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Question:

As a structural and continuous decrease is observed in the projected school-age population, secondary schools may have to confront the crisis of class reduction and school closure. Will the Government advise this Committee of –

(1) the number of students in secondary schools (including government schools, aided schools, Direct Subsidy Scheme schools, international schools, caput schools and other private schools) in each of the 18 districts in Hong Kong, as well as the grand total in the past 3 school years and the projected number in the next 2 school years (i.e. 2023/24 and 2024/25)?

Asked by: Hon TIEN Puk-sun, Michael

Reply:

The numbers of students in secondary schools by district, grade and sector from the 2020/21 to 2022/23 school years are set out at Annex 1. As the situation varies across districts, some districts may have only a few schools of a particular sector. To avoid direct identification of individual schools, sectors are only classified into “Public sector and Direct Subsidy Scheme (DSS) schools” and “Private schools”.

Figures on projected mid-year school-age population aged 12 to 17 residing in Hong Kong by district from 2023 to 2024 are set out at Annex 2. School-age population aged 12 to 17 is generally considered to be receiving secondary education (attending the Secondary One (S1) to Secondary Six (S6) classes). The above population projections cover persons irrespective of whether they are enrolled in schools or not. Students under or above the age group concerned may also enrol in secondary schools, while persons over the age of 15 have more options apart from attending secondary schools (such as seeking employment or pursuing vocational and professional training). As regards the numbers by district, since parents may choose a school for their children in districts other than their residential districts, the figures provided in the Annex should not be taken as the projected number of students in secondary schools.

**Numbers of students in secondary schools by district, grade and sector  
from the 2020/21 to 2022/23 school years**

District	Grade	2020/21			2021/22			2022/23		
		Public sector and DSS schools	Private schools	Total	Public sector and DSS schools	Private schools	Total	Public sector and DSS schools	Private schools	Total
Central & Western	S1	1 649	308	1 957	1 635	298	1 933	1 614	335	1 949
	S2	1 596	292	1 888	1 501	306	1 807	1 496	298	1 794
	S3	1 535	286	1 821	1 442	269	1 711	1 349	279	1 628
	S4	1 408	274	1 682	1 405	277	1 682	1 315	262	1 577
	S5	1 336	226	1 562	1 257	257	1 514	1 279	258	1 537
	S6	1 261	193	1 454	1 210	199	1 409	1 171	235	1 406
	S7	0	207	207	0	184	184	0	186	186
	All grades	8 785	1 786	10 571	8 450	1 790	10 240	8 224	1 853	10 077
Wan Chai	S1	1 943	167	2 110	1 809	159	1 968	1 764	179	1 943
	S2	1 956	170	2 126	1 772	151	1 923	1 645	134	1 779
	S3	1 795	164	1 959	1 788	147	1 935	1 608	113	1 721
	S4	1 791	115	1 906	1 628	103	1 731	1 656	104	1 760
	S5	1 621	136	1 757	1 602	132	1 734	1 422	103	1 525
	S6	1 586	125	1 711	1 509	128	1 637	1 494	99	1 593
	S7	0	122	122	0	125	125	0	110	110
	All grades	10 692	999	11 691	10 108	945	11 053	9 589	842	10 431
Eastern	S1	3 381	440	3 821	3 104	478	3 582	3 039	465	3 504
	S2	3 341	447	3 788	3 218	483	3 701	2 920	454	3 374
	S3	3 103	415	3 518	3 205	414	3 619	3 115	409	3 524
	S4	2 966	222	3 188	2 948	313	3 261	3 070	304	3 374
	S5	2 777	274	3 051	2 711	285	2 996	2 738	341	3 079
	S6	2 629	245	2 874	2 586	258	2 844	2 539	270	2 809
	S7	0	140	140	0	148	148	0	173	173
	All grades	18 197	2 183	20 380	17 772	2 379	20 151	17 421	2 416	19 837
Southern	S1	1 556	1 311	2 867	1 495	1 322	2 817	1 389	1 327	2 716
	S2	1 559	1 305	2 864	1 404	1 310	2 714	1 365	1 269	2 634
	S3	1 433	1 188	2 621	1 450	1 219	2 669	1 339	1 225	2 564
	S4	1 378	1 065	2 443	1 314	1 121	2 435	1 347	1 124	2 471
	S5	1 236	921	2 157	1 246	950	2 196	1 154	999	2 153
	S6	1 173	792	1 965	1 128	856	1 984	1 155	849	2 004
	S7	0	725	725	0	712	712	0	766	766
	All grades	8 335	7 307	15 642	8 037	7 490	15 527	7 749	7 559	15 308
Sham Shui Po	S1	3 374	370	3 744	3 320	341	3 661	3 233	323	3 556
	S2	3 514	344	3 858	3 236	342	3 578	3 194	332	3 526
	S3	3 354	258	3 612	3 388	284	3 672	3 097	302	3 399
	S4	2 991	240	3 231	3 016	211	3 227	3 145	241	3 386
	S5	2 853	175	3 028	2 783	208	2 991	2 789	192	2 981
	S6	2 689	148	2 837	2 701	139	2 840	2 620	160	2 780
	S7	0	90	90	0	93	93	0	87	87
	All grades	18 775	1 625	20 400	18 444	1 618	20 062	18 078	1 637	19 715

