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Question:

- (a) What was the size of the library stocks of the Tin Shui Wai Public Library in the past three years (i.e. 2010-11, 2011-12 and 2012-13) respectively?
- (b) What were the attendance figures and the number of loans of the Tin Shui Wai Public Library in the past three years (i.e. 2010-11, 2011-12 and 2012-13) respectively?
- (c) What are the floor areas of the Tin Shui Wai Public Library before and after it is reprovisioned?
- (d) What is the size of the library stocks of the Tin Shui Wai Public Library after it is reprovisioned?
- (e) What are the estimated attendance figures and number of loans of the Tin Shui Wai Public Library for the coming year (i.e. 2013-14)?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

- (a) The total number of library materials of the Tin Shui Wai Public Library (TSWPL), a district library, in the past three years was 224 161 (2010-11), 218 607 (2011-12) and 221 689 (2012-13) items respectively.
- (b) The total attendance figures and the number of borrowed items of TSWPL in the past three years were tabulated below:

	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13 (up to 28 February 2013)
No. of items borrowed	1 215 653	1 131 523	853 257
Attendance	1 239 436	1 217 714	1 040 026

- (c) The floor area of the previous TSWPL was 1 500 m<sup>2</sup> while that of the newly commissioned Ping Shan Tin Shui Wai Public Library (PSTSWPL), a major library, is 6 100 m<sup>2</sup>.
- (d) The total library stock of PSTSWPL as at 28 February 2013 (the opening date) was 330 000 items.
- (e) The PSTSWPL has been opened to the public since 28 February 2013. The total attendance and the number of items borrowed up to 14 March 2013 are 157 051 and 103 871 respectively, averaging about 10 470 and 6 925 each day. The new library is heavily visited by the local residents since

opening and it is envisaged that it will continue to be popular among the local communities in Yuen Long and Tin Shui Wai.

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