

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

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Controlling Officer: Commissioner for Census and Statistics (Leo YU)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury

Question:

Further to the Reply of Serial No. FSTB(FS)142:

The follow-up questions raised at the Special Finance Committee Meeting on 14 April are not matters that the Census and Statistics Department can answer. They should be referred to the Bureau for reply.

As mentioned in the Budget, in order to further enhance the utilisation of data within the Government, the Government will allocate additional resources. A unified data platform and data sharing among Government departments are the long-term directions of the Government. Does the Bureau have any relevant measures or plans that align with these long-term goals? The current reply is limited only to the integration of cross-subject data within the Census and Statistics Department itself, and does not involve connection with the systems of other bureaux or departments.

Asked by: Hon LAM Siu-lo, Andrew

Reply:

Regarding the data sharing among government departments and further enhancing the utilisation of data within the Government, having consulted the Innovation, Technology and Industry Bureau and the Digital Policy Office (DPO), the reply is set out as follows:

- (a) The DPO has been supporting bureaux/departments (B/Ds) in enhancing the use of data to optimise various digital public services, thereby improving the efficiency and efficacy of the Government. On technical infrastructure, the DPO has rolled out a series of digital infrastructure facilities, including the Next Generation Government Cloud Infrastructure, Big Data Analytics Platform, Shared Blockchain Platform, and Consented Data Exchange Gateway (CDEG), etc., to facilitate the interflow of data within the Government and between the Government and the general public. With the launch of the "Digital Corporate Identity" (CorpID) Platform by end-2026, the CDEG will support the CorpID's form pre-filling function. This will enable corporations to authorise B/Ds

to retrieve their information registered on the CorpID Platform and stored in other government digital service systems for filling application forms when using services, so as to simplify the application process and the procedures for verifying information and documents, thus reducing administrative burdens and further facilitating the exchange of corporate data among different B/Ds.

- (b) Moreover, under the Government's Open Data Policy, B/Ds should endeavour to open up their data through the Open Data Portal, unless there are justifiable reasons (e.g. involving personal privacy). Currently, more than 110 B/Ds and public and private organisations are opening up their data on the Open Data Portal. Over 5 700 datasets, with more than 2 500 application programming interfaces (API) have been opened up for free use by the public. The Government also completed the compilation of the Departmental Data Catalogues in 2025, enabling B/Ds to identify shareable data within the Government, thus promoting data standard alignment and interchange. This further facilitates the collection, analysis, sharing and application of data across departments, accelerating the development of smart government.

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