

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

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Head: (26) Census and Statistics Department  
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified  
Programme: (5) Price/Industry/Service Statistics  
Controlling Officer: Commissioner for Census and Statistics (Leo YU)  
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury

Question:

According to the Estimates, under Programme (5): Prices/Industry/Services Statistics, the statistical reports/publications compiled in the provision for 2026-27 include the "Report on the Survey on Information Technology Usage and Penetration in the Business Sector" and "2024-25 Household Expenditure Survey". The "Statistical Digest of the Services Sector" and the "Hong Kong Energy Statistics Quarterly Report" are discontinued as from 2026. In this regard, please inform the Council:

- (1) Why are the above two statistical reports/publications discontinued?
- (2) Will the discontinuation of these publications have any impact on relevant data users? How will the authorities ensure that the relevant data can still be obtained from other channels?

Asked by: Hon HUNG Kam-in (LegCo internal reference no.: 32)

Reply:

The Census and Statistics Department (C&SD) has been actively strengthening the release of statistics by enhancing the functions of C&SD's website, including publishing Web Tables with customisation features and multiple formats for data download (e.g., CSV, XML or API), as well as providing an interactive interface for users to build statistical tables and charts according to their own needs. These new functions are gradually replacing the traditional spreadsheets and reports.

Statistics contained in the "Statistical Digest of the Services Sector" and the "Hong Kong Energy Statistics Quarterly Report" can be obtained through C&SD's website. As statistics become more accessible online, to ensure effective use of resources, C&SD has discontinued the compilation of the 2 reports from 2026 onwards.