

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

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Question:

Further to Reply Serial No. HAB188, please inform this Committee of the following:

For each of the nine e-book collections subscribed by public libraries, please tabulate (i) the top 10 titles of e-book collections in terms of number of browses/views and (ii) the number of browses/views.

(Title of e-book collections)

Title of e-book collections with the highest number of browses/views	Number of browses/views

Asked by: Hon AU Nok-hin

Reply:

As at 31 December 2017, the Hong Kong Public Libraries (HKPL) acquired or subscribed to 9 e-book collections with about 273 000 items. These e-book collections are hosted by different service providers and licensed for library use at individual service providers' platforms through an annual subscription or a perpetual licence. These platforms adopt different systems to suit their specific mode of service. The information on the top 10 titles of e-book collections in terms of number of browses/views is not readily available as some platforms do not maintain usage statistics by title whilst others will need more time to compile relevant statistics upon request.

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