District	Grade	2020/21			2021/22			2022/23		
		Public sector and DSS schools	Private schools	Total	Public sector and DSS schools	Private schools	Total	Public sector and DSS schools	Private schools	Total
Yau Tsim Mong	S1	2 166	16	2 182	2 142	12	2 154	2 078	1	2 079
	S2	2 148	20	2 168	2 052	10	2 062	2 049	4	2 053
	S3	2 044	9	2 053	2 040	8	2 048	1 964	0	1 964
	S4	2 132	7	2 139	2 089	10	2 099	2 100	16	2 116
	S5	2 047	17	2 064	1 972	20	1 992	1 936	10	1 946
	S6	1 929	61	1 990	1 885	43	1 928	1 862	39	1 901
	S7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	All grades	12 466	130	12 596	12 180	103	12 283	11 989	70	12 059
Kowloon City	S1	4 723	678	5 401	4 644	689	5 333	4 549	696	5 245
	S2	4 724	698	5 422	4 471	706	5 177	4 358	685	5 043
	S3	4 459	671	5 130	4 409	685	5 094	4 207	682	4 889
	S4	4 393	555	4 948	4 317	641	4 958	4 197	652	4 849
	S5	4 099	500	4 599	3 993	561	4 554	3 936	591	4 527
	S6	3 867	417	4 284	3 734	451	4 185	3 660	479	4 139
	S7	0	316	316	0	292	292	0	323	323
	All grades	26 265	3 835	30 100	25 568	4 025	29 593	24 907	4 108	29 015
Wong Tai Sin	S1	2 721	130	2 851	2 656	114	2 770	2 484	115	2 599
	S2	2 807	107	2 914	2 673	123	2 796	2 562	106	2 668
	S3	2 728	95	2 823	2 701	89	2 790	2 584	120	2 704
	S4	2 498	85	2 583	2 591	84	2 675	2 527	63	2 590
	S5	2 405	64	2 469	2 324	70	2 394	2 422	76	2 498
	S6	2 374	63	2 437	2 262	54	2 316	2 193	63	2 256
	S7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	All grades	15 533	544	16 077	15 207	534	15 741	14 772	543	15 315
Kwun Tong	S1	4 277	248	4 525	4 216	246	4 462	4 099	267	4 366
	S2	4 277	221	4 498	4 270	221	4 491	4 150	221	4 371
	S3	4 107	174	4 281	4 221	176	4 397	4 211	171	4 382
	S4	3 995	137	4 132	3 991	163	4 154	4 119	141	4 260
	S5	3 960	108	4 068	3 785	133	3 918	3 771	145	3 916
	S6	3 774	88	3 862	3 736	99	3 835	3 608	104	3 712
	S7	0	85	85	0	79	79	0	87	87
	All grades	24 390	1 061	25 451	24 219	1 117	25 336	23 958	1 136	25 094
Tsuen Wan	S1	1 545	0	1 545	1 563	8	1 571	1 468	9	1 477
	S2	1 620	0	1 620	1 530	16	1 546	1 520	7	1 527
	S3	1 532	0	1 532	1 558	4	1 562	1 487	8	1 495
	S4	1 525	0	1 525	1 462	8	1 470	1 514	5	1 519
	S5	1 474	0	1 474	1 418	6	1 424	1 349	4	1 353
	S6	1 390	0	1 390	1 383	3	1 386	1 348	3	1 351
	S7	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	3	3
	All grades	9 086	0	9 086	8 914	46	8 960	8 686	39	8 725

