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Question:

Regarding the provision of public library services, please inform this Committee of the following:

- (a) What were the annual expenditures of public libraries in each of the past 3 years?
- (b) What were the sizes of the library stock by type for each of the public libraries in the past 3 years?
- (c) What were the total number of loans of public library books and the respective numbers of loans of Chinese books, English books and other books by type in each of the past 3 years?
- (d) How does the Hong Kong Public Libraries (HKPL) perform in terms of its borrowing rates when compared with libraries in neighbouring cities and countries such as Shenzhen, Taiwan and Singapore?
- (e) What were the numbers of e-book collections, the loans of e-books, as well as the expenditures incurred in the acquisition of e-books in the past 3 years?
- (f) How many books were written off in each of the past 3 years and how were they disposed of? Is there any plan in place to donate library books that still have reading value to non-profit making organisations and educational bodies?
- (g) What were the annual attendance figures of public libraries and the attendance figures by public library in each of the past 3 years?
- (h) What measures are in place to promote reading and what is the expenditure involved?

Asked by: Hon TIEN Puk-sun, Michael (Member Question No. 14)

Reply:

- (a) The expenditures of the Hong Kong Public Libraries (HKPL) in the past 3 years were as follows:

Year	Expenditure (\$ million)
2014-15	979.8
2015-16	1,060.5
2016-17 (Estimated)	1,141.9

- (b) The HKPL currently provides an extensive network of static libraries and mobile libraries according to a five-tier structure with complementary roles: central library, major library, district library, small library and mobile library. All libraries are 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.

The collections of individual libraries depend on their library types and are subject to on-going reviews and adjustments from time to time. The size of the library stocks of the Hong Kong Central Library, branch libraries (major libraries, district libraries, and small libraries) and mobile libraries in the past 3 years is set out at **Annex I**.

- (c) The total numbers of loans by types of library materials in the past 3 years were as follows:

Type of library materials	Total number of loans (million)		
	2014	2015	2016
Chinese books	38.93	37.77	37.30
English books	11.60	11.42	11.22
Others	2.33	2.15	1.98
Total	52.86	51.34	50.50

- (d) Overall speaking, the HKPL's services are comparable to metropolitan libraries in major cities and countries such as Singapore. The average annual circulation (borrowing) rate per capita of the HKPL was 7.35 items per capita in 2013 to 2015, which was comparable to the average annual circulation rate of 6.28 items per capita for the National Library Board of Singapore in the same period. Apart from benchmarking with overseas counterparts, the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) conducts annual customer liaison meetings and commissions regular opinion surveys on the services of the HKPL as part of its on-going efforts to gauge the public's views on the existing services and future service needs. The findings from the opinion survey in 2014-15 conducted by the HKPL showed that 85.6% of library users were satisfied with the services and facilities of the public libraries. These channels enable the HKPL to collect useful feedbacks from members of the public in the delivery of public library services.

- (e) The total number of titles of the 8 e-book collections and their usage statistics in the past 3 years are at **Annexes II and III**. The expenditures on the acquisition of e-book collections in 2014-15, 2015-16 and 2016-17 were \$1.0 million, \$3.5 million and \$4.2 million respectively.
- (f) Weeding is an on-going process to ensure the vitality and usefulness of the collections to the community and to make room for new materials. The HKPL writes off unserviceable library books in accordance with the disposal procedures laid down in Government's Stores and Procurement Regulations. In general, library books will be written off when (i) the library items become worn out/damaged; or (ii) the information contained is outdated. The numbers of library books withdrawn in the past 3 years were 400 000 items (2014-15), 360 000 items (2015-16) and 110 000 items (from 1 April 2016 to February 2017) respectively.

The LCSD donated 168 items of books that were considered as surplus to community libraries in late 2015. Another batch of 244 items of books will also be donated to community libraries and schools in 2017. The LCSD will review the cost effectiveness of the donation arrangement in compliance with Government's Stores and Procurement Regulations.

