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Question:
The passage of Super Typhoon Mangkhut two years ago revealed the problem of insufficient berthing spaces at typhoon shelters and their poor management. Therefore, the maritime industry has requested the Government to increase the number of typhoon shelters to ensure that trading vessels will have sufficient berthing spaces during the passage of typhoons, and to strengthen the management of typhoon shelters and improve typhoon shelter facilities. In 2020-21, the Marine Department (MD) will continue to follow up the recommendations of the review on berthing and sheltered space for local vessels in Hong Kong. Please advise this Committee on the latest progress of the follow-up of the sheltered space review. Before the coming of the summer typhoon season this year, what are the work plan and expenditure involved in enhancing typhoon shelter facilities?

Asked by: Hon YICK Chi-ming, Frankie (LegCo internal reference no.: 20)

Reply:

To follow up on the recommendations of the Review on Berthing and Sheltered Spaces for Local Vessels in Hong Kong, MD has set up a new private mooring area in Hei Ling Chau Typhoon Shelter (HLCTS). As at March 2020, we have approved a total of 103 applications for laying private mooring in HLCTS, with 18 private moorings already laid. In addition, through administrative means, MD has designated an area of about 15 hectares within the Kwun Tong Typhoon Shelter for the exclusive mooring of non-pleasure vessels.

The implementation of the above measures forms part of the normal duties of the staff concerned and is undertaken with existing resources. There is no separate breakdown on the manpower and expenditure involved.

With regard to typhoon shelter facilities, MD will reflect the needs of local vessels’ trades to relevant works department for consideration.

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