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Question:

In 2019-20, the Lands Department will continue to enhance MyMapHK and VoiceMapHK mobile map apps to facilitate access by the public and the visually impaired. In this connection, will the Government inform this Committee of the following:

1. of the two smartphone apps, a breakdown of the expenditure involved and the staff establishment for operation over the past three years, and a breakdown of the estimated expenditure to be incurred in 2019-20; and
2. of the two smartphone apps, the cumulative number of downloads so far, as well as the average number of daily users.

Asked by: Hon LAU Ip-keung, Kenneth (LegCo internal reference no.: 31)

Reply:

1. MyMapHK and VoiceMapHK mobile map apps as pilot apps were developed and are maintained by the Lands Department using existing resources. No additional resources are involved and no separate breakdown of past and estimated expenditure is available.
2. As at 28 February 2019, the cumulative number of downloads of MyMapHK is 233 006. In 2018, the total number of active usage sessions serviced by MyMapHK is 2 865 712.

VoiceMapHK was developed to support the digital inclusion initiative for the visually impaired community with a population of 175 000 in Hong Kong. As at 28 February 2019, the cumulative number of downloads of VoiceMapHK is 6 836. In 2018, the total number of active usage sessions serviced by VoiceMapHK is 1 270.

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