- (g) The annual attendance figures of public libraries and the attendance figures by public library in each of the past 3 years (2014-2016) are tabulated at **Annex IV**.
- (h) The LCSD adopts a multi-pronged approach in promoting public library services and nurturing a reading culture in the community through the following measures:
 - (i) organising a wide variety of reading activities at the territory-wide and district levels for readers of different age groups. Thematic panels and roving exhibitions of books with tie-in recommended booklists are scheduled at various libraries. The LCSD will continue to plan and organise diversified activities to promote reading in 2017-18, and has earmarked \$2.4 million for organising these reading activities for the year;
 - (ii) forging closer partnership with the District Councils (DCs) and local bodies. In 2017-18, LCSD will continue to secure funds from the DCs for organising diversified extension activities to sustain the interest of reading in the community, step up its block loan service by further exploring different types of organisations for arranging block loans or setting up community libraries that serve its specific target groups, such as the elderly, ethnic minorities, youths and special groups. Wider publicity will be arranged to reach out to the local communities and organisations to promote library services and collections including e-resources;
 - (iii) connecting actively with educational bodies including the Education Bureau, schools, parent-teacher associations, nursery institutions, etc. to explore the reading needs/interests of children and seek collaborative opportunities in block loan service and extension activities in encouraging lifelong learning and cultivating reading habits among them;

- (iv) replenishing new library stock and enriching e-resources for all existing libraries by planning to acquire about 830 000 items of new print and audio-visual library materials in 2017-18; acquire or subscribe to 10 e-book collections (covering about 260 000 titles) and 64 e-databases; and enhance the digitised collection in 2017-18. The estimated expenditure on the acquisition of library materials in 2017-18 is \$102.8 million; and
- (v) leveraging on the use of new and information technology to offer more convenient public library services to the public via the on-line and mobile platforms, and planning to launch, on a trial basis, 3 self-service library units, 1 each on Hong Kong Island, in Kowloon and in the New Territories at convenient locations with heavier pedestrian flow and away from existing libraries in the second half of 2017-18, to provide round-the-clock services such as borrowing, return, payment and pickup of reserved library materials.

Size of the Library Stock by Type of Public Libraries from 2014 to 2016

Type of Library	Library	Type of Library Stock	Library Stock (items) as at 31 December			
			2014	2015	2016	
Central	Hong Kong Central Library	Chinese Books	1 351 438	1 390 092	1 409 727	
		English Books	834 754	858 610	870 091	
		Non-print Materials	383 295	391 597	400 806	
Branch Libraries ⁽¹⁾						
Major	City Hall	Chinese Books	285 974	297 259	304 090	
		English Books	188 575	196 656	204 874	
		Non-print Materials	78 164	78 225	79 026	
	Kowloon	Chinese Books	386 081	399 834	404 788	
		English Books	220 451	222 747	224 145	
		Non-print Materials	80 896	83 395	85 027	
	Ping Shan Tin Shui Wai	Chinese Books	325 077	342 555	348 235	
		English Books	101 660	106 335	108 667	
		Non-print Materials	53 445	59 182	60 209	
	Sha Tin	Chinese Books	296 610	308 038	297 762	
		English Books	156 423	160 797	155 803	
		Non-print Materials	59 655	58 281	56 680	
	Tsuen Wan	Chinese Books	279 797	292 910	305 938	
		English Books	142 100	145 216	148 867	
		Non-print Materials	62 163	64 682	66 491	
	Tuen Mun	Chinese Books	280 870	292 711	302 960	
		English Books	135 752	138 969	143 648	
		Non-print Materials	52 633	54 931	57 393	
	District	Aberdeen	Chinese Books	105 149	110 004	115 762
			English Books	39 942	41 060	40 941
			Non-print Materials	22 337	21 744	21 201
Chai Wan		Chinese Books	141 383	146 418	149 103	
		English Books	50 045	50 293	49 216	
		Non-print Materials	34 626	34 557	34 188	
Cheung Chau		Chinese Books	44 078	47 540	47 918	
		English Books	22 077	22 398	22 466	
		Non-print Materials	7 420	7 848	7 502	

