

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**CEDB194**

**(Question Serial No. 1580)**

Head: (79) Invest Hong Kong

Subhead (No. & title): (-) -

Programme: (-) Investment Promotion

Controlling Officer: Director-General of Investment Promotion (Ms Alpha LAU)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Commerce and Economic Development

Question:

Under Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2026-27, Invest Hong Kong will collaborate with the Development Bureau, as well as other relevant bureaux and departments, to promote the opportunities presented in the Northern Metropolis, thereby attracting and assisting targeted industries to establish operations there. Please inform this Committee of the estimated amount of resources (including the manpower and financial provision) to be allocated this year for supporting the work on attracting enterprises and investment to the Northern Metropolis.

Asked by: Hon CHAN Chun-ying (LegCo internal reference no.: 11)

Reply:

Invest Hong Kong (InvestHK) has been proactively supporting and promoting business facilitation policies of various bureaux. Regarding the Northern Metropolis (NM), InvestHK works closely with the Development Bureau, the Innovation, Technology and Industry Bureau, and the Transport and Logistics Bureau to attract investment from key industries required by NM, including innovation and technology, green infrastructure and eco-tourism. The Department also promotes investment opportunities of NM to enterprises, and proactively follow up and assist them in establishing a presence in NM.

InvestHK organises various NM-related investment promotion activities, maintains close communication with and supports interested enterprises to facilitate their establishment in NM, including arranging site visits for leading global enterprises from industries such as construction machinery, building materials, and biopharmaceuticals. Also, InvestHK will continue to encourage enterprises to participate in NM tender projects and proactively arrange business matching between NM developers and relevant enterprises.

The manpower and expenditure involved in NM-related investment promotion work by InvestHK have been subsumed under its overall establishment and estimates and cannot be quantified separately.

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**CEDB195**

**(Question Serial No. 0316)**

Head: (79) Invest Hong Kong

Subhead (No. & title): (-) -

Programme: (-) Investment Promotion

Controlling Officer: Director-General of Investment Promotion (Ms Alpha LAU)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Commerce and Economic Development

Question:

Through its teams based in Hong Kong, the Dedicated Teams for Attracting Businesses and Talents based in the Mainland Offices and the overseas Hong Kong Economic and Trade Offices, as well as consultant offices in other locations, Invest Hong Kong (InvestHK) has all along been attracting and assisting companies around the world to set up or expand their businesses in Hong Kong. In this connection, will the Government inform this Committee of the following:

- (1) Please tabulate, with a breakdown by business sector such as finance, fintech, tourism and hospitality, the top three sources of investment, their numbers of enterprises and jobs created as well as total amounts of direct investment in the past 3 years;
- (2) Whether InvestHK has specific plans to enhance provision of information on Hong Kong's latest business environment, policies and development opportunities for potential investors and enterprises from the Mainland and overseas in the future;
- (3) Following the setting up of consultant offices in Egypt and Türkiye in 2024-25, whether the Government has plans to set up new consultant offices in other countries or regions in the future; if so, the considerations for the choice of locations and the implementation timetable;
- (4) To further tap into markets with potential such as Southeast Asia, the Middle East and Eastern Europe, what targeted measures will be introduced under the relevant promotional work of InvestHK in the coming 3 years, and what are the specific details of manpower and expenditure to be allocated; and
- (5) Whether InvestHK will recruit more talent who are familiar with target markets, including those with local experience or backgrounds, so as to strengthen its capability to attract businesses in key regions and industries; if so, the staffing and estimated expenditure involved; if not, the reasons.

Asked by: Hon HO King-hong, Adrian Pedro (LegCo internal reference no.: 19)

Reply:

Through its teams based in Hong Kong, the Dedicated Teams for Attracting Businesses and Talents based in the Mainland Offices and the overseas Hong Kong Economic and Trade Offices, as well as consultant offices in other locations, Invest Hong Kong (InvestHK) has all along been reaching out to a wide spectrum of companies in different sectors and industries around the world to attract and assist them to set up or expand their businesses in Hong Kong.

