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Question:

For each of the public libraries in Hong Kong, please provide the size of the library stock by type for the past five years and the total floor area respectively.

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Reply:

The Hong Kong Public Libraries (HKPL) currently provides a network of 68 static libraries and 12 mobile libraries which are evenly spread over the territory of Hong Kong and inter-connected by an integrated automated library system. Users have convenient access to the catalogue of the HKPL's entire collection and enjoy a wide range of library services via the online and mobile platforms. They may also borrow and return library materials at any public libraries.

Generally speaking, the library collections are planned and managed according to a five-tier structure with complementary roles: central library, major library, district library, small library and mobile library. The collections of individual libraries depend on their types and are subject to on-going reviews and adjustments from time to time. The Hong Kong Central Library (HKCL) is a major information centre serving the whole territory across Hong Kong. To supplement the static libraries, the 12 mobile libraries serve 108 mobile library service points across the territory. The library stocks of the HKCL and mobile libraries can complement the library collection of branch libraries in all districts and meet the information needs of the users.

The size of the library stock by type for the past 5 years and the total floor area of each of the public libraries managed by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) are set out at Annex. The stock figures of each library as shown in Annex represent the net change in the stock size, resulting from both intake of new library materials and withdrawal of unserviceable materials during the five-year period. Furthermore, the HKPL will set up a Central Reserve Stack in 2017-18 to support the rotation and transfer of library stock between libraries.

Annex to Reply Serial No. HAB476

Size of the library stock by type of public libraries from 2011-2015 and the floor areas of the LCSD libraries

Type of Library	Library	Floor Area (square metre)	Type of Library Stock	Library Stock (items) as at 31 December				
				2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Central	Hong Kong Central Library	33 800	Chinese Books	1 339 638	1 357 513	1 373 567	1 351 438	1 390 092
			English Books	819 989	834 644	846 875	834 754	858 610
			Non-print Materials	359 094	367 399	376 241	383 295	391 597
Branch Libraries								
Major	City Hall	3 277	Chinese Books	263 697	268 605	268 804	285 974	297 259
			English Books	183 956	185 221	180 913	188 575	196 656
			Non-print Materials	73 811	77 964	76 677	78 164	78 225
	Kowloon	4 000	Chinese Books	370 795	372 057	376 855	386 081	399 834
			English Books	215 136	214 892	215 734	220 451	222 747
			Non-print Materials	80 295	80 185	78 729	80 896	83 395
	Ping Shan Tin Shui Wai (Note 1)	6 100	Chinese Books	-	-	244 446	325 077	342 555
			English Books	-	-	71 868	101 660	106 335
			Non-print Materials	-	-	47 314	53 445	59 182
	Sha Tin	3 318	Chinese Books	251 665	280 129	287 143	296 610	308 038
			English Books	137 995	145 909	151 052	156 423	160 797
			Non-print Materials	57 829	58 035	58 583	59 655	58 281
	Tsuen Wan	2 979	Chinese Books	260 781	266 928	272 736	279 797	292 910
			English Books	134 628	134 892	137 972	142 100	145 216
			Non-print Materials	59 992	59 410	60 431	62 163	64 682
	Tuen Mun	3 250	Chinese Books	284 687	283 887	275 029	280 870	292 711
			English Books	135 317	136 089	130 790	135 752	138 969
			Non-print Materials	56 775	56 227	55 303	52 633	54 931
	Aberdeen	1 433	Chinese Books	97 213	101 549	103 753	105 149	110 004
			English Books	37 359	38 985	39 263	39 942	41 060
			Non-print Materials	24 633	24 752	22 926	22 337	21 744
	Chai Wan	2 659	Chinese Books	137 692	140 977	138 885	141 383	146 418
			English Books	49 148	50 549	48 859	50 045	50 293
			Non-print Materials	34 205	34 451	34 314	34 626	34 557
Cheung Chau	767	Chinese Books	44 457	44 080	43 475	44 078	47 540	
		English Books	21 843	22 115	21 552	22 077	22 398	
		Non-print Materials	7 813	7 862	7 374	7 420	7 848	
Fa Yuen Street	1 600	Chinese Books	120 771	119 891	121 718	124 081	129 082	
		English Books	37 793	37 249	38 740	40 712	42 982	
		Non-print Materials	24 925	23 802	22 909	23 186	24 794	
Fanling	2 200	Chinese Books	172 761	170 142	158 707	173 738	181 029	
		English Books	43 762	43 055	40 280	43 129	44 230	
		Non-print Materials	28 156	27 413	25 768	25 850	26 711	
Lai Chi Kok	2 310	Chinese Books	117 735	105 697	103 830	108 234	115 143	
		English Books	44 558	40 299	40 102	42 468	44 938	
		Non-print Materials	38 774	30 889	28 885	28 999	30 875	
Lam Tin (Note 2)	2 900	Chinese Books	-	-	146 057	148 252	154 769	
		English Books	-	-	39 451	41 195	43 888	
		Non-print Materials	-	-	21 715	23 115	24 813	
Lockhart Road	1 950	Chinese Books	116 404	115 125	118 465	124 151	136 669	
		English Books	40 330	41 020	42 175	43 382	48 393	
		Non-print Materials	36 833	38 353	40 280	38 155	37 914	
Ma On Shan	2 200	Chinese Books	132 801	141 574	143 849	147 803	155 304	
		English Books	45 284	45 165	46 034	48 176	49 656	
		Non-print Materials	34 433	34 771	30 792	31 200	31 373	