District	Grade	2020/21			2021/22			2022/23		
		Public sector and DSS schools	Private schools	Total	Public sector and DSS schools	Private schools	Total	Public sector and DSS schools	Private schools	Total
Tuen Mun	S1	4 051	132	4 183	3 918	131	4 049	3 748	132	3 880
	S2	4 012	132	4 144	3 877	133	4 010	3 729	133	3 862
	S3	3 689	135	3 824	3 864	125	3 989	3 760	119	3 879
	S4	3 388	135	3 523	3 550	132	3 682	3 683	123	3 806
	S5	3 071	97	3 168	3 141	122	3 263	3 285	119	3 404
	S6	2 924	94	3 018	2 865	99	2 964	2 940	111	3 051
	S7	0	78	78	0	90	90	0	94	94
	All grades	21 135	803	21 938	21 215	832	22 047	21 145	831	21 976
Yuen Long	S1	5 455	0	5 455	5 133	0	5 133	4 914	0	4 914
	S2	5 116	0	5 116	5 290	0	5 290	4 919	0	4 919
	S3	4 751	0	4 751	4 902	0	4 902	5 090	0	5 090
	S4	4 428	0	4 428	4 529	0	4 529	4 662	0	4 662
	S5	4 061	0	4 061	4 150	0	4 150	4 202	0	4 202
	S6	3 941	46	3 987	3 827	0	3 827	3 903	0	3 903
	S7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	All grades	27 752	46	27 798	27 831	0	27 831	27 690	0	27 690
North	S1	3 132	91	3 223	3 034	81	3 115	3 103	84	3 187
	S2	3 196	88	3 284	3 088	88	3 176	3 001	73	3 074
	S3	2 951	56	3 007	3 108	73	3 181	3 014	79	3 093
	S4	2 438	61	2 499	2 855	44	2 899	2 968	60	3 028
	S5	2 373	51	2 424	2 324	55	2 379	2 708	36	2 744
	S6	2 173	34	2 207	2 217	48	2 265	2 171	35	2 206
	S7	0	29	29	0	31	31	0	42	42
	All grades	16 263	410	16 673	16 626	420	17 046	16 965	409	17 374
Tai Po	S1	2 513	155	2 668	2 366	191	2 557	2 289	209	2 498
	S2	2 463	110	2 573	2 415	161	2 576	2 274	181	2 455
	S3	2 337	64	2 401	2 368	90	2 458	2 346	148	2 494
	S4	2 132	21	2 153	2 176	49	2 225	2 246	87	2 333
	S5	1 919	17	1 936	2 006	25	2 031	2 032	51	2 083
	S6	1 779	0	1 779	1 791	14	1 805	1 879	16	1 895
	S7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	15	15
	All grades	13 143	367	13 510	13 122	530	13 652	13 066	707	13 773
Sha Tin	S1	5 761	457	6 218	5 512	458	5 970	5 221	457	5 678
	S2	5 496	442	5 938	5 520	450	5 970	5 251	461	5 712
	S3	5 060	438	5 498	5 223	431	5 654	5 207	438	5 645
	S4	4 824	418	5 242	4 758	416	5 174	4 891	425	5 316
	S5	4 512	415	4 927	4 607	394	5 001	4 492	411	4 903
	S6	4 222	373	4 595	4 112	377	4 489	4 254	353	4 607
	S7	0	373	373	0	365	365	0	356	356
	All grades	29 875	2 916	32 791	29 732	2 891	32 623	29 316	2 901	32 217