During 2023 to 2025, InvestHK had exceeded the performance indicator set out in the 2022 Policy Address by attracting a total of over 1 400 enterprises to set up or expand businesses in Hong Kong. Those enterprises are expected to bring in direct investment of around HK\$200 billion and create over 21 000 jobs in total in the first year of their establishment or expansion. The top 3 sectors and places of origin of those enterprises are as follows –

<b>Top 3 sectors</b>	<b>Total number of enterprises in 2023-2025</b>
Innovation and Technology	317
Financial Services and Fintech	317
Family Offices	201

<b>Top 3 places of origin</b>	<b>Total number of enterprises in 2023-2025</b>
Chinese Mainland	707
United States	128
United Kingdom	98

In view of the huge economic potential of the emerging markets, InvestHK set up consultant offices in Cairo, the capital of Egypt, and Izmir, the third-largest city in Türkiye in 2024-25, for attracting capital and enterprises from high-potential emerging countries in the Middle East and North Africa. These are the 3rd and the 4th consultant offices set up by the current-term Government since it took office, after the ones established in Nairobi, Kenya and Almaty, Kazakhstan.

InvestHK will continue to proactively explore relevant emerging markets to attract more inward direct investment from those markets to Hong Kong. For example, InvestHK will visit the Association of Southeast Asian Nations, Africa, Central Asia, Eastern Europe, South Asia and South America to meet with different enterprises and investment institutions, as well as organise and sponsor a series of events including roadshows, seminars and roundtables to provide them with the latest information on Hong Kong's business environment.

Relevant manpower and expenditure of InvestHK have been subsumed under its overall establishment and estimates and cannot be quantified separately.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 0085)**

Head: (79) Invest Hong Kong

Subhead (No. & title): (-) -

Programme: (-) Investment Promotion

Controlling Officer: Director-General of Investment Promotion (Ms Alpha LAU)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Commerce and Economic Development

Question:

It is mentioned in Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2026-27 and Details of Expenditure that the increased provision is mainly for supporting the Task Force on Supporting Mainland Enterprises in Going Global (GoGlobal Task Force) in formulating customised support for Chinese Mainland enterprises. In this connection, please inform this Committee:

- (1) How many Mainland enterprises are expected to be covered and supported by the GoGlobal Task Force in the first year? Which industries or sectors are the primary targets?
- (2) What are the specific estimated expenditure earmarked for supporting the GoGlobal Task Force and the staff establishment involved?
- (3) Have specific key performance indicators been set for the GoGlobal Task Force to measure its effectiveness in assisting enterprises to expand their businesses overseas? If so, what are the details? If not, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon LAM Siu-lo, Andrew (LegCo internal reference no.: 32)

Reply:

The 2025 Policy Address announced mobilising Hong Kong offices abroad, including those under Invest Hong Kong (InvestHK) and the Hong Kong Trade Development Council (HKTDC) as well as the Hong Kong offices in the Chinese Mainland, to form a one-stop platform and establishment of the cross-bureau, cross-departmental and cross-agency Task Force on Supporting Mainland Enterprises in Going Global (GoGlobal Task Force) to encourage Chinese Mainland enterprises to use Hong Kong as a platform to go global. The Secretary for Commerce and Economic Development steers the work of the GoGlobal Task Force and co-ordinates various bureaux, departments and agencies in formulating comprehensive support services tailored for different needs of enterprises and assisting them to go global through Hong Kong. InvestHK is responsible for the coordination between the

GoGlobal Task Force and Chinese Mainland enterprises, organising promotional activities and serving as the secretariat of the Steering Committee for the GoGlobal Task Force to coordinate the work of the members. Other GoGlobal Task Force members include the Department of Justice; the Constitutional and Mainland Affairs Bureau; the Financial Services and the Treasury Bureau; the Innovation, Technology and Industry Bureau; HKTDC; the Hong Kong Monetary Authority; the Hong Kong Exchanges and Clearing Limited; the Hong Kong Productivity Council; and the Hong Kong Export Credit Insurance Corporation.