Type of Library	Library	Floor Area (square metre)	Type of Library Stock	Library Stock (items) as at 31 December				
				2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
District	Ngau Chi Wan	1 500	Chinese Books	105 556	105 715	105 900	105 872	110 055
			English Books	35 262	36 537	37 676	37 508	37 131
			Non-print Materials	27 482	28 461	29 264	28 467	28 552
	Ngau Tau Kok	1 600	Chinese Books	109 138	116 085	110 605	111 341	115 045
			English Books	34 242	36 742	36 931	37 982	38 970
			Non-print Materials	25 665	26 455	26 014	26 568	26 194
	North Kwai Chung	1 640	Chinese Books	119 471	117 549	116 065	118 692	122 281
			English Books	42 787	42 652	41 883	43 111	41 783
			Non-print Materials	16 103	16 134	15 920	15 916	16 327
	North Point	460	Chinese Books	48 348	47 988	49 732	49 731	50 677
			English Books	20 102	20 594	21 316	21 867	22 199
			Non-print Materials	12 074	11 850	12 043	12 370	12 903
	Po On Road	1 720	Chinese Books	105 395	113 389	116 901	118 497	120 619
			English Books	31 050	32 389	33 115	34 121	33 897
			Non-print Materials	25 720	27 190	28 090	28 781	28 498
	Quarry Bay	2 300	Chinese Books	112 830	117 679	117 378	120 264	123 997
			English Books	48 510	49 915	49 571	51 474	52 234
			Non-print Materials	31 636	30 772	29 441	30 032	29 154
	Sai Kung	643	Chinese Books	75 491	75 876	71 349	76 036	79 827
			English Books	22 689	22 779	22 524	23 540	26 577
			Non-print Materials	18 573	17 961	17 260	17 654	18 367
	San Po Kong	1 600	Chinese Books	114 219	117 478	103 772	105 649	109 533
			English Books	33 972	34 447	33 384	34 359	34 281
			Non-print Materials	25 227	24 857	24 131	23 317	23 522
	Shek Tong Tsui	1 800	Chinese Books	104 082	104 417	101 883	107 655	115 270
			English Books	36 539	37 117	36 560	39 044	42 241
			Non-print Materials	31 033	31 301	30 882	31 868	32 207
	Sheung Shui	2 114	Chinese Books	114 493	119 065	115 671	115 828	120 188
			English Books	46 960	47 900	44 988	44 877	44 444
			Non-print Materials	27 807	27 657	26 338	25 691	25 238
Shui Wo Street	2 300	Chinese Books	134 646	135 874	133 266	137 217	144 328	
		English Books	37 598	38 890	38 726	40 375	42 821	
		Non-print Materials	38 325	38 393	37 860	36 857	36 051	
South Kwai Chung	1 220	Chinese Books	118 921	121 566	121 952	118 165	123 595	
		English Books	34 751	34 307	34 609	32 951	34 015	
		Non-print Materials	14 677	13 116	13 132	12 867	13 002	
Tai Hing	641	Chinese Books	66 243	70 790	72 270	74 672	75 923	
		English Books	18 574	19 915	20 227	21 538	21 573	
		Non-print Materials	10 869	11 801	11 252	11 729	11 318	
Tai Po	3 600	Chinese Books	200 703	204 751	203 528	201 159	197 749	
		English Books	61 336	63 074	62 602	63 888	65 788	
		Non-print Materials	37 728	37 560	38 030	40 004	41 124	
Tin Shui Wai (Note 1)	-	Chinese Books	133 431	132 829	-	-	-	
		English Books	40 856	39 693	-	-	-	
		Non-print Materials	36 775	32 455	-	-	-	
Tiu Keng Leng (Note 3)	2 970	Chinese Books	-	-	-	-	140 172	
		English Books	-	-	-	-	44 028	
		Non-print Materials	-	-	-	-	17 468	
To Kwa Wan	1 690	Chinese Books	106 141	107 144	111 603	112 879	115 360	
		English Books	33 583	34 528	36 147	36 854	37 456	
		Non-print Materials	31 485	30 970	30 958	27 687	28 203	

