

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**SB277**

**(Question Serial No. 2057)**

Head: (23) Auxiliary Medical Service

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (1) Auxiliary Medical Service

Controlling Officer: Chief Staff Officer, Auxiliary Medical Service (HUI Wai-kwong, Sam)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:

1. Please use a table to list out the number of civil servant and non-civil service contract staff of Auxiliary Medical Service (AMS) in the past three years and 2015-16.
2. Will a staff joining AMS automatically become an AMS member at the same time? If yes, please use a table to list out the number of AMS staff of different grades who were enrolled as AMS members in the past three years.
3. If a staff is enrolled as an AMS member, will his overtime compensations be paid by overtime allowances for civil servants or by allowances for AMS members? Please use a table to list out the number of staff who worked overtime and received overtime allowances for civil servants and allowances for AMS members respectively in the past three years.
4. If a staff is enrolled as an AMS member, will his allowances for AMS members for overtime work be calculated according to a ratio of 2:1 (i.e. two hours of work compensated by one hour of allowances)? What is the hourly rate on average?

Asked by: Hon POON Siu-ping (Member Question No. 24)

Reply:

1. The establishment of Auxiliary Medical Service (AMS) is listed below:

Year	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16
Civil servant	96	96	99	99

AMS does not employ any non-civil service contract staff.

2. Staff of Common & Departmental Grades in AMS, including grades of Staff Officer, Operations and Training Officer, Hospital Foreman, Artisan and Workman II, etc., will automatically become AMS members. However, those staff of General Grades deployed from other departments, including grades of Supplies Supervisor and Driver, etc., may join as AMS members at their own discretion. The number of civil servants of different grades enrolled as AMS members in the past three years is listed below:

Year	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
Common & Departmental Grades:			
Number of staff	<b>50</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>53</b>
General Grades:			
Number of staff	<b>11</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>7</b>

3. If civil servants are also enrolled as AMS members and perform AMS duties outside civil service working hours, they are working in the capacity of AMS members. Their allowances will only be paid in the form of pay and allowances for AMS members. The number of civil servants who received pay and allowances for AMS members in the past three years is listed below:

Year	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
Number of staff	<b>55</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>53</b>

4. The pay and allowances for AMS members are paid as hourly pay or daily pay in accordance with the Auxiliary Forces Pay and Allowances Ordinance, Cap. 254, Laws of Hong Kong. The pay and allowances for service less than 8 hours are calculated on an hourly basis, while those for service for 8 hours or more are calculated on a daily basis.

In respect of continuous duty for more than 8 hours in any period of 24 hours, AMS members will also receive special allowances apart from the daily pay, i.e. from the 9th to 16th hours, their hourly rate of pay and allowances are calculated as half of the appropriate hourly rate of pay.

On average, the pay and allowances for AMS rank and file members is \$48.3 per hour, and that for the officer rank is \$110.9.

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**SB755**

**(Question Serial No. 6926)**

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Programme: (1) Auxiliary Medical Service

Controlling Officer: Chief Staff Officer, Auxiliary Medical Service (HUI Wai-kwong, Sam)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:

How many ambulances are there in Auxiliary Medical Service (AMS) at present and what are their periods of service life?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Member Question No. 853)

Reply:

The number of ambulances owned by the AMS at present and their periods of service life are as follows:

Service Life of the Vehicle	Number of Ambulance
Less than 2 years	3
2-3 years	2
8-9 years	4
<b>Total:</b>	<b>9</b>

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**SB756**

**(Question Serial No. 5295)**

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Programme: (1) Auxiliary Medical Service

Controlling Officer: Chief Staff Officer, Auxiliary Medical Service (HUI Wai-kwong, Sam)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:

Please list out the estimated expenditure for the provision of decontamination training to Auxiliary Medical Service (AMS) members for response to nuclear emergencies in 2015-16.

Asked by: Hon KWOK Ka-ki (Member Question No. 121)

Reply:

In 2015-16, the decontamination training provided by the AMS to members for response to nuclear emergencies is part of the regular training programme. No additional resources are involved and thus there is no separate estimated expenditure for this kind of training.