Type of Library	Library	Type of Library Stock	Library Stock (items) as at 31 December		
			2014	2015	2016
District	Fa Yuen Street	Chinese Books	124 081	129 082	129 791
		English Books	40 712	42 982	44 304
		Non-print Materials	23 186	24 794	25 959
	Fanling	Chinese Books	173 738	181 029	185 801
		English Books	43 129	44 230	44 167
		Non-print Materials	25 850	26 711	26 700
	Lai Chi Kok	Chinese Books	108 234	115 143	115 886
		English Books	42 468	44 938	44 725
		Non-print Materials	28 999	30 875	31 467
	Lam Tin	Chinese Books	148 252	154 769	160 867
		English Books	41 195	43 888	46 413
		Non-print Materials	23 115	24 813	26 794
	Lockhart Road	Chinese Books	124 151	136 669	131 785
		English Books	43 382	48 393	47 165
		Non-print Materials	38 155	37 914	37 694
	Ma On Shan	Chinese Books	147 803	155 304	151 427
		English Books	48 176	49 656	48 277
		Non-print Materials	31 200	31 373	31 687
	Ngau Chi Wan	Chinese Books	105 872	110 055	111 591
		English Books	37 508	37 131	38 742
		Non-print Materials	28 467	28 552	27 642
	Ngau Tau Kok	Chinese Books	111 341	115 045	112 724
		English Books	37 982	38 970	39 527
		Non-print Materials	26 568	26 194	25 734
	North Kwai Chung	Chinese Books	118 692	122 281	118 930
		English Books	43 111	41 783	41 545
		Non-print Materials	15 916	16 327	16 620
	North Point	Chinese Books	49 731	50 677	50 828
		English Books	21 867	22 199	21 803
		Non-print Materials	12 370	12 903	13 041
	Po On Road	Chinese Books	118 497	120 619	121 048
		English Books	34 121	33 897	34 090
		Non-print Materials	28 781	28 498	28 534
	Quarry Bay	Chinese Books	120 264	123 997	122 588
		English Books	51 474	52 234	51 492
		Non-print Materials	30 032	29 154	28 956
	Sai Kung	Chinese Books	76 036	79 827	73 231
		English Books	23 540	26 577	26 751
		Non-print Materials	17 654	18 367	17 139

Type of Library	Library	Type of Library Stock	Library Stock (items) as at 31 December		
			2014	2015	2016
District	San Po Kong	Chinese Books	105 649	109 533	111 220
		English Books	34 359	34 281	33 549
		Non-print Materials	23 317	23 522	22 886
	Shek Tong Tsui	Chinese Books	107 655	115 270	114 195
		English Books	39 044	42 241	42 531
		Non-print Materials	31 868	32 207	33 026
	Sheung Shui	Chinese Books	115 828	120 188	119 735
		English Books	44 877	44 444	42 005
		Non-print Materials	25 691	25 238	25 369
	Shui Wo Street	Chinese Books	137 217	144 328	149 364
		English Books	40 375	42 821	45 184
		Non-print Materials	36 857	36 051	35 999
	South Kwai Chung	Chinese Books	118 165	123 595	127 699
		English Books	32 951	34 015	34 883
		Non-print Materials	12 867	13 002	13 263
	Tai Hing	Chinese Books	74 672	75 923	74 208
		English Books	21 538	21 573	21 337
		Non-print Materials	11 729	11 318	11 164
	Tai Po	Chinese Books	201 159	197 749	195 285
		English Books	63 888	65 788	66 752
		Non-print Materials	40 004	41 124	41 954
	Tiu Keng Leng ⁽²⁾	Chinese Books	-	140 172	155 115
		English Books	-	44 028	53 046
		Non-print Materials	-	17 468	20 137
	To Kwa Wan	Chinese Books	112 879	115 360	116 108
		English Books	36 854	37 456	37 754
		Non-print Materials	27 687	28 203	28 953
	Tseung Kwan O	Chinese Books	170 796	167 318	161 919
		English Books	54 602	52 768	51 806
		Non-print Materials	28 985	28 579	29 201
	Tsing Yi	Chinese Books	127 988	133 578	135 414
		English Books	51 066	52 260	52 783
		Non-print Materials	29 403	29 686	31 087
	Tung Chung	Chinese Books	171 933	172 384	173 975
		English Books	65 988	65 970	67 484
		Non-print Materials	33 846	33 585	32 969
	Yau Ma Tei	Chinese Books	102 408	106 479	107 846
		English Books	34 942	36 565	35 302
		Non-print Materials	31 450	32 183	32 037