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				2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
District	Tseung Kwan O	2 200	Chinese Books	161 137	173 285	170 210	170 796	167 318
			English Books	52 054	55 160	54 145	54 602	52 768
			Non-print Materials	29 293	31 110	30 569	28 985	28 579
	Tsing Yi	2 146	Chinese Books	132 047	130 133	130 182	127 988	133 578
			English Books	50 986	50 662	51 036	51 066	52 260
			Non-print Materials	31 011	31 093	29 974	29 403	29 686
	Tung Chung	3 513	Chinese Books	140 831	163 419	162 405	171 933	172 384
			English Books	55 639	64 413	61 620	65 988	65 970
			Non-print Materials	32 604	34 431	33 817	33 846	33 585
	Yau Ma Tei	1 580	Chinese Books	96 195	96 236	100 900	102 408	106 479
			English Books	31 250	32 386	34 242	34 942	36 565
			Non-print Materials	29 051	29 029	30 461	31 450	32 183
Yuen Long	1 540	Chinese Books	119 132	117 761	117 961	118 975	119 618	
		English Books	41 474	40 651	40 669	41 838	43 214	
		Non-print Materials	22 656	21 615	21 477	20 150	19 523	
Small	Ap Lei Chau	500	Chinese Books	54 023	53 458	54 743	54 183	54 962
			English Books	15 923	16 332	16 684	17 264	17 630
			Non-print Materials	7 576	7 755	7 086	7 029	6 418
	Butterfly Estate	464	Chinese Books	36 263	37 568	37 678	38 052	38 663
			English Books	10 876	11 602	12 340	12 980	13 176
			Non-print Materials	3 990	4 693	5 242	5 871	6 437
	Electric Road	500	Chinese Books	52 394	51 752	52 545	53 764	56 094
			English Books	17 403	17 733	17 755	18 850	19 280
			Non-print Materials	8 157	8 190	7 957	7 565	7 274
	Fu Shan	420	Chinese Books	43 942	44 812	44 982	44 538	47 074
			English Books	15 870	16 108	16 241	16 550	17 224
			Non-print Materials	5 883	5 971	5 604	5 673	6 009
Hung Hom	500	Chinese Books	56 012	56 182	54 222	56 488	58 208	
		English Books	19 760	20 519	19 730	22 118	23 804	
		Non-print Materials	9 736	9 701	8 223	8 445	8 231	
Kowloon City	511	Chinese Books	51 412	52 943	52 347	52 427	54 010	
		English Books	16 847	17 948	17 867	18 093	18 961	
		Non-print Materials	7 210	7 628	7 412	7 273	7 273	
Lam Tin (Note 2)	-	Chinese Books	50 657	52 379	-	-	-	
		English Books	10 479	11 194	-	-	-	
		Non-print Materials	6 915	6 792	-	-	-	
Lei Yue Mun	943	Chinese Books	47 185	47 212	47 216	48 981	51 521	
		English Books	17 247	17 858	17 849	18 688	19 394	
		Non-print Materials	9 179	9 372	9 515	9 575	9 979	
Lek Yuen	307	Chinese Books	40 140	38 735	38 446	38 385	40 380	
		English Books	12 671	12 984	12 939	13 280	13 959	
		Non-print Materials	5 169	4 956	4 383	4 679	5 045	
Lok Fu	470	Chinese Books	47 561	46 600	46 253	47 067	48 872	
		English Books	16 896	17 263	16 875	16 696	17 591	
		Non-print Materials	8 090	8 079	7 877	7 812	8 265	
Lung Hing	337	Chinese Books	36 506	37 733	36 585	36 299	36 991	
		English Books	11 047	11 944	12 217	12 540	13 248	
		Non-print Materials	5 748	5 487	5 343	4 972	4 900	
Mui Wo	142	Chinese Books	17 190	16 492	16 049	16 734	17 829	
		English Books	6 831	7 220	7 347	7 885	8 333	
		Non-print Materials	4 232	4 041	3 894	3 962	4 123	

