original polling stations to other nearby polling stations for casting their votes. As such, the REO arranged for free feeder transportation services during polling hours on the polling day to facilitate the electors concerned to go to the newly assigned polling stations to cast votes. The related expenditure was about \$180,000. The REO also informed Wang Fuk Court residents temporarily residing at different locations at the time of the new polling station arrangements through social workers

under the “one social worker per household” initiative, and assistance was provided to the electors according to their travel needs.

- End -

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

CMAB065

(Question Serial No. 3564)

Head: (144) Government Secretariat: Constitutional and Mainland Affairs Bureau

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (5) Subvention: Equal Opportunities Commission and Office of the Privacy Commissioner for Personal Data

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Constitutional and Mainland Affairs (Ms Maggie WONG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Constitutional and Mainland Affairs

Question:

The Budget mentions that during 2026-27, the Office of the Privacy Commissioner for Personal Data (PCPD) will, in light of the rising public concern over personal data breach incidents in recent years, continue to strengthen education and publicity work on data security, and update relevant guidelines to help the industry prevent personal data breaches. In this connection, would the Government advise of the following:

1. Regarding personal data breach cases, the number of public complaints and the number of notifications given by organisations on their own initiative as received by the PCPD in the past 3 years.
2. Regarding the abovementioned personal data breach cases, please set out in tabular form details of the PCPD's follow-up actions:

PCPD's Follow-up Actions on Personal Data Breach Cases				
Year	Issuance of advisory letter	Issuance of warning letter	Serving of enforcement notice	Total
2023				
2024				
2025				

3. What specific measures will the PCPD take in 2026-27 to help the industry prevent personal data breaches, and what is the estimated expenditure for the related measures?
4. What specific measures will the PCPD take in 2026-27 to address the personal data privacy and security risks arising from technological developments in the age of artificial intelligence, and what is the estimated expenditure for the related measures?

Asked by: Hon CHAN Wing-kwong (LegCo internal reference no.: 39)

Reply:

1. Regarding personal data breach cases, the number of public complaints and the number of notifications given by organisations on their own initiative as received by the Office of the Privacy Commissioner for Personal Data (PCPD) in the past 3 years are as follows:

Year	Number of public complaints	Number of notifications given by organisations on their own initiative
2023	267	157
2024	421	203
2025	566	246

2. The PCPD's follow-up actions on personal data breach cases are as follows:

PCPD's Follow-up Actions on Personal Data Breach Cases				
Year	Issuance of advisory letter	Issuance of warning letter	Serving of enforcement notice	Total
2023	141	17	5	163
2024	231	24	12	267
2025	302	39	19	360

3. & 4. When briefing the Legislative Council Panel on Constitutional Affairs on its annual work report in February 2026, the PCPD elaborated the specific measures to assist the industry in preventing personal data breach and addressing personal data privacy risks and security risks arising from technological developments in the age of artificial intelligence. The relevant salient points are extracted at **Annex**.

The relevant work is mainly undertaken by the PCPD's Global Affairs and Research Division, Corporate Communications Division, and Compliance and Enquiries Division. As the expenditure involved is subsumed under the recurrent expenditure, a separate breakdown is not available.

(IX) Strategic Focus 2026

Continue to Promote Data Security and Strengthen Education

49. Enhancing data security will continue to be one of the major areas of work of the PCPD in the coming year. In addition to the “Data Security Trio” (i.e. the “Data Security Scanner” self-assessment toolkit, the “Data Security” thematic website and the “Data Security Hotline”), the PCPD will continue to promote and enhance data security awareness among the public and organisations through various types of publicity and public education activities. The PCPD will produce a “Data Security” animated video in 2026 to highlight security measures that organisations can adopt to enhance data security.

50. To further engage a more diverse audience and raise public and organisational awareness of safeguarding personal data privacy, data security and AI security, the PCPD will launch a radio broadcast campaign in two phases starting from January 2026, namely Phase One “Happy Sharing on Digital Security”, and Phase Two “Privacy Classroom”.

