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Head: (168) Hong Kong Observatory

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Programme: (2) Radiation Monitoring and Assessment

Controlling Officer: Director of the Hong Kong Observatory (SHUN Chi-ming)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:

1. Please state the number of times the Hong Kong Observatory (HKO) updated its webpage on radiation and the actual expenditure involved in 2018-19, and the estimated expenditure on publicising the webpage in 2019-20.
2. Please state the numbers of drills and exercises on emergency response conducted by the HKO in conjunction with other government departments as well as the relevant Guangdong counterparts, and the expenditure involved, in 2018-19. Please state the numbers of drills and exercises on emergency response expected to be conducted by the HKO in conjunction with other government departments as well as the relevant Guangdong counterparts, and the estimated expenditure involved, in 2019-20.

Asked by: Hon CHAN Tanya (LegCo internal reference no.: 66)

Reply:

1. HKO updates the information in the "Ambient Gamma Radiation Level in Hong Kong" webpage on an hourly basis. The webpage was updated more than 8 000 times in 2018-19. HKO utilizes its existing resources to publicize the webpage. No additional expenditure is involved.
2. HKO routinely carries out internal drills and exercises on radiation monitoring and assessment, and participates in inter-departmental drills and exercises with relevant departments. In 2018-19, a total of 22 drills and exercises were conducted. Besides, HKO also conducts monthly communication tests with relevant government departments, China Light and Power and the relevant Guangdong authorities. A total of 12 communication tests were conducted in 2018-19. 20 drills and exercises, as well as 12 communication tests are planned for 2019-20. HKO utilizes its existing resources to carry out the above-mentioned work. No additional expenditure is involved.