

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

Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department Subhead (No. & title) :
000 - Operational Expenses

Programme : All

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question : The Social Welfare Department (SWD) plans to create 88 new posts in 2009-10. In this connection, would the Government please inform this Committee of the following:

- (a) what is the expenditure involved in creating these posts?
- (b) are they permanent posts? If yes, what types of posts will be created?
- (c) what are the post titles and job details of these posts?

Asked by : Hon. IP Wai-ming

Reply : The estimated annual expenditure involved in the net increase of 88 posts in SWD is \$36.5 million. These are civil service posts and 21 of them are of a time-limited basis. Details of the 88 posts are as follows:

Programme	Net increase in number and type(s) of posts	Purpose
(1) Family and Child Welfare	14 posts in the Social Work Officer and Clinical Psychologist grades	To enhance frontline support in handling domestic violence cases, provide treatment and support to victims of domestic violence and further develop the batterer intervention programme.
(2) Social Security	58 posts in the Social Security Officer, Social Security Assistant, Statistician, Statistical Officer, Census and Survey Officer, Analyst/ Programmer, Official Languages Officer and Clerical Officer grades	(i) To support the implementation of the employment assistance projects for Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) recipients; (ii) to support the replacement of the Computerised Social Security System; and

Programme	Net increase in number and type(s) of posts	Purpose
		(iii) to conduct a Household Expenditure Survey on CSSA households.
(3) Services for Elders	Two posts in the Social Work Officer grade	To assist in the tendering and monitoring of contract services for the elderly, including contract residential care homes and community care services.
(4) Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services	Ten posts in the Social Work Officer grade	To enhance the medical social services for the rehabilitation of persons with mental health and oncology problems.
(5) Services for Offenders	Four posts in the Social Work Officer grade	To enhance the probation service for convicted young drug offenders on a pilot basis.

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18 March 2009

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

Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme : All

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question : Regarding the Lump Sum Grant (LSG) subvention system as mentioned in the “Detail” section of the Controlling Officer’s Report, would the Administration please inform this Committee:

- (a) how many complaints about this subvention system were received by the Administration in 2006-07, 2007-08 and 2008-09 respectively? What kinds of complaints were they in general? How much resources and manpower were involved in handling such complaints every year?
- (b) what follow-up actions will be taken by the Administration in respect of complaints about staff remuneration of subvented organisations?

Asked by : Hon. IP Wai-ming

- Reply :
- (a) 9, 15 and 7 complaints allegedly about the LSG subvention system were received by the Administration in 2006-07, 2007-08 and 2008-09 (up to 28 February 2009) respectively. They were mainly about the use of subventions by non-governmental organisations (NGOs) and staff remuneration in NGOs. As these complaints were handled by staff of the Social Welfare Department (SWD) who were responsible for liaison with the NGOs concerned, SWD does not have the breakdown of the resources and manpower involved in handling the complaints.
 - (b) Under the LSG subvention system, SWD will not impose input controls on the subvented NGOs’ staffing structures and levels of pay, etc. SWD’s investigation will focus on whether the complaint involves non-compliance with subvention rules.

SWD will ask the NGO to rectify if there is any non-compliance. If the organisation fails to do so, SWD may withhold or terminate the LSG. For any complaint which concerns employment, SWD will refer the complaint to relevant authorities if it involves violation of relevant legislation.

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

Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme : All

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question : Regarding the social welfare services (grants), would the Government please inform this Committee of the following:

- (a) How many organisations received the grants in each of the years from 2006-07 to 2008-09?
- (b) What are the names of the subvented organisations receiving the grants in 2008-09? How many staff are employed by respective organisations? What is the percentage of staff remuneration in the expenditure of respective organisations?
- (c) Apart from staff cost, what other areas do the grants of the respective organisations cover?