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				2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Small	North Lamma	65	Chinese Books	10 405	10 360	10 290	10 754	11 298
			English Books	3 795	3 975	4 236	4 476	4 412
			Non-print Materials	2 122	1 969	1 958	2 016	2 219
	Pak Tin (Note 4)	-	Chinese Books	32 277	34 774	33 878	-	-
			English Books	8 001	8 731	9 223	-	-
			Non-print Materials	4 871	4 895	4 525	-	-
	Peng Chau	140	Chinese Books	17 040	16 364	16 298	16 724	17 846
			English Books	5 779	6 217	6 283	6 544	5 768
			Non-print Materials	3 571	3 619	3 684	3 676	3 739
	Pok Fu Lam	600	Chinese Books	53 498	56 711	54 401	54 336	57 186
			English Books	16 008	16 808	15 978	16 458	17 616
			Non-print Materials	7 191	7 459	7 342	7 333	7 560
	Sau Mau Ping	286	Chinese Books	39 912	39 982	39 681	39 831	42 005
			English Books	10 692	11 116	10 843	10 824	11 062
			Non-print Materials	5 465	5 172	5 050	4 638	4 872
	Sha Tau Kok	70	Chinese Books	15 306	14 433	13 812	14 482	15 324
			English Books	3 442	3 754	3 943	4 279	4 508
			Non-print Materials	3 788	3 722	3 677	3 699	4 063
	Shek Kip Mei (Note 4)	862	Chinese Books	-	-	-	72 087	67 832
			English Books	-	-	-	21 463	21 822
			Non-print Materials	-	-	-	8 534	8 880
	Shek Wai Kok	282	Chinese Books	25 842	27 819	28 062	29 568	32 232
			English Books	8 407	9 310	9 315	9764	10 793
			Non-print Materials	4 895	4 991	4 788	4 617	4 956
	Shun Lee Estate	628	Chinese Books	52 773	53 651	51 099	51 098	50 998
			English Books	14 958	15 677	13 921	14 482	14 570
			Non-print Materials	7 733	8 297	8 355	8 603	8 925
	Siu Sai Wan	725	Chinese Books	40 923	43 346	42 820	45 500	47 873
			English Books	17 011	18 193	19 465	21 192	22 287
			Non-print Materials	5 834	7 157	7 352	7 691	7 939
Smithfield	800	Chinese Books	50 036	50 488	50 315	52 872	55 730	
		English Books	15 658	15 840	16 590	17 523	18 584	
		Non-print Materials	7 900	8 057	7 961	8 398	8 731	
South Lamma	30	Chinese Books	6 222	6 201	6 106	6 034	6 359	
		English Books	1 498	1 871	1 137	1 077	1 146	
		Non-print Materials	1 873	1 924	1 717	1 629	1 732	
Stanley	540	Chinese Books	55 702	54 226	52 194	52 246	54 016	
		English Books	17 474	17 650	17 297	18 398	19 612	
		Non-print Materials	9 608	9 475	9 154	8 462	8 518	
Tai Kok Tsui	670	Chinese Books	49 716	50 562	50 132	49 080	50 696	
		English Books	20 386	21 048	21 209	21 838	22 533	
		Non-print Materials	10 518	10 933	10 574	10 484	10 601	
Tai O	137	Chinese Books	15 952	15 313	14 826	15 297	16 086	
		English Books	5 124	5 356	5 276	5 610	5 760	
		Non-print Materials	3 548	3 432	3 374	3 415	3 561	
Tin Shui Wai North	494	Chinese Books	49 596	48 303	48 339	47 881	48 474	
		English Books	11 518	11 568	11 461	11 822	11 856	
		Non-print Materials	6 686	6 738	6 522	6 281	6 177	
Tsim Sha Tsui	500	Chinese Books	41 879	43 359	43 727	44 726	45 638	
		English Books	17 415	17 558	18 383	19 048	19 363	
		Non-print Materials	7 744	7 365	7 583	7 626	7 532	

