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**Head:** (100) Marine Department

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**Programme:** (1) Infrastructure, (4) Services to Ships, (5) Government Fleet

**Controlling Officer:** Director of Marine (Agnes WONG)

**Director of Bureau:** Secretary for Transport and Housing

**Question:**

1. Please provide the specific figures for the tonnages of ships registered in Hong Kong in the past five years.

2. Please provide specific information on the expenditure on vessels management and the manpower involved in vessels management in the Marine Department (MD) in the past five years.

3. Please list the details of and the estimated expenditure for the implementation of the regulatory regime on local vessels and safety of shipboard works under the Merchant Shipping (Local Vessels) Ordinance (Cap 548) in 2020-2021.

**Asked by:** Hon CHAN Tanya (LegCo internal reference no.: 180)

**Reply:**

1. The total tonnages of Hong Kong-registered ships in the past five years are set out below:

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<tr>
<th>As at</th>
<th>31 March 2016</th>
<th>31 March 2017</th>
<th>31 March 2018</th>
<th>31 March 2019</th>
<th>29 February 2020</th>
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<tr>
<td>Total Gross Tonnage (million)</td>
<td>103.7</td>
<td>109.2</td>
<td>115.7</td>
<td>126.5</td>
<td>127.8</td>
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2. The expenditures incurred by MD for the management of the government fleet and the manpower involved in each of the past five years are as follows:
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<th>Year</th>
<th>Actual Expenditure ($ million)</th>
<th>Number of staff</th>
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<tr>
<td>2015-16</td>
<td>495.8</td>
<td>502</td>
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<td>2016-17</td>
<td>562.3</td>
<td>505</td>
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<td>2017-18</td>
<td>564.7</td>
<td>514</td>
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<td>2018-19</td>
<td>623.9</td>
<td>516</td>
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<td>2019-20</td>
<td>644.2 (estimate)</td>
<td>526</td>
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3. The Merchant Shipping (Local Vessels) Ordinance (Cap. 548) (the Ordinance) governs the construction and operation of local vessels. MD carries out initial and periodic surveys of ships and issues certificates to local vessels in accordance with the applicable legal requirements, including those stipulated under the Ordinance. In respect of the regulatory regime on safety of shipboard works, MD conducts regular safety inspections to ensure that vessel-related repairs, demolitions, cargo handling and marine construction works comply with the relevant safety requirements. In the event of non-compliance, warnings and directions will be issued to mandate rectification within a specified period. Where necessary, prosecutions will be conducted.

The regulatory work for local vessels and for safety of shipboard works is performed by MD’s staff as part of their normal duties. There is no separate breakdown of the manpower and expenditure involved.

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