Since the establishment of the GoGlobal Task Force in October 2025, the Steering Committee has held 3 meetings to formulate work and promotion plans. Amongst others, the GoGlobal Task Force organised the first large-scale promotional event, namely, “Hong Kong - The Ideal Platform for Mainland Enterprises in Going Global Promotion Conference”, at the margin of the China International Import Expo (CIIE) in Shanghai in November 2025, to promote Hong Kong’s unique advantages and roles in assisting Chinese Mainland enterprises to go global and encourage them to use Hong Kong as the platform to go global and explore overseas markets. The Chief Executive, as well as leaders from the Hong Kong and Macao Affairs Office of the State Council, the Shanghai Municipal Government and the Ministry of Commerce (MoC), attended the event. The event also successfully brought together a number of heavyweight speakers to share Hong Kong’s advantages in different areas and attracted over 500 enterprise representatives.

The Commerce and Economic Development Bureau and MoC signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) on strengthening co-operation and exchange in the provision of comprehensive overseas services in February this year. The MoU will strengthen co-operation and exchange in the provision of comprehensive overseas services by leveraging Hong Kong’s unique advantages of enjoying the strong support of the motherland and being closely connected to the world under “one country, two systems”, thereby fostering closer collaboration between Chinese Mainland enterprises seeking to go global and Hong Kong professional service providers, and strengthening the capacity of those Chinese Mainland enterprises in going global.

At present, the GoGlobal Task Force has already formulated a preliminary work plan. It will progressively commence a series of promotional activities to proactively attract Chinese Mainland enterprises to establish a presence in Hong Kong, and assist them to expand their businesses in overseas markets. It includes organising promotional events with various industry-specific themes in Hong Kong and Chinese Mainland provinces and cities to promote Hong Kong’s unique advantages, and attract Chinese Mainland enterprises interested in going global to set up businesses in Hong Kong and go global via Hong Kong. Drawing on the successful experience of the promotional event held during CIIE in Shanghai, the GoGlobal Task Force will continue to organise large-scale promotional events in the Chinese Mainland to enhance the promotional effect. In addition, overseas outbound missions to be led by Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Government officials will be organised to enable Chinese Mainland enterprises planning to go global to visit target overseas markets and grasp a better understanding of the local market situation.

Besides, InvestHK will proactively work towards the performance indicator set out in the 2025 Policy Address to attract at least 1 200 Chinese Mainland or overseas enterprises, including Chinese Mainland enterprises planning to go global through Hong Kong, to set up or expand businesses in Hong Kong between 2026 and 2027.

Manpower and expenditure for relevant work by the GoGlobal Task Force members have been subsumed under their respective overall establishment and estimates, and cannot be quantified separately.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 0884)**

Head: (79) Invest Hong Kong

Subhead (No. & title): (-) -

Programme: (-) Investment Promotion

Controlling Officer: Director-General of Investment Promotion (Ms Alpha LAU)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Commerce and Economic Development

Question:

As mentioned in Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2026-27, support will be provided to the Financial Secretary in leading the relevant departments in formulating packages of preferential policies including land grants, land premium, financial subsidies, and tax incentives, to attract strategic industries to set up businesses in Hong Kong. Please inform this Committee of:

- (1) the progress of formulating these packages of preferential policies, as well as the time expected for such initiative to be officially announced and launched at the latest;
- (2) the regions from which “the high value-added industries and high-potential enterprises” currently targeted mainly originate, and the number of related enterprises expected to be attracted to set up in Hong Kong in the first year.

Asked by: Hon LAM Siu-lo, Andrew (LegCo internal reference no.: 33)

Reply:

The 2025 Policy Address announced that the Financial Secretary (FS) would lead the relevant policy bureaux, departments, and public organisations in formulating packages of preferential policies including land grants, land premiums, financial subsidies, and tax incentives, to attract high value-added industries and high-potential enterprises to set up in Hong Kong, thereby promoting high-quality development. Invest Hong Kong (InvestHK) can use the preferential policy packages flexibly during negotiations with enterprises on settlement details, then report to the FS for approval.

The FS has set up the Steering Committee on Preferential Policies for Attracting Industries and Investment (Steering Committee) and formulated a preliminary framework, which would take into account a series of factors, including the enterprise's industry sector and its technology level, as well as the potential economic contributions and employment

opportunities it can bring to Hong Kong. As a member of the Steering Committee, InvestHK will work to attract key enterprises to set up in Hong Kong under the steer of the FS. Specific tasks will include –

- To conduct researches on different overseas markets to identify high-potential enterprises that can make significant contributions to Hong Kong's economy and industrial chain and attract them to set up businesses in Hong Kong;
- To act as a “relationship manager” to liaise with the potential enterprises on settlement terms, including assessing the enterprises' business needs and contributions to Hong Kong's economy, and seeking policy support from the relevant policy bureaux and the Steering Committee, with a view to proposing attractive preferential policy packages (such as land grant arrangements, financial subsidies or tax incentives) to the enterprises and attracting them to set up businesses in Hong Kong; and
- To provide customised services and follow up with enterprises on arrangements such as setting up businesses, land deeds, legal contracts, etc. to ensure that the enterprises concerned can set up their businesses and commence operations smoothly.