Type of Library	Library	Type of Library Stock	Library Stock (items) as at 31 December		
			2014	2015	2016
District	Yuen Long	Chinese Books	118 975	119 618	117 174
		English Books	41 838	43 214	44 178
		Non-print Materials	20 150	19 523	17 934
Small	Ap Lei Chau	Chinese Books	54 183	54 962	54 647
		English Books	17 264	17 630	17 812
		Non-print Materials	7029	6 418	6 073
	Butterfly Estate	Chinese Books	38 052	38 663	37 864
		English Books	12 980	13 176	12 337
		Non-print Materials	5871	6 437	6 176
	Electric Road	Chinese Books	53 764	56 094	56 344
		English Books	18 850	19 280	19 825
		Non-print Materials	7 565	7 274	7 066
	Fanling South ⁽³⁾	Chinese Books	-	-	38 337
		English Books	-	-	11 156
		Non-print Materials	-	-	3 531
	Fu Shan	Chinese Books	44 538	47 074	49 890
		English Books	16 550	17 224	18 167
		Non-print Materials	5 673	6 009	6 276
	Hung Hom	Chinese Books	56 488	58 208	55 110
		English Books	22 118	23 804	23 397
		Non-print Materials	8445	8 231	7 069
	Kowloon City	Chinese Books	52 427	54 010	54 210
		English Books	18 093	18 961	19 065
		Non-print Materials	7 273	7 273	7 163
	Lei Yue Mun	Chinese Books	48 981	51 521	52 453
		English Books	18 688	19 394	19 874
		Non-print Materials	9 575	9 979	10 242
	Lek Yuen	Chinese Books	38 385	40 380	39 986
		English Books	13 280	13 959	13 554
		Non-print Materials	4 679	5 045	4 969
	Lok Fu	Chinese Books	47 067	48 872	49 625
		English Books	16 696	17 591	17 779
		Non-print Materials	7 812	8 265	7 978
	Lung Hing	Chinese Books	36 299	36 991	36 844
		English Books	12 540	13 248	13 430
		Non-print Materials	4 972	4 900	4 691
	Mui Wo	Chinese Books	16 734	17 829	18 532
		English Books	7 885	8 333	9 299
		Non-print Materials	3 962	4 123	4 269

Type of Library	Library	Type of Library Stock	Library Stock (items) as at 31 December		
			2014	2015	2016
Small	North Lamma	Chinese Books	10 754	11 298	11 682
		English Books	4 476	4 412	4 564
		Non-print Materials	2 016	2 219	2 371
	Peng Chau	Chinese Books	16 724	17 846	17 419
		English Books	6 544	5 768	5 842
		Non-print Materials	3 676	3 739	3 634
	Pok Fu Lam	Chinese Books	54 336	57 186	59 020
		English Books	16 458	17 616	18 662
		Non-print Materials	7 333	7 560	7 735
	Sau Mau Ping	Chinese Books	39 831	42 005	41 271
		English Books	10 824	11 062	11 399
		Non-print Materials	4 638	4 872	4 818
	Sha Tau Kok	Chinese Books	14 482	15 324	9 188
		English Books	4 279	4 508	2 788
		Non-print Materials	3 699	4 063	2 725
	Shek Kip Mei	Chinese Books	72 087	67 832	70 520
		English Books	21 463	21 822	22 513
		Non-print Materials	8 534	8 880	9 265
	Shek Wai Kok	Chinese Books	29 568	32 232	33 082
		English Books	9764	10 793	11 477
		Non-print Materials	4 617	4 956	5 329
	Shun Lee Estate	Chinese Books	51 098	50 998	50 403
		English Books	14 482	14 570	14 468
		Non-print Materials	8 603	8 925	8 211
	Siu Sai Wan	Chinese Books	45 500	47 873	51 272
		English Books	21 192	22 287	23 677
		Non-print Materials	7 691	7 939	8 125
	Smithfield	Chinese Books	52 872	55 730	55 793
		English Books	17 523	18 584	18 261
		Non-print Materials	8 398	8 731	8 821
	South Lamma	Chinese Books	6 034	6 359	6 852
		English Books	1 077	1 146	1 297
		Non-print Materials	1 629	1 732	1 798
	Stanley	Chinese Books	52 246	54 016	54 738
		English Books	18 398	19 612	19 846
		Non-print Materials	8 462	8 518	8 323
	Tai Kok Tsui	Chinese Books	49 080	50 696	52 934
		English Books	21 838	22 533	22 837
		Non-print Materials	10 484	10 601	10 761

