

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

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Question:

As the Department will continue to replenish library stock and enrich e-resources including e-books in 2016-17, please inform this Committee of:

- (1) the specific plan to increase library stock and e-resources and the timetable for the plan;
- (2) the estimated expenditure for the plan and the detailed breakdown.

Asked by: Hon IP Kwok-him (Member Question No. 22)

Reply:

- (1) The Hong Kong Public Libraries (HKPL) aims to provide a balanced and diversified library collection to meet the needs of the community. In 2016-17, the HKPL plans to acquire about 830 000 items of new print and audio-visual library materials as well as acquire or subscribe to eight e-book collections (covering about 240 000 titles) and 63 e-databases, with a view to building up the basic stock for new libraries and replenishing the stock of the existing libraries.
- (2) The estimated expenditure on acquiring library materials in 2016-17 with breakdown for each category of library materials is listed in the table below -

<b>Category</b>	<b>Estimated no. of items/titles to be acquired/ subscribed</b>	<b>Estimated expenditure (\$'000)</b>
Books (Note 1)	770 000 volumes	57,175
Audio-visual materials (Note 2)	60 000 items	11,220
<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>830 000</b>	
E-resources (Note 3)	8 e-book collections (about 240 000 titles) and 63 e-databases	13,100
Printed newspapers and periodicals	About 5 000 titles	21,300
<b>Total</b>		<b>102,795</b> (Note 4)

**Notes**

1. Includes the cost of book binding (i.e. \$3.135 million) in 2016-17.
2. Includes digitisation rights for selected visual materials.
3. E-resources are acquired on an annual subscription or perpetual licence basis.
4. The total cost does not include the estimated cost of \$0.6 million for digitisation of materials for the HKPL's digital library Multimedia Information System (MMIS). About 1 000 hours of audiovisual recordings and 90 000 pages of printed materials will be digitised for MMIS in 2016-17.

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