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				2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Small	Tsz Wan Shan	518	Chinese Books	52 861	52 712	54 846	41 397	43 775
			English Books	14 475	14 908	15 228	13 854	14 629
			Non-print Materials	9 220	9 654	9 762	7 117	7 275
	Un Chau Street	570	Chinese Books	40 559	40 648	40 899	41 087	44 054
			English Books	13 342	13 449	13 558	13 875	14 819
			Non-print Materials	9 717	9 752	9 337	9 340	9 130
	Wong Nai Chung	971	Chinese Books	55 723	54 249	53 789	52 579	51 405
			English Books	19 553	19 391	19 643	19 673	19 665
			Non-print Materials	7 515	7 422	7 508	7 264	6 843
Yiu Tung	473	Chinese Books	44 625	45 242	44 461	46 597	50 051	
		English Books	13 464	14 220	14 149	15 212	16 428	
		Non-print Materials	7 468	7 645	7 537	7 710	7 994	
Mobile	Mobile Library 1	-	Chinese Books	20 850	20 800	21 190	21 664	23 509
			English Books	4 995	5 565	5 574	5 847	6 475
			Non-print Materials	3 771	4 057	3 858	4 052	4 181
	Mobile Library 2	-	Chinese Books	21 387	20 518	20 349	20 096	21 126
			English Books	4 562	4 692	4 634	4 655	5 052
			Non-print Materials	2 672	2 564	2 508	2 564	2 458
	Mobile Library 3 & 10 (Note 5)	-	Chinese Books	52 871	52 664	53 865	55 335	56 777
			English Books	9 133	9 465	9 759	10 011	10 489
			Non-print Materials	5 744	5 707	5 824	5 883	5 957
	Mobile Library 4	-	Chinese Books	20 151	20 577	20 125	20 864	21 158
			English Books	5 241	5 634	5 709	6 204	6 325
			Non-print Materials	3 322	3 465	3 327	3 517	3 598
	Mobile Library 5	-	Chinese Books	20 020	19 133	19 064	18 914	20 202
			English Books	4 092	4 140	4 058	4 312	4 847
			Non-print Materials	2 896	2 719	2 498	2 506	2 587
	Mobile Library 6 & 9 (Note 5)	-	Chinese Books	60 397	61 301	62 035	63 609	64 373
			English Books	17 532	18 238	18 427	19 050	20 211
			Non-print Materials	5 722	5 930	5 951	6 125	6 022
	Mobile Library 7	-	Chinese Books	38 672	38 509	39 939	38 821	40 052
			English Books	9 742	10 429	10 176	10 422	11 351
			Non-print Materials	5 577	5 817	5 871	6 029	5 915
	Mobile Library 8	-	Chinese Books	44 382	44 901	44 386	44 757	46 849
			English Books	12 626	12 882	12 767	13 300	13 909
			Non-print Materials	4 685	4 920	5 166	5 317	5 303
Mobile Library 11 (Note 6)	-	Chinese Books	-	-	-	18 476	20 007	
		English Books	-	-	-	3 504	3 837	
		Non-print Materials	-	-	-	2 200	2 331	
Mobile Library 12 (Note 6)	-	Chinese Books	-	-	-	18 448	20 270	
		English Books	-	-	-	3 496	3 876	
		Non-print Materials	-	-	-	2 194	2 330	
TOTAL	127 975	Chinese Books	7 692 409	7 830 195	8 022 846	8 280 551	8 711 158	
		English Books	3 235 085	3 301 225	3 369 717	3 485 923	3 633 588	
		Non-print Materials	1 716 903	1 723 246	1 740 453	1 760 557	1 808 489	
		Total Stock	12 644 397	12 854 666	13 133 016	13 527 031	14 153 235	

Notes:

1. Re-provisioning of Tin Shui Wai Public Library (originally a district library) to Ping Shan Tin Shui Wai Public Library (a major library). Tin Shui Wai Public Library was closed on 27 February 2013 and Ping Shan Tin Shui Wai Public Library commenced service on 28 February 2013.
2. Re-provisioning of Lam Tin Public Library from a small library to a district library. The small library was closed on 29 March 2013 and the re-provisioned district library commenced service on 30 March 2013.
3. Tiu Keng Leng Public Library commenced service on 9 July 2015.

4. Re-provisioning of Pak Tin Public Library to Shek Kip Mei Public Library. Pak Tin Public library was closed on 27 March 2014 and Shek Kip Mei Public Library commenced service on 28 March 2014.
5. Mobile Libraries 3 and 10, 6 and 9 share the same collection.
6. Mobile Libraries 11 and 12 commenced service on 7 July 2014.

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