Type of Library	Library	Type of Library Stock	Library Stock (items) as at 31 December		
			2014	2015	2016
Small	Tai O	Chinese Books	15 297	16 086	16 769
		English Books	5 610	5 760	6 361
		Non-print Materials	3 415	3 561	3 695
	Tin Shui Wai North	Chinese Books	47 881	48 474	50 179
		English Books	11 822	11 856	12 661
		Non-print Materials	6 281	6 177	6 070
	Tsim Sha Tsui	Chinese Books	44 726	45 638	45 853
		English Books	19 048	19 363	19 498
		Non-print Materials	7 626	7 532	7 393
	Tsz Wan Shan	Chinese Books	41 397	43 775	46 083
		English Books	13 854	14 629	14 538
		Non-print Materials	7 117	7 275	7 245
	Un Chau Street	Chinese Books	41 087	44 054	43 314
		English Books	13 875	14 819	13 988
		Non-print Materials	9 340	9 130	8 522
	Wong Nai Chung	Chinese Books	52 579	51 405	51 165
		English Books	19 673	19 665	19 941
		Non-print Materials	7 264	6 843	6 722
	Yiu Tung	Chinese Books	46 597	50 051	52 659
		English Books	15 212	16 428	17 392
		Non-print Materials	7 710	7 994	8 087
Mobile Libraries					
Mobile	Mobile Library 1	Chinese Books	21 664	23 509	24 343
		English Books	5 847	6 475	7 160
		Non-print Materials	4 052	4 181	4 495
	Mobile Library 2	Chinese Books	20 096	21 126	21 467
		English Books	4 655	5 052	5 391
		Non-print Materials	2 564	2 458	2 558
	Mobile Library 3 & 10 ⁽⁴⁾	Chinese Books	55 335	56 777	58 079
		English Books	10 011	10 489	10 612
		Non-print Materials	5 883	5 957	6 049
	Mobile Library 4	Chinese Books	20 864	21 158	21 809
		English Books	6 204	6 325	6 959
		Non-print Materials	3 517	3 598	3 828
	Mobile Library 5	Chinese Books	18 914	20 202	20 507
		English Books	4 312	4 847	5 139
		Non-print Materials	2 506	2 587	2 673

Type of Library	Library	Type of Library Stock	Library Stock (items) as at 31 December		
			2014	2015	2016
Mobile	Mobile Library 6 & 9 ⁽⁴⁾	Chinese Books	63 609	64 373	62 232
		English Books	19 050	20 211	20 005
		Non-print Materials	6 125	6 022	5 963
	Mobile Library 7	Chinese Books	38 821	40 052	41 024
		English Books	10 422	11 351	12 082
		Non-print Materials	6 029	5 915	6 141
	Mobile Library 8	Chinese Books	44 757	46 849	46 841
		English Books	13 300	13 909	14 462
		Non-print Materials	5 317	5 303	5 477
	Mobile Library 11 ⁽⁵⁾	Chinese Books	18 476	20 007	21 111
		English Books	3 504	3 837	4 120
		Non-print Materials	2 200	2 331	2 393
	Mobile Library 12 ⁽⁵⁾	Chinese Books	18 448	20 270	21 219
		English Books	3 496	3 876	4 147
		Non-print Materials	2 194	2 330	2 391
TOTAL		Chinese Books	8 280 551	8 711 158	8 834 707
		English Books	3 485 923	3 633 588	3 694 095
		Non-print Materials	1 760 557	1 808 489	1 829 590
		Total Stock	13 527 031	14 153 235	14 358 392

Notes

- (1) Excluding the Yuen Chau Kok Public Library which will be fully commissioned on 30 March 2017.
- (2) Tiu Keng Leng Public Library commenced service on 9 July 2015.
- (3) Fanling South Public Library commenced service on 23 August 2016.
- (4) Mobile Libraries 3 and 10, 6 and 9 share the same collection.
- (5) Mobile Libraries 11 and 12 commenced service on 7 July 2014.

