

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

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Question:

Please list the number, manpower and expenditures of the existing public libraries by the 18 districts in Hong Kong. Does the Government have any plans to construct new public libraries in 2016-17? If so, what are the construction expenditures, manpower involved and the ratio to the local population?

Asked by: Dr Hon KWOK Ka-ki (Member Question No. 668)

Reply:

The Hong Kong Public Libraries 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. The number of the existing static libraries by the 18 districts in Hong Kong as at 31 December 2015 is set out at Annex. The network is managed centrally and supported by many other back-end services, and hence the staffing and expenditures for the provision of public library services are accounted on a collective basis. The staff establishment for providing library services under Programme (5): Public Libraries as at 1 April 2015 was 1 339 and the estimated staff cost for 2015-16 is \$460 million.

The Leisure and Cultural Services Department plans to open 2 new libraries, namely the Yuen Chau Kok Public Library (district library) and Fanling South Public Library (small library), in 2016-17. The Yuen Chau Kok Public Library in Sha Tin District is constructed as part of the capital works project under 55RG – Sports centre, community hall and district library in Area 14B, Sha Tin at an estimated capital cost of \$1,084 million for the complex. The Fanling South Public Library in North District will be located at leased premises involving one-off fitting-out cost of about \$6.85 million. The planned staff establishment upon full operation of the Yuen Chau Kok Public Library and Fanling South Public Library will be 19 and 8 respectively.

In accordance with the Hong Kong Planning Standards and Guidelines, 1 district library should be provided for each district and there should be a district library for every 200 000

persons. The commissioning of the 2 new libraries in 2016-17 will further enhance the provision of public libraries in the Sha Tin District and North District. In the case of Sha Tin District, the population of about 684 800 will be served by 1 major library (for a population of 400 000), 2 district libraries, 1 small library and 14 mobile library service points. As regards the North District, the population of about 315 600 will be served by 2 district libraries, 2 small libraries and 5 mobile library service points.

Apart from the aforesaid library projects, the Yung Shue Wan Library cum Heritage and Cultural Showroom, Lamma Island under the capital works project of 7061RG Signature Project Scheme (Islands District) is being planned. The Government also actively plans for the construction of a new district library facility to support the public housing development at the Northwest Kowloon Reclamation Site 6, Sham Shui Po and the district at large, subject to funding approval of the Legislative Council.

Annex to Reply Serial No. HAB521

Number of Static Libraries by District as at 31 December 2015

District	Library	Number of Library
Central & Western	City Hall	3
	Shek Tong Tsui	
	Smithfield	
Eastern	Chai Wan	6
	Electric Road	
	North Point	
	Quarry Bay	
	Siu Sai Wan	
	Yiu Tung	
Islands	Cheung Chau	7
	Mui Wo	
	North Lamma	
	Peng Chau	
	South Lamma	
	Tai O	
	Tung Chung	
Kowloon City	Hung Hom	4
	Kowloon	
	Kowloon City	
	To Kwa Wan	
Kwai Tsing	North Kwai Chung	3
	South Kwai Chung	
	Tsing Yi	
Kwun Tong	Lam Tin	6
	Lei Yue Mun	
	Ngau Tau Kok	
	Sau Mau Ping	
	Shui Wo Street	
	Shun Lee Estate	
North	Fanling	3
	Sha Tau Kok	
	Sheung Shui	
Sai Kung	Sai Kung	3
	Tiu Keng Leng	
	Tseung Kwan O	
Sha Tin	Lek Yuen	3
	Ma On Shan	
	Sha Tin	

District	Library	Number of Library
Sham Shui Po	Lai Chi Kok	4
	Po On Road	
	Shek Kip Mei	
	Un Chau Street	
Southern	Aberdeen	4
	Ap Lei Chau	
	Pok Fu Lam	
	Stanley	
Tai Po	Tai Po	1
Tsuen Wan	Shek Wai Kok	2
	Tsuen Wan	
Tuen Mun	Butterfly Estate	3
	Tai Hing	
	Tuen Mun	
Wanchai	Hong Kong Central Library	3
	Lockhart Road	
	Wong Nai Chung	
Wong Tai Sin	Fu Shan	6
	Lok Fu	
	Lung Hing	
	Ngau Chi Wan	
	San Po Kong	
	Tsz Wan Shan	
Yau Tsim Mong	Fa Yuen Street	4
	Tai Kok Tsui	
	Tsim Sha Tsui	
	Yau Ma Tei	
Yuen Long	Ping Shan Tin Shui Wai	3
	Tin Shui Wai North	
	Yuen Long	
TOTAL		68

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