InvestHK and members of the Steering Committee are proactively taking forward the work related to the preferential policy packages. The Government will announce in due course when cases become mature.

Looking ahead, InvestHK will work towards the performance indicator set out in the 2025 Policy Address to attract at least 1 200 Chinese Mainland or overseas enterprises to set up or expand businesses in Hong Kong between 2026 and 2027, including high value-added industries and high-potential enterprises that may be eligible for the preferential policy packages.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**CEDB198**

**(Question Serial No. 0390)**

Head: (79) Invest Hong Kong

Subhead (No. & title): (-) -

Programme: (-) Investment Promotion

Controlling Officer: Director-General of Investment Promotion (Ms Alpha LAU)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Commerce and Economic Development

Question:

It is mentioned in the Programme that Invest Hong Kong will, in collaboration with the Investment Promotion Bureau of Shenzhen Municipality, continue to conduct joint investment promotion activities, and have signed a memorandum of understanding and organised joint investment forums, with a view to promoting the business environment and advantages of Hong Kong and Shenzhen. In this connection, will the Government inform this Committee of the number of joint investment promotion activities held in the past 3 years? Apart from forum(s), are there any other specific joint activities planned or scheduled for next year?

Asked by: Hon LAMPORT, Jonathan Stuart (LegCo internal reference no.: 33)

Reply:

Invest Hong Kong (InvestHK) has been collaborating with government authorities in various provinces and cities in the Chinese Mainland on investment promotion.

In past 3 years, InvestHK has collaborated with the Investment Promotion Bureau of Shenzhen Municipality to co-organise 20 investment promotion activities in various formats around the world. These included seminars, exchange sessions, roundtable fora held in Germany, Italy, the United Kingdom, Canada, Australia, Portugal and Belgium, etc., thereby promoting to local businesses the opportunities and complementary advantages brought by Hong Kong and Shenzhen being the core engines of the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area development.

InvestHK will continue to collaborate with the Investment Promotion Bureau of Shenzhen Municipality to proactively plan and organise more joint investment promotion activities worldwide to attract overseas enterprises to set up businesses in Hong Kong and expand into the Chinese Mainland market via Hong Kong.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**CEDB199**

**(Question Serial No. 0522)**

Head: (79) Invest Hong Kong

Subhead (No. & title): (-) -

Programme: (-) Investment Promotion

Controlling Officer: Director-General of Investment Promotion (Ms Alpha LAU)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Commerce and Economic Development

Question:

What is the total estimate for the expansion of overseas and Mainland network in 2026–27, and what are the specific purposes of this allocation (e.g. for setting up additional overseas offices, strengthening the Dedicated Teams, engaging more overseas consultants, etc.)?

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Tsz-wing, Dennis (LegCo internal reference no.: 39)

Reply:

Through its global investment promotion network, including Dedicated Teams for Attracting Businesses and Talents based in overseas Hong Kong Economic and Trade Offices, Invest Hong Kong (InvestHK) proactively identifies and reaches out to large multinational corporations and leading enterprises with high potential and economic value, so as to attract and assist them in setting up and expanding their businesses in Hong Kong.