Asked by : Hon. WONG Kwok-hing

- Reply :
- (a) The number of non-governmental organisations (NGOs) receiving recurrent subventions from the Social Welfare Department (SWD) was 175 in 2006-07 to 2007-08, and 173 in 2008-09 (as at 1 April of the respective years).
 - (b) The NGOs receiving SWD's subventions as at 1 April 2008 are listed at the Annex. Under the Lump Sum Grant (LSG) subvention system, SWD no longer imposes input controls on the NGOs' staffing structures, levels of pay and individual items of expenditure. The NGOs have the flexibility to deploy their LSG, insofar as the expenses are within the confines of the Funding and Service Agreements. Therefore, SWD does not have information on the number of staff employed by subvented NGOs and the percentage of staff remuneration in the respective NGOs' expenditure.

- (c) Apart from personal emoluments which include salaries and provident funds, subventions for NGOs also cover Other Charges and Rent and Rates.

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List of NGOs Receiving Subventions from SWD (as at 1 April 2008)
(In Alphabetical Order of NGO Name)

Organisation

1. Aberdeen Kai-fong Welfare Association Social Service Centre
2. ABM Hong Kong Swatow Baptist Church Community Service Association Limited, The
3. Against Child Abuse Ltd
4. Agency for Volunteer Service
5. Alice Ho Miu Ling Nethersole Hospital
6. Alice Lan and Vera Shen Education Fund Limited
7. Asbury Methodist Social Service
8. Asia Women's League Limited
9. Asian Outreach Hong Kong Limited
10. Association for Engineering & Medical Volunteer Services
11. Association for the Rights of Industrial Accident Victims Limited
12. Association of Baptists for World Evangelism (HK) Limited
13. Association of Evangelical Free Churches of Hong Kong (The)
14. Baptist Convention of Hong Kong (The)
15. Baptist Mid-Missions
16. Baptist Oi Kwan Social Service
17. Barnabas Charitable Service Association Limited (The)
18. Boys' and Girls' Clubs Association of Hong Kong (The)
19. Boys' Brigade, Hong Kong (The)
20. Caritas - Hong Kong
21. Cheung Chau Rural Committee Integrated Youth Centre
22. Cheung Sha Wan Kai Fong Welfare Association Lam Tam Yin Wah Day Nursery
23. Chi Lin Nunnery
24. Child Development Centre (The)
25. China Peniel Missionary Society Incorporation
26. Chinese Evangelical Zion Church Limited
27. Chinese Rhenish Church Hong Kong Synod (The)
28. Chinese Young Men's Christian Association of Hong Kong

29. Ching Chung Taoist Association of Hong Kong Limited
30. Christian & Missionary Alliance Church Union Hong Kong Limited
31. Christian Concern for the Homeless Association
32. Christian Family Service Centre
33. Christian Nationals' Evangelism Commission Aged People Centre
34. Christian New Being Fellowship Limited (The)
35. Chuk Lam Ming Tong Limited
36. Chung Shak Hei (Cheung Chau) Home for the Aged Limited
37. Chung Sing Benevolent Society
38. Church of United Brethren in Christ Hong Kong Limited (The)
39. Ebenezer School and Home for the Visually Impaired
40. ELCHK, Social Service Head Office
41. Emmanuel Church
42. Endeavourers Hong Kong (The)
43. Evangelical Free Church of China - Evangel Children's Home
44. Finnish Evangelical Lutheran Mission (The)
45. Five Districts Business Welfare Association
46. Free Methodist Church of Hong Kong (The)
47. Fu Hong Society
48. Fung Kai Public School
49. Fung Ying Seen Koon
50. Hans Andersen Club
51. Harmony House Limited
52. Haven of Hope Christian Service
53. Heep Hong Society
54. Helping Hand
55. Heung Hoi Ching Kok Lin Association
56. Hong Chi Association
57. Hong Kong and Kowloon Kaifong Women's Association
58. Hong Kong and Macau Lutheran Church
59. Hong Kong and Macau Regional Centre of the World Fellowship of Buddhists Limited
60. Hong Kong Blind Union
61. Hong Kong Bodhi Siksa Society Limited (The)
62. Hong Kong Buddhist Association (The)