Hong Kong Public Libraries
Total Number of Titles of e-Book Collections from 2014 to 2016

Item	Title of e-Book Collections	Total Number of Titles in the e-Book Collection		
		2014	2015	2016
1	Apabi Chinese eBooks	80 400	86 300	91 900
2	eBooks on EBSCOhost	4 018	4 018	7 600
3	ebrary Academic Complete	119 600	129 000	138 800
4	HyRead ebook (launched in June 2016)	-	-	3 010
5	Naxos Spoken Word Library (Audio book)	1 350	1 492	1 492
6-7	Safari Books Online (Including Safari Business Books Online and Safari Tech Books Online)	523	523	523
8	Vista E-Book in Traditional Chinese	430	430	430

Hong Kong Public Libraries
Usage of e-Book Collections from 2014 to 2016

Item	Title of e-Book Collections	Statistical Elements Adopted	Use Count		
			2014	2015	2016
1	Apabi Chinese eBooks	No. of e-Books consulted (online reading & borrowing)	68 096	74 610	59 578
2	eBooks on EBSCOhost	No. of e-Books consulted (online reading & download)	8 679	8 851	17 185
3	ebrary Academic Complete	No. of e-Books consulted (online reading & download)	26 315	25 019	21 178
4	HyRead ebook (launched in June 2016)	No. of e-Books consulted (online reading, borrowing and trial)	-	-	116 649
5	Naxos Spoken Word Library (Audio book)	No. of tracks played	32 131	33 635	41 793
6-7	Safari Books Online (Including Safari Business Books Online and Safari Tech Books Online)	No. of searches	10 586	10 060	10 084
8	Vista E-Book in Traditional Chinese	No. of browses by category	13 173	25 567	22 403

Remarks:

The total usage of e-book collections is unavailable as different service providers use different statistical elements, such as number of searches, tracks played and browses by category, to present the usage.

Annual Attendance Figures of Public Libraries from 2014 to 2016

District	Public Libraries	Total Attendance of the Library		
		2014	2015	2016
Central & Western	City Hall	856 819	843 720	800 385
	Shek Tong Tsui	583 728	572 677	553 690
	Smithfield	297 583	306 265	284 928
Wanchai	Hong Kong Central Library	3 888 163	3 884 305	3 983 294
	Lockhart Road	679 877	621 554	585 399
	Wong Nai Chung	196 080	187 684	178 567
Eastern	Chai Wan	624 882	623 790	595 165
	Electric Road	295 790	257 423	261 733
	North Point	345 483	317 363	318 334
	Quarry Bay	551 537	524 212	512 455
	Siu Sai Wan	480 160	423 072	412 135
	Yiu Tung	214 149	204 922	188 321
Southern	Aberdeen	638 192	611 754	597 137
	Ap Lei Chau	234 026	234 963	236 570
	Pok Fu Lam	256 643	245 966	229 601
	Stanley	170 321	159 265	155 274
Sham Shui Po	Lai Chi Kok	774 997	752 912	753 574
	Po On Road	1 073 701	1 037 578	995 809
	Shek Kip Mei ⁽¹⁾	298 175	312 894	297 257
	Un Chau Street	326 888	305 729	296 386
Kowloon City	Hung Hom	361 385	346 164	338 494
	Kowloon	684 264	654 628	638 919
	Kowloon City	260 711	253 309	240 302
Kowloon City	To Kwa Wan	609 569	568 644	524 535
Wong Tai Sin	Fu Shan	224 843	206 471	216 993
	Lok Fu	280 216	266 987	267 706
	Lung Hing	348 415	330 158	309 740
	Ngau Chi Wan	479 390	470 168	454 500
	San Po Kong	852 841	820 150	821 905
	Tsz Wan Shan	421 552	383 288	378 918
Kwun Tong	Lam Tin	942 012	937 622	932 359

