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Question:
Regarding the improvement measures for typhoon shelters, please advise on the following:

(a) The Government has introduced a trial measure by designating an area in the Kwun Tong Typhoon Shelter (KTTS) for exclusive mooring of a certain class of vessels to prevent collisions and subsequent compensation claims that may arise. What are the effects of this trial measure so far as assessed by the Government?
(b) What is the progress of the private mooring area in Hei Ling Chau Typhoon Shelter (HLCTS) established by the Government? How many private moorings are there in that area at present? What are the figures on usage and other related details?

Asked by: Hon HO Chun-yin, Steven (LegCo internal reference no.: 6)

Reply:
(a) The Marine Department (MD) has, on a trial basis, designated through administrative means, a specific area within the KTTS for the exclusive mooring of non-pleasure vessels with a view to achieving better mooring management. Since the implementation of the measure in August 2017, it is estimated that about 15 hectares of the total mooring space in KTTS have become available for the exclusive mooring of non-pleasure vessels. MD will continue to monitor the situation and conduct regular patrols at KTTS to ensure the safe and orderly berthing of vessels.
(b) To increase the utilisation of the HLCTS, MD established a private mooring area in HLCTS in December 2017, and invited the submission of applications to lay private moorings in batches. As at 8 March 2019, MD processed two batches of applications and approved in total 88 applications for laying private moorings therein. Successful applicants have started to lay the private moorings. As at 8 March 2019, 13 private moorings were laid and the laying process is still ongoing. MD will continue to invite applications by phases.

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