Strengthening the Protection of Personal Data to Promote the Advancement of Digital Economy

51. The “Recommendations of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China for Formulating the 15th Five-Year Plan for National Economic and Social Development” calls for the advancement of the Digital China Initiative. Key priorities include refining the foundational systems for data as a factor of production, promoting the full integration between the real economy and the digital economy, along with advancing the AI Plus Initiative, strengthening governance over AI and refining relevant laws, regulations, policies, systems, application standards, and ethical codes. Meanwhile, the Chief Executive’s Policy Address 2025 introduces a series of measures to further promote the development of AI and data science, including the implementation of AI government services, with a view to positioning AI as a core industry for Hong Kong’s future growth.

52. The PCPD has been actively supporting government initiatives for the promotion of Digital Government and Smart City. This includes consistently providing the Government and relevant organisations with professional and appropriate advice and recommendations on related policies and measures from the perspective of personal data privacy protection, so as to ensure that the Government complies with the requirements of the Ordinance while enhancing the effectiveness of policy implementation.

53. The relevant policies or measures include the “iAM Smart” application for one-stop access to electronic government services, the Consented Data Exchange Gateway (CDEG) for facilitating data interchange within the Government, the connection arrangement between the CDEG and the Hong Kong Monetary Authority’s Commercial Data Interchange, the comprehensive healthcare information infrastructure “eHealth+” that integrates multiple functions of healthcare data sharing and service support, new initiatives on expanding the application of AI, and the carers database that supports social welfare services, etc..

Addressing the Challenges Posed by the Development of Emerging Technologies

54. To enhance organisations' ability to address AI security and cybersecurity risks in the business environment, the PCPD and the Hong Kong Internet Registration Corporation Limited will co-organise the "AI Security and Cybersecurity Summit for Enterprises" in March 2026, bringing together leading experts, industry leaders, policymakers and corporate executives to explore the rapidly evolving landscape and threats of AI security and cybersecurity, and to exchange innovative solutions.

55. In addition, the PCPD plans to launch an AI and Privacy Protection Training Series in 2026. Through collaboration with professional bodies from different sectors, the PCPD will organise seminars to explain the personal data privacy risks brought by AI to relevant industry practitioners, and share recommendations and best practices for the safe use of AI with them.

56. The development of AI and other emerging technologies will continue to be a key area of concern for data or privacy protection authorities in Hong Kong and worldwide. The PCPD will closely monitor the local and global development of AI and the associated personal data privacy risks, and issue further guidance where appropriate to provide practical recommendations for the industry and the members of the public on safeguarding personal data privacy. The PCPD will also strengthen the communication with stakeholders to promote the importance of protecting personal data privacy across different sectors. Meanwhile, the PCPD has launched a new round of compliance checks in January 2026 on how organisations process personal data when developing or using AI systems, with a view to enhancing AI security within the industry. The PCPD also plans to update a series of guidance and leaflets, which advise the general public and employees on how to strengthen personal data protection when using various information technology devices such as portable storage devices and employees' own devices.

57. Furthermore, in light of the rising public concern in recent years over personal data breach incidents, the PCPD has been working closely with the Government in studying enhancements to the Ordinance with a view to ensuring the legislative amendment proposals can effectively prevent personal data breach incidents, without imposing undue operational pressure on the industry. We aim to report the relevant work progress to the Legislative Council within this year.

Promotion, Publicity and Public Education

58. 2026 marks the PCPD's 30th anniversary milestone. Under the theme of "Protecting Privacy · Embracing Innovation", the PCPD will roll out a series of educational and promotional initiatives throughout the year, including the PCPD 30th Anniversary Radio Broadcast Campaign, AI Security and Cybersecurity Summit for Enterprises, the PCPD 30th Anniversary Privacy Protection Summit, the AI and Privacy Protection Training Series, as well as other promotional and educational activities for organisations and members of the public, with a view to working hand in hand with all sectors of the community to navigate the challenges and opportunities of the digital era.

