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Question (Member Question No. 50):

In order to provide the public with more convenient access to online library services, development of applications for mobile devices is underway and planned for roll out in 2014. Please provide the details of the project, the expenditure involved and the estimated number of readers to be benefited.

Asked by: Hon. CHUNG Shu-kun, Christopher

Reply:

The Leisure and Cultural Services Department is developing a mobile application on public library services to provide the public with easy and convenient access to their personal library accounts, information on and availability of library materials, online renewal of borrowed items and reservation of library materials, as well as the locations and contacts of individual public libraries. The mobile application will also provide personalised alert services, including pick-up of reserved items and due dates of borrowed books.

The mobile application will be released for public use in mid-2014. The estimated project cost is about \$3.5 million and the number of users in the first year is estimated to be about 100 000.