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Question:

The Yuen Chau Kok Public Library and Fanling South Public Library will be commissioned in 2016-17. What are the construction costs of the two libraries, and the manpower and expenditures involved? What is the plan to publicise the commissioning of the two new libraries and what are the manpower and expenditure involved?

Asked by: Dr Hon KWOK Ka-ki (Member Question No. 690)

Reply:

The Yuen Chau Kok Public Library (YCKPL) is a district library 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 entire complex. The Fanling South Public Library (FSPL) is a small library located at leased premises involving one-off fitting-out cost of about \$6.85 million. The annual recurrent expenditures of YCKPL and FSPL will be \$25.61 million and \$8.34 million respectively, and their planned staff establishment upon full operation will be 19 and 8 respectively.

Commissioning of the new libraries will be publicised through press release, newsletters and electronic channels such as e-news and relevant government websites. Posters and leaflets will also be displayed and distributed to reach out to the local communities, schools and organisations. Expenditure on publicity will be absorbed within existing resources.

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