63. Hong Kong Catholic Marriage Advisory Council (The)
64. Hong Kong Children and Youth Services
65. Hong Kong Chinese Women's Club
66. Hong Kong Chiu Chow Po Hing Buddhism Association Limited
67. Hong Kong Christian Mutual Improvement Society
68. Hong Kong Christian Service
69. Hong Kong Council of Early Childhood Education and Services Limited
70. Hong Kong Council of Social Service (The)
71. Hong Kong Council of the Church of Christ in China (The)
72. Hong Kong Down Syndrome Association (The)
73. Hong Kong Evangelical Church Social Service Limited
74. Hong Kong Family Welfare Society
75. Hong Kong Federation of Handicapped Youth
76. Hong Kong Federation of the Blind
77. Hong Kong Federation of Youth Groups (The)
78. Hong Kong Juvenile Care Centre
79. Hong Kong Lutheran Social Service, the Lutheran Church - Hong Kong Synod Limited
80. Hong Kong Mutual Encouragement Association Limited
81. Hong Kong Paralympic Committee & Sports Association for the Physically Disabled
82. Hong Kong PHAB Association
83. Hong Kong Playground Association
84. Hong Kong Red Cross
85. Hong Kong Rehabilitation Power
86. Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui Welfare Council
87. Hong Kong Society for Rehabilitation (The)
88. Hong Kong Society for the Aged (The)
89. Hong Kong Society for the Blind (The)
90. Hong Kong Society for the Deaf (The)
91. Hong Kong Society for the Protection of Children
92. Hong Kong Sports Association for the Mentally Handicapped
93. Hong Kong Student Aid Society
94. Hong Kong Tuberculosis, Chest and Heart Diseases Association (The)
95. Hong Kong West Point Baptist Church
96. Hong Kong Women Foundation Limited

97. Hong Kong Young Women's Christian Association
98. Hong Kong-Macao Conference of Seventh - Day Adventists
99. Hop Yat Church, the Church of Christ in China
100. Hospital Authority
101. International Buddhist Progress Society (Hong Kong) Ltd
102. International Church of the Foursquare Gospel Hong Kong District Limited
103. International Social Service Hong Kong Branch
104. International Women's League
105. Jordan Valley Kaifong Welfare Association
106. Kiangsu Chekiang and Shanghai Residents (Hong Kong) Association
107. Kowloon City Baptist Church
108. Kowloon Women's Welfare Club (The)
109. Kwun Tong Methodist Social Service
110. Lam Tin Estate Kai Fong Welfare Association Limited (The)
111. Light and Love Home Limited
112. Lok Chi Association Limited
113. Lok Sin Tong Benevolent Society, Kowloon (The)
114. Lutheran Philip House Limited
115. Mental Health Association of Hong Kong (The)
116. Methodist Centre
117. Methodist Epworth Village Community Centre
118. Mission Covenant Church Limited (The)
119. Mongkok Kai-Fong Association Limited (The)
120. Mother Superior of the Congregation of Our Lady of Charity of the Good Shepherd of Angers at Hong Kong (The)
121. Mother's Choice
122. Neighbourhood Advice-Action Council (The)
123. Nesbitt Centre Limited (The)
124. New Kowloon Women Association Limited
125. New Life Church of Christ Hong Kong Limited
126. New Life Psychiatric Rehabilitation Association
127. New Territories Women and Juveniles Welfare Association Limited (The)
128. Operation Dawn Limited (The)
129. Pentecostal Church of Hong Kong
130. Po Leung Kuk