District	Grade	2020/21			2021/22			2022/23		
		Public sector and DSS schools	Private schools	Total	Public sector and DSS schools	Private schools	Total	Public sector and DSS schools	Private schools	Total
Sai Kung	S1	3 267	146	3 413	3 051	135	3 186	2 761	88	2 849
	S2	3 233	136	3 369	3 050	129	3 179	2 864	102	2 966
	S3	3 091	104	3 195	3 083	113	3 196	2 880	95	2 975
	S4	2 733	102	2 835	2 882	98	2 980	2 880	75	2 955
	S5	2 522	41	2 563	2 498	48	2 546	2 581	44	2 625
	S6	2 438	40	2 478	2 347	39	2 386	2 371	45	2 416
	S7	0	19	19	0	30	30	0	24	24
	All grades	17 284	588	17 872	16 911	592	17 503	16 337	473	16 810
Islands	S1	882	208	1 090	882	199	1 081	861	182	1 043
	S2	899	198	1 097	873	198	1 071	871	161	1 032
	S3	808	194	1 002	860	189	1 049	818	178	996
	S4	793	164	957	768	159	927	796	145	941
	S5	757	140	897	734	143	877	684	147	831
	S6	735	129	864	719	122	841	716	126	842
	S7	0	119	119	0	111	111	0	97	97
	All grades	4 874	1 152	6 026	4 836	1 121	5 957	4 746	1 036	5 782
Kwai Tsing	S1	3 692	0	3 692	3 618	0	3 618	3 405	0	3 405
	S2	3 626	0	3 626	3 620	0	3 620	3 495	0	3 495
	S3	3 438	0	3 438	3 535	0	3 535	3 521	0	3 521
	S4	3 362	0	3 362	3 335	0	3 335	3 427	0	3 427
	S5	3 231	0	3 231	3 184	0	3 184	3 110	0	3 110
	S6	3 060	0	3 060	3 030	0	3 030	3 006	0	3 006
	S7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	All grades	20 409	0	20 409	20 322	0	20 322	19 964	0	19 964
All districts	S1	56 088	4 857	60 945	54 098	4 862	58 960	52 019	4 869	56 888
	S2	55 583	4 710	60 293	53 860	4 827	58 687	51 663	4 621	56 284
	S3	52 215	4 251	56 466	53 145	4 316	57 461	51 597	4 366	55 963
	S4	49 175	3 601	52 776	49 614	3 829	53 443	50 543	3 827	54 370
	S5	46 254	3 182	49 436	45 735	3 409	49 144	45 890	3 527	49 417
	S6	43 944	2 848	46 792	43 042	2 929	45 971	42 890	2 987	45 877
	S7	0	2 303	2 303	0	2 261	2 261	0	2 363	2 363
	All grades	303 259	25 752	329 011	299 494	26 433	325 927	294 602	26 560	321 162

## Notes:

- (1) Figures for the 2020/21 school year refer to the position as at mid-October, and others refer to the position as at mid-September of the respective school years.
- (2) Figures include ordinary secondary day schools, but not special schools. Some of the non-public sector schools offer non-local formal curriculum courses.
- (3) School districts are delineated by the District Council districts of the school premises. The districts for schools with decanting premises are based on the District Council districts of the original premises.

**Projected mid-year school-age population aged 12 to 17  
residing in Hong Kong by district  
from 2023 to 2024**

District	2023			2024		
	Aged 12	Aged 17	Aged 12 to 17	Aged 12	Aged 17	Aged 12 to 17
Central & Western	1 700	1 200	9 400	1 500	1 700	9 500
Wan Chai	1 400	900	6 700	1 100	1 000	6 800
Eastern	5 100	3 400	25 000	4 800	3 800	26 100
Southern	2 500	1 800	13 100	2 400	1 900	13 600
Sham Shui Po	4 900	3 500	24 600	5 000	3 600	26 200
Yau Tsim Mong	2 300	1 900	13 400	2 500	2 000	13 700
Kowloon City	3 800	2 800	20 500	3 900	3 200	22 000
Wong Tai Sin	3 800	3 100	20 600	3 800	3 100	21 400
Kwun Tong	7 100	6 000	39 400	6 700	6 400	40 200
Tsuen Wan	2 800	1 900	14 400	2 400	2 400	14 800
Tuen Mun	5 000	4 300	27 300	4 800	4 200	27 900
Yuen Long	6 500	5 200	34 100	6 200	5 000	35 300
North	3 500	2 900	19 400	3 300	3 200	19 800
Tai Po	2 800	2 900	17 300	2 900	2 700	17 600
Sha Tin	7 200	5 500	37 400	6 800	5 600	38 600
Sai Kung	4 400	3 400	23 300	4 400	3 900	24 400
Islands	1 900	1 200	9 300	2 200	1 400	10 100
Kwai Tsing	4 800	3 800	25 200	4 700	3 800	26 100
All districts	71 600	55 700	380 500	69 500	58 800	394 200

- Notes: (1) The projected figures on school-age population residing in Hong Kong are compiled with reference to the 2019-based Population Projections released by the Census and Statistics Department in September 2020 and the “Projections of Population Distribution 2021-2029” released by the Planning Department in March 2021. The projections have taken into account a number of factors and assumptions. Any deviations in the assumptions from the eventual situation may render the projected figures different from the actual turnout figures.
- (2) Persons aged 12 to 17 are considered suitable for secondary education (i.e. S1 to S6).
- (3) Figures refer to the projected number of local persons (i.e. Hong Kong usual residents) aged 12 to 17 residing in the districts concerned. The projected figures should not be taken as the projected number of students attending schools in the districts concerned. The latter would be affected by the prevailing distribution of school places, demand for school places and parental choices. Persons under the age of 12 or over the age of 17 may also receive secondary education.
- (4) Figures are rounded to the nearest hundred and may not add up to the respective totals due to rounding.

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