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Question:

Please provide the number of households who are engaged in economic activities as a whole and whose income are less than 70% of the median household income.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (LegCo internal reference no.: 7103)

Reply:

Based on the data obtained from the General Household Survey conducted by the Census and Statistics Department, among all economically active domestic households, the number of households with monthly household income⁽¹⁾ (excluding foreign domestic helpers) less than 70% of the median monthly household income of economically active households of the same size (excluding foreign domestic helpers) in 2017 was 604 300.

Note:

- (1) Household income includes earnings (before deduction of Mandatory Provident Fund contributions) from all jobs and other cash income received in the month before enumeration by all members of the household. Other cash income includes income generated from rent income, interest, dividends, regular/monthly pensions and insurance annuity benefits, regular contribution from persons outside the household, regular contribution from charities and all government subsidies (for example, allowance from Comprehensive Social Security Assistance Scheme), and Old Age Living Allowance, etc.).

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