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Question:

Against the backdrop of global warming, the warming trend in Hong Kong has been exacerbated by local urbanisation. In this connection, has the Hong Kong Observatory (HKO) set aside resources for additional manpower to enhance, by way of different approaches and activities, public understanding of the necessary adaptation and resilience measures in combating the impacts of climate change?

Asked by: Hon CHAN Chun-ying (LegCo internal reference no.: 27)

Reply:

The Hong Kong Observatory (HKO) is committed to promoting public understanding of the mitigation, adaptation and resilience-building measures required in combating climate change impacts. HKO will continue to convey relevant messages to the public through various channels in future. These include public talks, social media posts, "Cool Met Stuff" public educational video clips, websites, and television and radio programmes, etc. The aforementioned work is part of HKO's day-to-day work. As the expenditure required has been subsumed under the regular provision for HKO, it is difficult to quantify the amounts separately.