

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****SB188****(Question Serial No. 3538)**Head: (27) Civil Aid ServiceSubhead (No. & title): ()Programme: (1) Civil Aid ServiceControlling Officer: Chief Staff Officer, Civil Aid Service (LEUNG Kwun-hong)Director of Bureau: Secretary for SecurityQuestion:

Ever since the outbreak of COVID-19 in 2019, the Civil Aid Service has provided various types of support for the anti-epidemic work of the Government, including assisting in the management of community isolation facilities, execute restriction-testing declaration operations, carry out enforcement work in accordance with the Prevention and Control of Disease Ordinance (Cap. 599), etc. What are the resources involved? For example, what are the number of deployed manpower, emoluments and expenses on overtime payment?

Asked by: Hon WONG Chun-sek, Edmund (LegCo internal reference no.: 10)Reply:

During the outbreak of the COVID-19 epidemic from January 2020 to February 2023, the Civil Aid Service (CAS) consistently assisted the Government in managing a number of quarantine centres, quarantine hotels and community isolation facilities.

During the above period, the CAS deployed about 340 000 man-shifts of volunteer members who participated in anti-epidemic duty, reaching a total of 3.26 million service hours. The related expenses on pay and allowance are as follows:-

Year	Expenses on Pay and Allowance
2020	\$86,376,870
2021	\$94,336,637
2022	\$138,603,484

*\*Note: The calculation on the expenses on pay and allowance in relation to anti-epidemic work in 2023 is still in progress*

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