

Press release

LCQ5: 2009 Annual Earnings and Hours Survey

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Following is a question by Dr the Hon Leung Ka-lau and a written reply by the Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury, Professor K C Chan, in the Legislative Council today (April 14):

Question:

On March 18 this year the Census and Statistics Department released the 2009 Report on Annual Earnings and Hours Survey (the Survey Report), which set out the hourly wage level and distribution of Hong Kong employees in the second quarter of 2009. In this connection, will the Government provide the following breakdown of the weekly working hours of employees in the second quarter of 2009 according to the data in the Survey Report:

(a) distribution of working hours of all employees (set out in Table 1 of Annex A);

(b) distribution of the total number of employees analysed by weekly working hours (set out in Table 2 of Annex A);

(c) the 10th, 25th, 50th, 75th, 80th, 85th, 90th and 95th percentiles of the weekly working hour distribution analysed by the following profiles (set out in the format used in Tables 9 to 13 of the Survey Report respectively):

(i) sex and age group;

(ii) sex and educational attainment;

(iii) occupational group and sex;

(iv) industry section (set out by all establishments and establishments with number of persons engaged less than 50 respectively); and

(v) industry section and occupational group; and

(d) distribution of the total number of employees analysed by industry section and weekly working hours (set out in the format used in Table 14(a) of the Survey Report, as in Table 3 of Annex A)?

Reply:

President,

According to the requests specified in items (a) to (d) of the question, the Census and Statistics Department has prepared Tables 1 to 4 in the Annex to present breakdown of weekly working hours (Note 1) of employees in the second quarter of 2009 for reference.

(Note 1: Working hours refer to the sum of the number of contractual/agreed working hours (not including rest time and meal break if no work is done or to be done during the time period concerned) and the number of paid overtime hours.)

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