InvestHK's expenditure on its overseas network, including staff expenditure, has been subsumed under its overall estimates and cannot be quantified separately.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**CEDB200**

**(Question Serial No. 2041)**

Head: (79) Invest Hong Kong

Subhead (No. & title): (-) -

Programme: (-) Investment Promotion

Controlling Officer: Director-General of Investment Promotion (Ms Alpha LAU)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Commerce and Economic Development

Question:

Last year, Invest Hong Kong (InvestHK) assisted 560 enterprises to set up or expand businesses in Hong Kong. Please inform this Committee of:

1. the estimated and actual expenditures of InvestHK by expenditure category in the past 3 years;
2. the respective numbers and percentages of enterprises assisted by InvestHK in setting up or expanding businesses in Hong Kong, broken down by sector or business, in the past 3 years; and the respective numbers and percentages of enterprises thereof involved in industries prioritised by the Government for development, such as innovation and technology, finance, life and health technology, advanced manufacturing, new energy, professional services and family offices;
3. the respective numbers and percentages of enterprises assisted by InvestHK in setting up or expanding businesses in Hong Kong, broken down by scale (i.e. startups, small and medium enterprises, and large-scale enterprises/multinational corporations), in the past 3 years; and
4. the respective numbers and percentages of enterprises assisted by InvestHK in setting up or expanding businesses in Hong Kong, broken down by country of origin/economy, in the past 3 years.

Asked by: Hon WONG Kam-fai, William (LegCo internal reference no.: 36)

Reply:

During 2023 to 2025, Invest Hong Kong (InvestHK) had exceeded the performance indicator set out in the 2022 Policy Address by attracting a total of over 1 400 enterprises to set up or expand businesses in Hong Kong. These enterprises are expected to bring in direct investment of around HK\$200 billion and create over 21 000 jobs in total in the first year of

their establishment or expansion. They included startups, small and medium enterprises as well as large corporations. Top 5 sectors and places of origin of these enterprises are as follows –

<b>Top 5 sectors</b>	<b>2023-2025</b>	
	<b>Total number of enterprises</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
Innovation and technology <sup>Note</sup>	317	21%
Financial services and fintech	317	21%
Family offices	201	14%
Tourism and hospitality	165	11%
Business and professional services	138	9%

Note: Including life and health sciences, advanced manufacturing and new energy technology.

<b>Top 5 places of origin</b>	<b>2023-2025</b>	
	<b>Total number of enterprises</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
Chinese Mainland	707	47.7%
United States	128	8.6%
United Kingdom	98	6.6%
Singapore	79	5.3%
France	44	3.0%

The actual total expenditure of InvestHK in 2023-24 and 2024-25 amounted to \$285.3 million and \$305.6 million respectively. The revised estimate of expenditure for 2025-26 is \$303.8 million. Estimates or expenditures categorised by the work or sectors above are not available. Relevant expenditures have been subsumed under InvestHK's overall estimates.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 0139)**

Head: (79) Invest Hong Kong

Subhead (No. & title): (-) -

Programme: (-) Investment Promotion

Controlling Officer: Director-General of Investment Promotion (Ms Alpha LAU)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Commerce and Economic Development

Question:

The Department indicated that the provision for 2026-27 was \$57.6 million (19.0%) higher than the revised estimate for 2025-26, mainly due to the increased provisions for supporting Chinese Mainland enterprises under the GoGlobal Task Force, attracting strategic industries and enterprises to set up or expand businesses in Hong Kong by using the preferential policy packages, supporting activities of the Economic and Trade Express (ETE) and promoting family office related initiatives, and that there would be a net increase of 2 posts in 2026-27. In this connection, would the Government inform this Committee of the following:

1. Within the increased estimated expenditure, what are the respective estimated expenditures on supporting the GoGlobal Task Force, publicising the preferential policy packages, supporting the ETE and promoting family offices?
2. How many Mainland enterprises does the Government expect to assist in going global through the GoGlobal Task Force in 2026-27? What are the relevant key performance indicators?
3. What are the respective ranks of the 2 additional posts? What is the total amount of annual payroll cost (including salaries and fringe benefits)? Are these permanent posts or time-limited supernumerary posts? If supernumerary, what are the contract durations?

