

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 1482)**

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:

Auxiliary Medical Service (AMS) plans to recruit 700 new cadets in the coming financial year. 400 of them are recruited due to the expansion of the cadet establishment. A total of 300 new cadets will be recruited each year afterward, with the goal of recruiting a force of 3 000 cadets by 2019. It is good to see that youths participate in disciplinary training and social services. However, by having a yearly expansion of such a large number of new members, is a continuous growth of the demand for social services expected in the coming few years?

Is it the reason why the provision required for the item “**Other Charges ... Pay and allowances for the auxiliary services**” under Subhead 000 Operational expenses is \$38.324 million, representing an increase of over 14% over that of last financial year?

Asked by: Hon NG Leung-sing (Member Question No. 1)

Reply:

The establishment of the AMS Cadet Corps is to provide youths aged 12 to 17 with diversified training, group and social service activities as a way of acquiring practical and leadership skills, developing self-confidence, a sense of responsibility, self-discipline, devotion to serving others, and broadening their social network and horizons. The aim of expanding the Cadet Corps is to provide more development opportunities to youths and not to cater for the demand for social services.

The increase for the item “Other Charges - Pay and allowances for the auxiliary services” under Subhead 000 Operational expenses reflects the factors relating to the expansion of Cadet Corps and the adjustment of the pay and allowances of the AMS etc.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**SB251**

**(Question Serial No. 1483)**

Head: (23) Auxiliary Medical Service

Subhead (No. & title): (661) Minor plant, vehicles and equipment (block vote)

Programme: (1) Auxiliary Medical Service

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

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:

The provision of Auxiliary Medical Service (AMS) under Subhead 661 (block vote) represents an upsurge of 351.5% over that of last financial year which reflects an increased requirement for scheduled replacement of minor plant and equipment. How long will the scheduled replacement take and what plants will be replaced in the next financial year? Is the existing plant beyond repair and going to be replaced by another one, or a new type of plant will be purchased?

Asked by: Hon NG Leung-sing (Member Question No. 2)

Reply:

The cooler, water pump and other related equipment of the central air-conditioning system in the AMS Headquarters building have been used for over 13 years. Major parts are no longer in production. Continued repair and maintenance is considered not cost effective, hence replacement is needed. The replacement work is expected to be completed in February 2017.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****SB252****(Question Serial No. 1742)**Head: (23) Auxiliary Medical ServiceSubhead (No. & title): (-) Not specifiedProgramme: (1) Auxiliary Medical ServiceControlling Officer: Chief Staff Officer, Auxiliary Medical Service (HUI Wai-kwong, Sam)Director of Bureau: Secretary for SecurityQuestion:

- (a) One of the services provided by the Auxiliary Medical Service is to man 20 methadone clinics for the Department of Health, and provide clinical service to this category of patients. Please provide the information for 2015-16 by using the table below.

Methadone clinics	Number of volunteers on duty	Number of volunteers with 9 hours of duty or more per day	Total expenses of the pay and allowances of volunteers (2015-16) (\$)
Eastern Street Methadone Clinic			
Violet Peel Methadone Clinic			
Ho Man Tin Methadone Clinic			
Robert Black Methadone Clinic			
Sham Shui Po Methadone Clinic			
Lady Trench Methadone Clinic			
Cheung Chau Methadone Clinic			
Aberdeen Methadone Clinic			
Shau Kei Wan Methadone Clinic			
Hung Hom Methadone Clinic			
Kwun Tong Methadone Clinic			
Lee Kee Methadone Clinic			
Ngau Tau Kok Methadone Clinic			
Wu York Yu Methadone Clinic			
Yau Ma Tei Methadone Clinic			
Sha Tin (Tai Wai) Methadone Clinic			
Shek Wu Hui Methadone Clinic			
Tai Po Methadone Clinic			
Tuen Mun Methadone Clinic			
Yuen Long Methadone Clinic			

- (b) In accordance with the Auxiliary Forces Pay and Allowances Ordinance, for a continuous duty for 8 hours or more, AMS members will only receive ex-gratia grants calculated as 50% of the appropriate hourly rate of pay after the 8th hour. This practice will possibly cause unfairness and affect members' morale. Will the authority review the policy? If yes, what will be reviewed specifically? If not, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon POON Siu-ping (Member Question No. 33)

Reply:

(a)

Methadone clinics	Number of volunteers on duty	Number of volunteers with 9 hours of duty or more per day	Total expenses of the pay and allowances of volunteers (2015-16) (as at the end of January 2016) (\$)
Eastern Street Methadone Clinic	3	3	579,719
Violet Peel Methadone Clinic	10	0	1,910,948
Ho Man Tin Methadone Clinic	3	3	596,109
Robert Black Methadone Clinic	10	0	2,037,073
Sham Shui Po Methadone Clinic	14	0	2,591,512
Lady Trench Methadone Clinic	10	0	1,857,645
Cheung Chau Methadone Clinic	2	0	353,148
Aberdeen Methadone Clinic	3	0	360,498
Shau Kei Wan Methadone Clinic	3	0	331,387
Hung Hom Methadone Clinic	3	0	305,165
Kwun Tong Methadone Clinic	5	0	522,447
Lee Kee Methadone Clinic	3	0	352,601
Ngau Tau Kok Methadone Clinic	4	0	403,315
Wu York Yu Methadone Clinic	3	0	324,336
Yau Ma Tei Methadone Clinic	6	0	1,051,338
Sha Tin (Tai Wai) Methadone Clinic	4	0	405,548
Shek Wu Hui Methadone Clinic	4	0	455,144
Tai Po Methadone Clinic	3	0	335,595
Tuen Mun Methadone Clinic	5	0	865,060
Yuen Long Methadone Clinic	4	0	434,212

- (b) The arrangement of pay and allowances for AMS members is drawn up in accordance with the Auxiliary Forces Pay and Allowances Ordinance, Cap. 254, Laws of Hong Kong, and the decision concerning ex-gratia grants made by the Finance Committee of the Legislative Council on 6 August 1980. The pay and allowances for AMS members who undertake training or duty for 8 hours or less are calculated according to the appropriate hourly rate. In respect of aggregated training or duty for more than 8 but less than 16 hours in any period of 24 hours, AMS members will receive ex-gratia grants calculated at 50% of the appropriate hourly rate of pay after the 8th hour.

In order that members' personal safety and service quality are not compromised by fatigue, it is our policy that the aggregated training or duty of a member for more than 8 hours in any period of 24 hours should be avoided, unless under exceptional circumstances or with prior permission. The existing policy is effective in ensuring member's personal safety and service quality in accordance with the Ordinance.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**SB526**

**(Question Serial No. 5942)**

Head: (23) Auxiliary Medical Service

Subhead: ( )

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 2016-17.

Asked by: Dr Hon KWOK Ka-ki (Member Question No. 160)

Reply:

The decontamination training for AMS members for response to nuclear emergencies is part of the regular training programme and therefore no additional estimated expenditure is involved.

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