131. Pok Oi Hospital
132. Project Care
133. Richmond Fellowship of Hong Kong
134. S.K.H. St. Simon's Social Services
135. Sai Kung District Community Centre
136. Salvation Army (The)
137. Samaritan Befrienders Hong Kong (The)
138. Scout Association of Hong Kong
139. Shamshuipo Kai Fong Welfare Advancement Association
140. Sheng Kung Hui St. Christopher's Home Limited
141. Sik Sik Yuen
142. Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary
143. Society for Community Organization
144. Society for the Aid and Rehabilitation of Drug Abusers (The)
145. Society of Boys' Centres
146. Society of Rehabilitation and Crime Prevention, Hong Kong (The)
147. Society of St. Vincent de Paul
148. Spastics Association of Hong Kong (The)
149. St. James' Settlement
150. St. Matthias' Church Nursery School
151. Stewards Limited
152. Suen Mei Speech and Hearing Centre
153. Superioress of the Sisters of the Precious Blood (The)
154. Tai Hang Residents' Welfare Association
155. Tsim Sha Tsui District Kaifong Welfare Association
156. Tsung Tsin Mission of Hong Kong Social Service Company Ltd (The)
157. Tuen Mun Yuk Chi Resource Centre Limited
158. Tung Lum Nien Fah Tong Limited
159. Tung Sin Tan Home for the Aged
160. Tung Wah Group of Hospitals
161. United Christian Nethersole Community Health Service
162. Wai Ji Christian Service
163. Watchdog Limited
164. Women's Welfare Club (Eastern District) Hong Kong (The)
165. Women's Welfare Club, Western District Hong Kong

166. Yan Chai Hospital
167. Yan Oi Tong
168. Yan Tin Baptist Church
169. Yang Memorial Methodist Social Service
170. Youth Outreach
171. Yuen Long Town Hall Management Committee Limited
172. Yuen Yuen Institute (The)
173. Zion Social Service Limited

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

Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme : All

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question : Regarding the Lump Sum Grant (LSG) subvention system, would the Administration please inform this Committee of the following:

- (a) In 2008-09, what is the estimated expenditure of the subvented staff remuneration?
- (b) Does the Administration know the number of subvented organisations which fail to use all the subvention designated for staff remuneration on the staff remuneration? If yes, what are the number of such subvented organisations and their names? What are the number of staff and the amount of subvention involved? If no, what are the reasons?
- (c) In 2008-09, among the additional subventions allocated to the subvented organisations arising from the 2008-09 civil service pay adjustment, how much has not been spent on the staff remuneration? What is the percentage of staff concerned out of the total number of subvented staff?

Asked by : Hon. WONG Kwok-hing

Reply : (a) The Administration does not have such breakdown. Under the LSG subvention system, the Social Welfare Department will not impose input controls on the subvented non-governmental organisations' (NGOs) staffing structures and levels of pay, etc.

- (b) & (c) The information requested is not available because under the LSG subvention system, NGOs have the flexibility to deploy their LSG, including the supplementary provision arising from civil service pay

adjustment, to meet staffing and other operating expenses, insofar as the expenses are within the confines of the Funding and Service Agreements.

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Date	18 March 2009

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

Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme : All

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question : Would the Administration please inform this Committee of the annual allocation of funds for application under the Tang Shiu Kin and Ho Tim Charitable Fund and the Kwan Fong Trust Fund for the Needy from 2006-07 to 2008-09; and of their current utilisation? Will the Government inject funds into these two charitable trust funds in 2009-10?

Asked by : Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply : The approved allocation and actual expenditure for social relief grant under the two charitable trust funds from 2006-07 to 2008-09 are as follows:-

Charitable Trust Fund	2006-07		2007-08		2008-09	
	Approved Annual Allocation	Actual Expenditure	Approved Annual Allocation	Actual Expenditure	Approved Annual Allocation	Actual Expenditure up to 31 January 2009
Tang Shiu Kin and Ho Tim Charitable Fund	\$ million 3.70	\$ million 3.60	\$ million 3.00	\$ million 2.90	\$ million 3.00	\$ million 2.68
Kwan Fong Trust Fund for the Needy	0.35	0.35	0.40	0.23	0.40	0.28

Since these two charitable trust funds are not government funds, they do not require government injection.