Asked by: Hon YAO Cho-fai, Andrew (LegCo internal reference no.: 34)

Reply:

The 2025 Policy Address announced mobilising Hong Kong offices abroad, including those under Invest Hong Kong (InvestHK) and the Hong Kong Trade Development Council (HKTDC) as well as the Hong Kong offices in the Chinese Mainland, to form a one-stop platform and establishment of the cross-bureau, cross-departmental and cross-agency Task Force on Supporting Mainland Enterprises in Going Global (GoGlobal Task Force) to

encourage Chinese Mainland enterprises to use Hong Kong as a platform to go global. The Secretary for Commerce and Economic Development steers the work of the GoGlobal Task Force and co-ordinates various bureaux, departments and agencies in formulating comprehensive support services tailored for different needs of enterprises and assisting them to go global through Hong Kong. InvestHK is responsible for the coordination between the GoGlobal Task Force and Chinese Mainland enterprises, organising promotional activities and serving as the secretariat of the Steering Committee for the GoGlobal Task Force to coordinate the work of the members. Other GoGlobal Task Force members include the Department of Justice; the Constitutional and Mainland Affairs Bureau; the Financial Services and the Treasury Bureau; the Innovation, Technology and Industry Bureau; HKTDC; the Hong Kong Monetary Authority; the Hong Kong Exchanges and Clearing Limited; the Hong Kong Productivity Council; and the Hong Kong Export Credit Insurance Corporation.

Since the establishment of the GoGlobal Task Force in October 2025, the Steering Committee has held 3 meetings to formulate work and promotion plans. Amongst others, the GoGlobal Task Force organised the first large-scale promotional event, namely, “Hong Kong - The Ideal Platform for Mainland Enterprises in Going Global Promotion Conference”, at the margin of the China International Import Expo (CIIE) in Shanghai in November 2025, to promote Hong Kong’s unique advantages and roles in assisting Chinese Mainland enterprises to go global and encourage them to use Hong Kong as the platform to go global and explore overseas markets. The Chief Executive, as well as leaders from the Hong Kong and Macao Affairs Office of the State Council, the Shanghai Municipal Government and the Ministry of Commerce (MoC), attended the event. The event also successfully brought together a number of heavyweight speakers to share Hong Kong’s advantages in different areas and attracted over 500 enterprise representatives.

The Commerce and Economic Development Bureau and MoC signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) on strengthening co-operation and exchange in the provision of comprehensive overseas services in February this year. The MoU will strengthen co-operation and exchange in the provision of comprehensive overseas services by leveraging Hong Kong’s unique advantages of enjoying the strong support of the motherland and being closely connected to the world under “one country, two systems”, thereby fostering closer collaboration between Chinese Mainland enterprises seeking to go global and Hong Kong professional service providers, and strengthening the capacity of those Chinese Mainland enterprises in going global.

At present, the GoGlobal Task Force has already formulated a preliminary work plan. It will progressively commence a series of promotional activities to proactively attract Chinese Mainland enterprises to establish a presence in Hong Kong, and assist them to expand their businesses in overseas markets. It includes organising promotional events with various industry-specific themes in Hong Kong and Chinese Mainland provinces and cities to promote Hong Kong’s unique advantages, and attract Chinese Mainland enterprises interested in going global to set up businesses in Hong Kong and go global via Hong Kong. Drawing on the successful experience of the promotional event held during CIIE in Shanghai, the GoGlobal Task Force will continue to organise large-scale promotional events in the Chinese Mainland to enhance the promotional effect. In addition, overseas outbound missions to be led by Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Government officials will be organised to enable Chinese Mainland enterprises planning to go global to visit target overseas markets and grasp a better understanding of the local market situation.

Besides, InvestHK will proactively work towards the performance indicator set out in the 2025 Policy Address to attract at least 1 200 Chinese Mainland or overseas enterprises, including Chinese Mainland enterprises planning to go global through Hong Kong, to set up or expand businesses in Hong Kong between 2026 and 2027.

To support Chinese Mainland enterprises in going global and to carry out other investment promotion work, InvestHK will create 2 permanent civil service posts of Trade Officer and Executive Officer I. The full annual average staff costs for the 2 posts (including salaries and staff on-cost) are estimated at \$2.9 million. Other expenditures related to investment promotion work of the GoGlobal Task Force, preferential policy packages, the Economic and Trade Express, and family offices are subsumed under InvestHK's overall estimates and cannot be quantified separately.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**(Question Serial No. 3560)**

Head: (79) Invest Hong Kong

Subhead (No. & title): (-) -

Programme: (-) Investment Promotion

Controlling Officer: Director-General of Investment Promotion (Ms Alpha LAU)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Commerce and Economic Development

Question:

It is mentioned under the Programme that the total financial provision for 2026-27 represents an increase of 19% over last year, part of which being earmarked for supporting Chinese Mainland enterprises under the Task Force on Supporting Mainland Enterprises in Going Global (GoGlobal Task Force). Has the Department set any assessment criteria for the number of projects going global? If so, what are the details? If not, how will the effectiveness of the projects be evaluated?

