

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

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**(Question Serial No. S0061)**

Head: (95) Leisure and Cultural Services Department

Subhead (No. & title): (000) Operational Expenses

Programme: (5) Public Libraries

Controlling Officer: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services (Ms Michelle LI)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

Regarding Reply Serial No. HAB209, will the Government provide further information on the following:

1. The monthly average numbers of users and utilisation rates of public libraries in the past year;
2. Further to the above question, the hourly average numbers of users and utilisation rates of public libraries from 3 p.m. to the closing time on weekdays (Monday to Friday other than library closing days and public holidays) each month;
3. As the utilisation of Tin Shui Wai North Public Library is close to saturation and the utilisation rates of Hung Hom Public Library, Sheung Shui Public Library and Shek Kip Mei Public Library are over 85%, whether additional computer workstations will be provided; if yes, please state the number of additional workstations to be provided, the cost and the timetable; if no, please state the reasons;
4. The criteria adopted by the Government for determining the number of computer workstations in the libraries and for providing additional workstations.

Asked by: Hon LAU Siu-lai

Reply:

The monthly average attendance figures of each public library in 2016 are tabulated at **Annex**, while the hourly average attendance figures are not available.

The number and function of the computer workstations provided in libraries depend on the types of libraries, and the floor area and scope of services of the individual library. For Tin Shui Wai North Public Library, Hung Hom Public Library, Shek Kip Mei Public Library and Sheung Shui Public Library, the numbers of workstations currently provided in these libraries have taken into account the space available in these libraries. The Leisure and

Cultural Services Department would regularly review the number of computer workstations at various libraries with a view to optimising the utilisation and enhancing the services.

## Attendance of public libraries in 2016

District	Public Libraries	Monthly Average Attendance
<b>Hong Kong Island</b>		
Central & Western	City Hall	66 699
	Shek Tong Tsui	46 141
	Smithfield	23 744
Eastern	Chai Wan	49 597
	Electric Road	21 811
	North Point	26 528
	Quarry Bay	42 705
	Siu Sai Wan	34 345
	Yiu Tung	15 693
Southern	Aberdeen	49 761
	Ap Lei Chau	19 714
	Pok Fu Lam	19 133
	Stanley	12 940
Wanchai	Hong Kong Central Library	331 941
	Lockhart Road	48 783
	Wong Nai Chung	14 881
<b>Kowloon</b>		
Kowloon City	Hung Hom	28 208
	Kowloon	53 243
	Kowloon City	20 025
	To Kwa Wan	43 711
Kwun Tong	Lam Tin	77 697
	Lei Yue Mun	13 945
	Ngau Tau Kok	48 803
	Sau Mau Ping	13 624
	Shui Wo Street	48 673
	Shun Lee Estate	14 347
Sham Shui Po	Lai Chi Kok	62 798
	Po On Road	82 984
	Shek Kip Mei	24 771
	Un Chau Street	24 699

<b>District</b>	<b>Public Libraries</b>	<b>Monthly Average Attendance</b>
Wong Tai Sin	Fu Shan	18 083
	Lok Fu	22 309
	Lung Hing	25 812
	Ngau Chi Wan	37 875
	San Po Kong	68 492
	Tsz Wan Shan	31 577
Yau Tsim Mong	Fa Yuen Street	49 471
	Tai Kok Tsui	36 822
	Tsim Sha Tsui	13 672
	Yau Ma Tei	51 731
<b>New Territories</b>		
Islands	Cheung Chau	18 912
	Mui Wo	3 902
	North Lamma	576
	Peng Chau	2 820
	South Lamma	147
	Tai O	2 669
	Tung Chung	35 724
Kwai Tsing	North Kwai Chung	39 911
	South Kwai Chung	56 611
	Tsing Yi	64 081
North	Fanling	55 635
	Fanling South <sup>(1)</sup>	10 682
	Sha Tau Kok	2 531
	Sheung Shui	71 310
Sai Kung	Sai Kung	26 416
	Tiu Keng Leng	82 231
	Tseung Kwan O	59 979
Sha Tin <sup>(2)</sup>	Lek Yuen	19 852
	Ma On Shan	80 622
	Sha Tin	106 349
Tai Po	Tai Po	96 278
Tsuen Wan	Shek Wai Kok	10 196
	Tsuen Wan	109 401
Tuen Mun	Butterfly Estate	17 950

<b>District</b>	<b>Public Libraries</b>	<b>Monthly Average Attendance</b>
	Tai Hing	33 404
	Tuen Mun	115 095
Yuen Long	Ping Shan Tin Shui Wai	109 618
	Tin Shui Wai North	33 248
	Yuen Long	82 630
<b>Mobile Library</b>		
	Mobile Library 1	3 238
	Mobile Library 2	2 143
	Mobile Library 3	1 670
	Mobile Library 4	2 818
	Mobile Library 5	1 766
	Mobile Library 6	2 238
	Mobile Library 7	3 682
	Mobile Library 8	5 147
	Mobile Library 9	5 015
	Mobile Library 10	2 233
	Mobile Library 11	2 580
	Mobile Library 12	2 873

Notes

- (1) Fanling South Public Library (Small Library) was opened in August 2016.
- (2) Excluding the Yuen Chau Kok Public Library which was fully commissioned on 30 March 2017.

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