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Question:

1. Will the Census and Statistics Department (C&SD) increase the manpower and financial provision in 2019-20 to enhance the accuracy of data verification of the General Household Survey? What are the details, estimated expenditure and manpower involved?
2. Please provide the details of tablet computers (tablets) procured for conducting surveys on social statistics by C&SD in the past 5 years, as set out in the table below:

| Year | Number of tablets purchased | Brand and model of tablets | Number of damaged tablets | Maintenance costs of tablets | Number of tablets that are still in use |
|---------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------------|---|
| 2015-16 | | | | | |
| 2016-17 | | | | | |
| 2017-18 | | | | | |
| 2018-19 | | | | | |
| 2019-20 | | | | | |

3. Please advise on the brand, model, number of and expenditure on tablets to be procured for conducting surveys on social statistics by C&SD in 2019-20.
4. Regarding the planning work for the 2021 Population Census by C&SD in 2019-20, what are the specific expenditure and manpower involved in the feasibility study for supporting computer systems and web applications?

Asked by: Hon CHAN Tanya (LegCo internal reference no.: 77)

Reply:

1. Since 2013-14, the Census and Statistics Department (C&SD) has deployed additional manpower from existing resources to strengthen data verification of the General Household Survey. C&SD will continue to implement the same verification system in 2019-20 to ensure accuracy of data.

2. Details of tablet computers (tablets) procured or to be procured by C&SD for conducting surveys on social statistics during 2015-16 to 2019-20 are as follows -

| Year | Number of tablets purchased | Brand and model of tablets | Number of damaged tablets | Maintenance costs of tablets | Number of tablets that are still in use |
|---------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------------|---|
| 2015-16 | 5 901 ⁽¹⁾ | Sky Cloud and Lenovo ⁽²⁾ | 256 | \$48,000 | 111 |
| 2016-17 | - | - | - | - | - |
| 2017-18 | - | - | - | - | - |
| 2018-19 | - | - | - | - | - |
| 2019-20 | 400 (planned) | To be determined | Not applicable | | |

Notes: (1) The tablets were purchased for the 2016 Population By-census (16BC). Upon completion of the 16BC, part of the tablets (i.e. 111) were retained for use by the Government. The remaining tablets which were still functional were donated to non-government organisations.

(2) Models included Sky Cloud G808 and Lenovo Tab2 A8-50LC.

3. In 2019-20, C&SD plans to procure 400 tablets, with an estimated expenditure of \$1,220,000, by conducting a quotation exercise for conducting the Pilot Survey for the 2021 Population Census. The brand and model of the tablets will be known upon the completion of the quotation exercise.
4. C&SD commenced the feasibility study for the computer systems and web applications for the 2021 Population Census in 2017-18. In 2019-20, the estimated expenditure of the feasibility study is \$147,000. The expenditure is solely to meet the contract fee for IT professional services.

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