It is mentioned under Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2026-27 that the Government will support GoGlobal Task Force in formulating customised support for Chinese Mainland enterprises. Would the Department specify how the provision will be allocated in formulating the support services? What kinds of support will be provided specifically? How many local employment places are expected to be created?

Asked by: Hon KWOK Fu-yung (LegCo internal reference no.: 47)

Reply:

The 2025 Policy Address announced mobilising Hong Kong offices abroad, including those under Invest Hong Kong (InvestHK) and the Hong Kong Trade Development Council (HKTDC) as well as the Hong Kong offices in the Chinese Mainland, to form a one-stop platform and establishment of the cross-bureau, cross-departmental and cross-agency Task Force on Supporting Mainland Enterprises in Going Global (GoGlobal Task Force) to encourage Chinese Mainland enterprises to use Hong Kong as a platform to go global. The Secretary for Commerce and Economic Development steers the work of the GoGlobal Task Force and co-ordinates various bureaux, departments and agencies in formulating comprehensive support services tailored for different needs of enterprises and assisting them to go global through Hong Kong. InvestHK is responsible for the coordination between the GoGlobal Task Force and Chinese Mainland enterprises, organising promotional activities and serving as the secretariat of the Steering Committee for the GoGlobal Task Force to coordinate the work of the members.

Apart from the Commerce and Economic Development Bureau and InvestHK, GoGlobal Task Force members include the Department of Justice; the Constitutional and Mainland Affairs Bureau; the Financial Services and the Treasury Bureau; the Innovation, Technology and Industry Bureau; HKTDC; the Hong Kong Monetary Authority; the Hong Kong Exchanges and Clearing Limited; the Hong Kong Productivity Council; and the Hong Kong Export Credit Insurance Corporation.

The 2026-27 Budget further announced that the GoGlobal Task Force would set up a cross-sectoral professional services platform, bringing together Hong Kong's professional service providers in the field of legal services, accounting, financial services, testing and certification, marketing, etc. to support enterprises going global.

At present, the GoGlobal Task Force has already formulated a preliminary work plan. It will progressively commence a series of promotional activities to proactively attract Chinese Mainland enterprises to establish a presence in Hong Kong, and assist them to expand their businesses in overseas markets. Major work will include the following –

- To focus on attracting key or strategically valuable Chinese Mainland enterprises to establish a presence in Hong Kong for further going global, and support different Chinese Mainland enterprises to go global through the network of the GoGlobal Task Force members;
- To organise promotional events with various industry-specific themes in Hong Kong and Chinese Mainland provinces and cities to promote Hong Kong's unique advantages, and attract Chinese Mainland enterprises interested in going global to set up businesses in Hong Kong and go global via Hong Kong. Drawing on the successful experience of the promotional event held during the China International Import Expo in Shanghai in November 2025, the GoGlobal Task Force will continue to organise large-scale promotional events in the Chinese Mainland to enhance the promotional effect;
- To match the Chinese Mainland enterprises seeking to go global with Hong Kong professional service providers through the cross-sectoral professional services platform established by HKTDC, the first phase of which has been launched and announced on 20 March 2026. The platform provides these enterprises with professional consultation and support services on a case-by-case basis, thereby supporting them in setting up businesses in Hong Kong and expanding their businesses overseas through Hong Kong in an orderly manner; and
- To organise overseas outbound missions to be led by Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Government officials to enable Chinese Mainland enterprises planning to go global to visit target overseas markets and grasp a better understanding of the local market situation.

InvestHK will proactively work towards the performance indicator set out in the 2025 Policy Address to attract at least 1 200 Chinese Mainland or overseas enterprises, including Chinese Mainland enterprises planning to go global through Hong Kong, to set up or expand businesses in Hong Kong between 2026 and 2027, thereby creating at least 12 000 job opportunities.