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17 March 2009

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

Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department Subhead (No. & title) :
700 – General non-recurrent

Programme : All

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question : What are the estimated expenditure and concrete work plan for the Partnership Fund for the Disadvantaged (the Fund) under Item 470 in 2009-10?

Asked by : Hon. TAM Yiu-chung

Reply : In 2009-10, the estimated expenditure of the Fund is \$28 million. The Fund will continue to promote tripartite partnership among the non-governmental organisations, the business sector and the Government in assisting the disadvantaged and building a caring and harmonious society. In January 2009, the Government announced the launch of the Fifth Round of application for the Fund. A special measure has been introduced to raise the ceiling of the matching grant to \$3 million for projects that would assist vulnerable individuals or families affected by the recent financial crisis.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department

Programme : All

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question : It is stated in the reply numbered LWB(WW)152 that 31 complaints on the Lump Sum Grant (LSG) subvention system have been received by the Social Welfare Department (SWD) during the past three years. How many of them required SWD's investigation? What were the investigation results of the cases? It is also stated that the LSG can be withheld or terminated. Has SWD ever imposed such a penalty? If not, what are the reasons?

Asked by : Hon. IP Wai-ming

Reply : SWD investigated all the 31 alleged complaints about the LSG subvention system. Of the 31 complaints, 25 were unsubstantiated, four were partially substantiated, one was withdrawn by the complainant and one could not be pursued because the complainants have not provided full contact details. For the four partially substantiated complaints, as the NGOs concerned readily rectified the acts of non-compliance in accordance with SWD's advice, there was no need for SWD to impose any penalty.

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Director of Social Welfare

30 March 2009

Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2009-10
**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

Reply Serial No.

S-LWB(WW)11

Question Serial No.

SV032

Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department

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

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question : What are the job opportunities to be created as a result of the increase in places of residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs) and the disabled in 2009-10?

Asked by : Hon. IP Wai-ming

Reply : As far as residential care places for the elderly are concerned, an additional 642 subsidised residential care places will come on stream in 2009-10. These places will be provided through two newly built contract RCHEs and the purchase of places from private RCHEs under the Enhanced Bought Place Scheme (EBPS). Operators of these RCHEs are subject to staffing requirements stipulated in their respective service contracts/agreements with the Social Welfare Department for the provision of the subsidised residential care places. It is, however, difficult to provide the exact number of job opportunities to be created as the number will vary according to different factors such as the number of private RCHEs participating in the purchase exercise under EBPS for the first time as well as the existing manpower provision of these RCHEs. Based on past experience, our rough estimate is that the provision of these additional places can create approximately 440 job opportunities, including social workers, nurses, physiotherapists, occupational therapists, care workers and other supporting staff, etc.

For rehabilitation services, in 2009-10, an additional 671 residential care places and 480 day and vocational rehabilitation training places matching with the residential care services will be provided through six new/in-situ expansion projects. While additional job opportunities will be created as a result of the provision of additional rehabilitation services places for the persons with disabilities (PWDs), under the Lump Sum Grant subvention system, the non-governmental organisation operators have the flexibility to deploy the allocated provision to arrange suitable staffing to ensure service quality and

meet service needs. We are therefore not in a position to estimate the number of jobs created as a result of the increase in residential places for the PWDs.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

Head : 170 – Social Welfare Department

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

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question :What is the natural wastage rate of the hostels for severely physically handicapped persons and residential care homes for the elderly?

Asked by : Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply : The numbers of discharged cases of the hostels for severely physically handicapped persons and care-and-attention homes for severely disabled persons were 6 and 24 respectively in 2008.

As regards residential care services for the elderly, a total of 3 905 elders were discharged from various types of subsidised residential care homes for the elderly (including self-care hostels, homes for the aged, care-and-attention homes and nursing homes) in 2008.

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