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Question:

Please provide information on the size of the library stocks, the total floor area, the library stock per person in the population served, the number of registered borrowers and their age distribution, as well as the number of items on loan per registered borrower for each of the public libraries in the territory.

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Reply:

The size of the library stock and the total floor area of the 67 static libraries and ten mobile libraries of the Hong Kong Public Libraries (HKPL) are set out at Annex 1.

The total number of registered borrowers of HKPL is 4 086 926 as at 31 December 2012 and their age distribution is at Annex 2.

As the entire library collection of the HKPL are interconnected by an integrated automated library system and are available to all borrowers at any library, it has been the practice of the HKPL to calculate the library stock per capita on the basis of HKPL as a whole. The library stock per capita is 1.8 in 2012^{Note 1}. Similarly, the number of items on loan per registered borrower is 13.74^{Note 2}.

Note 1 Calculation based on provisional figure of the mid-2012 Population issued by the Census and Statistics Department which is 7 136 300 for 2012.

Note 2 Calculation based on the total number of library materials borrowed in 2012 and the total number of registered borrower as at 31 December 2012 which are 56 154 732 and 4 086 926 respectively.

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The size of library stocks and the total floor area of each of the libraries of the Hong Kong Public Libraries as at 31 December 2012 are provided in the table below.

Type of Libraries	Public Libraries	Library Stock (items)	Total Floor Area (sq. m.)
Central	Hong Kong Central Library	2 559 556	33 800
Major	City Hall	531 790	3 277
	Kowloon	667 134	4 000
	Sha Tin	484 073	3 318
	Tsuen Wan	461 230	2 979
	Tuen Mun	476 203	3 250
District	Aberdeen	165 286	1 433
	Chai Wan	225 977	2 659
	Cheung Chau	74 057	767
	Fa Yuen Street	180 942	1 600
	Fanling	240 610	2 200
	Lai Chi Kok	176 885	2 310
	Lockhart Road	194 498	1 950
	Ma On Shan	221 510	2 200
	Ngau Chi Wan	170 713	1 500
	Ngau Tau Kok	179 282	1 600
	North Kwai Chung	176 335	1 640
	North Point	80 432	460
	Po On Road	172 968	1 720
	Quarry Bay	198 366	2 300
	Sai Kung	116 616	470
	San Po Kong	176 782	1 600
	Shek Tong Tsui	172 835	1 800
	Sheung Shui	194 622	2 114
	Shui Wo Street	213 157	2 300
	South Kwai Chung	168 989	1 220
	Tai Hing	102 506	641
	Tai Po	305 385	3 600
	Tin Shui Wai	204 977	1 570
	To Kwa Wan	172 642	1 690
	Tseung Kwan O	259 555	2 200
	Tsing Yi	211 888	2 146
Tung Chung	262 263	3 513	
Yau Ma Tei	157 651	1 580	
Yuen Long	180 027	1 540	

Type of Libraries	Public Libraries	Library Stock (items)	Total Floor Area (sq. m.)
Small	Ap Lei Chau	77 545	500
	Butterfly Estate	53 863	464
	Electric Road	77 675	500
	Fu Shan	66 891	420
	Hung Hom	86 402	500
	Kowloon City	78 519	511
	Lam Tin	70 365	300
	Lei Yue Mun	74 442	943
	Lek Yuen	56 675	307
	Lok Fu	71 942	470
	Lung Hing	55 164	337
	Mui Wo	27 753	142
	North Lamma	16 304	65
	Pak Tin	48 400	215
	Peng Chau	26 200	140
	Pok Fu Lam	80 978	600
	Sau Mau Ping	56 270	285
	Sha Tau Kok	21 909	70
	Shek Wai Kok	42 120	282
	Shun Lee Estate	77 625	628
	Siu Sai Wan	68 696	725
	Smithfield	74 385	800
	South Lamma	9 996	30
	Stanley	81 351	540
	Tai Kok Tsui	82 543	670
	Tai O	24 101	137
	Tin Shui Wai North	66 609	494
	Tsim Sha Tsui	68 282	500
	Tsz Wan Shan	77 274	518
	Un Chau Street	63 849	570
Wong Nai Chung	81 062	971	
Yiu Tung	67 107	473	
Mobile	Mobile Library 1	30 422	
	Mobile Library 2	27 774	
	Mobile Libraries 3 and 10	67 836	
	Mobile Library 4	29 676	
	Mobile Library 5	25 992	
	Mobile Libraries 6 and 9	85 469	
	Mobile Library 7	54 755	

	Mobile Library 8	62 703	
Total		12 854 666	117 054

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The age profile of registered borrowers in Hong Kong Public Libraries as at 31 December 2012 is:

Age Group	Total No.	Percentage
0 - 4	53 980	1.32%
5 - 9	163 450	4.00%
10 - 14	225 841	5.52%
15 - 19	353 614	8.65%
20 - 24	399 530	9.78%
25 - 29	399 396	9.77%
30 - 34	397 586	9.73%
35 - 39	377 464	9.24%
40 - 44	375 145	9.18%
45 - 49	377 700	9.24%
50 - 54	348 829	8.54%
55 - 59	242 297	5.93%
60 - 64	161 203	3.94%
65 or over	210 891	5.16%
Total	4 086 926	100.00%