59. In respect of youth education, the PCPD will launch the "Privacy Campaign for Primary Schools" in 2026. The activities include a Touring Musical for Primary Schools titled "Privacy Theatre: Stay Smart with AI", which will be performed in 30 primary schools across

Hong Kong, as well as the publication of a storybook for primary students for distributing to all primary schools in Hong Kong. Through lively and engaging channels such as musicals and storytelling, the PCPD aims to guide students to learn how to use AI and social media safely, respond to cyberbullying and doxxing appropriately, protect personal accounts and respect others' privacy. The "Privacy Campaign for Primary Schools" is supported by the Education Bureau. In addition, the PCPD plans to organise the new "Student Ambassador for Privacy Protection Programme – Partnering Schools Recognition Scheme" in September 2026, encouraging all secondary schools to join the network of "partnering schools" to foster a culture of respecting and protecting personal data privacy among secondary school students.

- End -

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

CMAB066

(Question Serial No. 3437)

Head: (144) Government Secretariat: Constitutional and Mainland Affairs Bureau

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (5) Subvention: Equal Opportunities Commission and Office of the Privacy Commissioner for Personal Data

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Constitutional and Mainland Affairs (Ms Maggie WONG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Constitutional and Mainland Affairs

Question:

With the Personal Data (Privacy) (Amendment) Ordinance 2021 (Amendment Ordinance) coming into effect, the Office of the Privacy Commissioner for Personal Data (PCPD) has been given statutory powers to combat doxxing acts. Regarding the enforcement work, would the Government advise this Committee of the following:

1. The estimated expenditure and staff establishment of the PCPD for combating doxxing acts in 2026-27, and the rate of increase or decrease as compared with the revised estimate for 2025-26.
2. The total number of doxxing-related cases handled by the PCPD, the number of cases in which criminal investigations were initiated, and the number of successful prosecutions in each of the past 3 financial years (2023-24 to 2025-26).
3. The number of cessation notices issued by the PCPD to online platforms, the compliance rate, and the number of prosecutions initiated for non-compliance with such notices in each of the past 3 financial years (2023-24 to 2025-26).
4. Will the PCPD strengthen its publicity, education and prevention work targeting the main motives for doxxing in 2026-27? If so, what are the details and estimated expenditure involved?
5. The number of doxxing cases proactively uncovered by the PCPD's online patrols has substantially dropped by more than 99% from the first year after the Amendment Ordinance took effect in 2022, with only 9 cases recorded in 2025. In 2026-27, will the PCPD further enhance its online patrol mechanism and strengthen collaboration with overseas platform operators to increase enforcement efficiency? If so, what are the details and expenditure involved?

Asked by: Hon LEE Tsz-king, Dominic (LegCo internal reference no.: 44)

Reply:

1. The Office of the Privacy Commissioner for Personal Data (PCPD)'s revised estimate in 2025-26 as well as estimated expenditure and staff establishment in 2026-27 on combating doxxing acts are as follows:

Combating doxxing acts	2025-26 Revised estimate	2026-27 Estimate
Estimated expenditure	\$15.3 million	\$15.4 million (+1%)
Staff establishment	13	13 (+0%)

2. The total number of doxxing-related cases handled by the PCPD, the number of cases in which criminal investigations were initiated, and the number of successful prosecutions in the past 3 financial years are as follows:

Year	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26 (as at end-February 2026)
Total no. of doxxing-related cases	631 (including 433 doxxing-related complaints and 198 doxxing cases proactively uncovered by online patrols)	370 (including 305 doxxing-related complaints and 65 doxxing cases proactively uncovered by online patrols)	297 (including 290 doxxing-related complaints and 7 doxxing cases proactively uncovered by online patrols)
No. of criminal investigation cases	152	88	155
No. of successful prosecutions	16	15	7

3. The number of cessation notices issued by the PCPD to online platforms, the compliance rate, and the number of prosecutions initiated for non-compliance with such notices in the past 3 financial years are as follows:

Year	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26 (as at end-February 2026)
No. of cessation notices	314	161	28
Compliance rate	96%	98.3%	100%
No. of prosecutions initiated for non-compliance with such notices	0	0	0

4. The PCPD has been organising various promotional and educational activities to enhance public awareness of and vigilance against doxxing. When briefing the Legislative Council Panel on Constitutional Affairs on its annual work report in February 2026, the PCPD indicated that it will continue to raise public awareness through promotion and education to curb doxxing acts. In the coming year, the PCPD will continue to organise the School Touring of Anti-doxxing Education Talks to promote anti-doxxing and anti-cyberbullying messages to more secondary school students.