District	Public Libraries	Total Attendance of the Library		
		2014	2015	2016
Kwun Tong (Cont'd)	Lei Yue Mun	165 142	173 267	167 342
	Ngau Tau Kok	608 764	602 788	585 630
	Sau Mau Ping	184 195	174 565	163 493
	Shui Wo Street	664 863	616 386	584 079
	Shun Lee Estate	199 699	185 419	172 159
Yau Tsim Mong	Fa Yuen Street	647 234	613 009	593 651
	Tai Kok Tsui	403 347	432 352	441 861
	Tsim Sha Tsui	181 613	177 598	164 060
	Yau Ma Tei	727 524	643 443	620 774
Kwai Tsing	North Kwai Chung	435 979	444 132	478 932
	South Kwai Chung	738 051	695 794	679 332
	Tsing Yi	783 659	776 137	768 977
Tsuen Wan	Shek Wai Kok	144 754	131 844	122 348
	Tsuen Wan	1 404 659	1 357 256	1 312 808
Tuen Mun	Butterfly Estate	227 117	225 961	215 396
	Tai Hing	461 999	413 835	400 848
	Tuen Mun	1 366 882	1 380 554	1 381 145
Yuen Long	Ping Shan Tin Shui Wai	1 289 377	1 210 390	1 315 416
	Tin Shui Wai North	409 282	393 587	398 973
	Yuen Long	999 979	993 757	991 564
North	Fanling	713 458	696 702	667 623
	Fanling South ⁽²⁾	-	-	128 178
	Sha Tau Kok	39 852	34 997	30 372
	Sheung Shui	936 063	913 134	855 719
Tai Po	Tai Po	1 264 352	1 195 042	1 155 336
Sha Tin ⁽³⁾	Lek Yuen	259 626	253 087	238 224
	Ma On Shan	1 004 773	978 411	967 464
	Sha Tin	1 380 667	1 376 101	1 276 188
Sai Kung	Sai Kung	412 565	358 132	316 994
	Tiu Keng Leng ⁽⁴⁾	-	527 078	986 771
	Tseung Kwan O	1 169 901	828 102	719 751
Islands	Cheung Chau	250 168	243 328	226 948
	Mui Wo	47 606	47 046	46 823
	North Lamma	7 117	6 707	6 906
	Peng Chau	39 086	39 450	33 834

District	Public Libraries	Total Attendance of the Library		
		2014	2015	2016
Islands (Cont'd)	South Lamma	2 614	2 176	1 767
	Tai O	31 586	31 626	32 026
	Tung Chung	449 204	435 607	428 686
Mobile Library	Mobile Library 1	31 596	40 361	38 857
	Mobile Library 2	30 847	27 366	25 711
	Mobile Library 3	27 219	21 866	20 035
	Mobile Library 4	33 662	33 100	33 815
	Mobile Library 5	34 020	26 690	21 191
	Mobile Library 6	29 732	30 564	26 850
	Mobile Library 7	62 015	50 711	44 182
	Mobile Library 8	72 555	65 600	61 767
	Mobile Library 9	76 344	60 813	60 177
	Mobile Library 10	23 906	27 273	26 801
	Mobile Library 11 ⁽⁵⁾	10 400	32 991	30 962
	Mobile Library 12 ⁽⁵⁾	14 929	40 717	34 480
TOTAL		38 752 374	37 732 489	37 463 611

Notes

- (1) Shek Kip Mei Public Library (Small Library) replaced Pak Tin Public Library (Small Library) in March 2014.
- (2) Fanling South Public Library (Small Library) was opened in August 2016.
- (3) Excluding the Yuen Chau Kok Public Library which will be fully commissioned on 30 March 2017.
- (4) Tiu Keng Leng Public Library (District Library) was opened in July 2015.
- (5) Mobile Library 11 and Mobile Library 12 were opened in July 2014.

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