

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

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Programme : (6) Community Development

Controlling Officer : Director of Social Welfare

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Question : The Administration plans to reduce the number of teams of the Neighbourhood Level Community Development Projects (NLCDPs) to 18 in 2009-10, i.e. two teams fewer than that of 2007-08, while the number of residents' contacts will be maintained at 15 694. Would the Administration please inform this Committee:

- (a) whether the reduction in the number of teams will affect the service quality in accordance with the actual experience in 2008-09?
- (b) whether the resources allocated for NLCDPs has been reduced? If yes, what are the areas involved and the details?

Asked by : Hon. WONG Sing-chi

Reply : (a) & (b) The amount of resources for each NLCDP has not been reduced in 2008-09. The reduction in the number of NLCDPs in 2008-09 has not affected the service quality since all NLCDP teams are meeting the service performance level as required in the Funding and Service Agreement signed by the operating organisations with the Social Welfare Department. Whether the number of NLCDPs will be further reduced is subject to any clearance plans and the population figure of individual team's serving boundary.

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