The above publicity and education work is mainly undertaken by the PCPD's Corporate Communications Division. The staff concerned are responsible not only for the aforementioned activities, but also for other duties. As the expenditure involved is subsumed under the recurrent expenditure, a separate breakdown is not available.

5. When briefing the Legislative Council Panel on Constitutional Affairs on its annual work report in February 2026, the PCPD indicated that with its continuous resolute enforcement and enhanced publicity and education efforts, coupled with a more congenial atmosphere in the society, doxxing activities have significantly decreased. The PCPD will continue to take resolute enforcement actions, and review and enhance the online patrol mechanism from time to time. The PCPD has also been maintaining liaison with overseas platform operators and regulatory authorities to ensure prompt removal of doxxing messages. Besides, the PCPD will continue to strengthen its internal training on cyber-crime investigation and digital forensic examination to effectively continue conducting criminal investigations and collecting evidence on a "one-stop" basis.

The relevant work is undertaken by the staff of PCPD's Criminal Investigation Division. As the expenditure involved is subsumed under the recurrent expenditure, a separate breakdown is not available.

- End -

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

CMAB067

(Question Serial No. 3644)

Head: (144) Government Secretariat: Constitutional and Mainland Affairs Bureau

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (3) Mainland and Taiwan Offices

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Constitutional and Mainland Affairs (Ms Maggie WONG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Constitutional and Mainland Affairs

Question:

- (a) At present, the Mainland Offices are mainly located in first-tier cities. Will the Bureau consider setting up the Dedicated Teams for Attracting Businesses and Talents or offices in more Mainland cities of the Greater Bay Area (such as Foshan and Dongguan) or in second-tier cities of the Yangtze River Delta Region in future? If so, what is the estimated expenditure involved? Please set out the staff establishment of all Mainland Offices in the past 3 years (with a breakdown by rank and function).
- (b) What is the total estimated expenditure for the Mainland network in 2026-27, and what are the specific uses of the provision (e.g. for areas such as setting up additional Mainland and overseas offices, strengthening the Dedicated Teams for Attracting Businesses and Talents, and engaging more overseas consultants)?

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Tsz-wing, Dennis (LegCo internal reference no.: 39)

Reply:

At present, the HKSAR Government sets up a total of 5 Offices and 11 Liaison Units in the Mainland, with their service regions covering 31 provinces, municipalities and autonomous regions in the Mainland. The HKSAR Government will continue to review the functions and service scope of the Mainland Offices from time to time, and keep on enhancing and improving the work and service of the Mainland Offices in light of the new opportunities arising from the country's overall development strategies, and having regard to the actual circumstances and needs. These will enable the Mainland Offices to provide the most appropriate assistance and services to Hong Kong people in the Mainland.

2. The staff establishment of the Mainland Offices in the past 3 years is set out in the table below:

Office	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Beijing Office	22	22	22
Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office in Guangdong	18	18	18
Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office in Shanghai	15	16	16
Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office in Chengdu	13	13	13
Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office in Wuhan	13	13	13
Total	81	82	82

3. The estimated expenditures of the Mainland Offices of the HKSAR Government for 2026-27 are set out in the table below:

Office	2026-27
	Estimated expenditure (\$ million)
Beijing Office	87.60
Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office in Guangdong	84.77
Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office in Shanghai	68.08
Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office in Chengdu	47.80
Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office in Wuhan	49.12

4. As the representative offices of the HKSAR Government in the Mainland, the key functions of the Mainland Offices of the HKSAR Government include enhancing liaison and communication between Hong Kong and the Central People's Government as well as the provincial and municipal governments in the Mainland to promote exchange and co-operation in support of the HKSAR's efforts to integrate into and serve the overall national development; telling Hong Kong's good stories in the Mainland to promote Hong Kong's unique advantages and opportunities of enjoying strong support of the Motherland and being closely connected to the world, so as to encourage and attract Mainland enterprises and talents to establish presence in Hong Kong; fostering youth and cultural exchange between Hong Kong and the Mainland; and providing information and other appropriate support and assistance to Hong Kong people and enterprises in the Mainland, etc. The Mainland Offices

will, having regard to actual needs, continue to flexibly deploy manpower and resources and make appropriate arrangements to achieve the best results.

- End -