In 2026-2027, a one-off allocation of \$5 million will be allocated to HKTDC to establish a digital platform for the above-mentioned cross-sectoral professional services. Expenditure for other work by GoGlobal Task Force members has been subsumed under their respective overall estimates and cannot be quantified separately.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**CEDB240**

**(Question Serial No. 3561)**

Head: (79) Invest Hong Kong

Subhead (No. & title): (-) -

Programme: (-) Investment Promotion

Controlling Officer: Director-General of Investment Promotion (Ms Alpha LAU)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Commerce and Economic Development

Question:

1. It is mentioned under the Programme that the total financial provision for 2026–27 will be 19% higher than that of last year. Among others, the increased provision will be used to attract strategic industries and enterprises to set up or expand businesses in Hong Kong by means of preferential policy packages. Will Invest Hong Kong (InvestHK) specify the amount of estimated expenditure to be devoted to attract strategic industries to set up in Hong Kong? What are the targeted types of industries and number of enterprises to be attracted to Hong Kong? Will any requirements be set regarding the investment size and business turnover of the targeted industries and enterprises attracted to Hong Kong? If yes, what are the details? If not, what is the timetable on formulating such requirements?
2. Will InvestHK establish any key performance indicators on the output value or posts created by the relevant industries and enterprises? If yes, what are the specific indicators? If not, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon KWOK Fu-yung (LegCo internal reference no.: 48)

Reply:

The 2025 Policy Address announced that the Financial Secretary (FS) would lead the relevant policy bureaux, departments, and public organisations in formulating packages of preferential policies including land grants, land premiums, financial subsidies, and tax incentives, to attract high value-added industries and high-potential enterprises to set up in Hong Kong, thereby promoting high-quality development. Invest Hong Kong (InvestHK) can use the preferential policy packages flexibly during negotiations with enterprises on settlement details, then report to the FS for approval.

The FS has set up the Steering Committee on Preferential Policies for Attracting Industries and Investment (Steering Committee) and formulated a preliminary framework, which would take into account a series of factors, including the enterprise's industry sector and its

technology level, as well as the potential economic contributions and employment opportunities it can bring to Hong Kong. As a member of the Steering Committee, InvestHK will work to attract key enterprises to set up in Hong Kong under the steer of the Financial Secretary. Specific tasks will include –

- To conduct researches on different overseas markets to identify high-potential enterprises that can make significant contributions to Hong Kong's economy and industrial chain and attract them to set up businesses in Hong Kong;
- To act as a “relationship manager” to liaise with the potential enterprises on settlement terms, including assessing the enterprises' business needs and contributions to Hong Kong's economy, and seeking policy support from the relevant policy bureaux and the Steering Committee, with a view to proposing attractive preferential policy packages (such as land grant arrangements, financial subsidies or tax incentives) to the enterprises and attracting them to set up businesses in Hong Kong; and
- To provide customised services and follow up with enterprises on arrangements such as setting up businesses, land deeds, legal contracts, etc. to ensure that the enterprises concerned can set up their businesses and commence operations smoothly.

InvestHK and members of the Steering Committee are proactively taking forward the work related to the preferential policy packages. The Government will announce in due course when cases become mature.

InvestHK will work towards the performance indicator set out in the 2025 Policy Address to attract at least 1 200 Chinese Mainland or overseas enterprises to set up or expand businesses in Hong Kong between 2026 and 2027, including high value-added industries and high-potential enterprises that may be eligible for the preferential policy packages. On target sectors, InvestHK will continue to focus on key sectors including innovation and technology, business and professional services, creative industries, sports and entertainment, transport and logistics, financial services, family offices, fintech, etc. to attract more high value-added industries and high-potential enterprises in 2026-27.

The expenditure involved in attracting enterprises to establish a presence in Hong Kong using the preferential policy packages by InvestHK has been subsumed under its overall estimate, and cannot be quantified separately.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**FSTB(FS)148**

**(Question Serial No. 1053)**

Head: (79) Invest Hong Kong

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (1) Investment Promotion

Controlling Officer: Director-General of Investment Promotion (Alpha LAU)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury

Question:

Will the Government establish any long-term mechanisms (such as a regular interfacing platform between financial mega events and the tourism industry and a feedback collection mechanism for business visitors) to maximise the tourism flow-on effects of financial mega events? Regarding the shortfalls in tourism-support measures (such as high-end receiving capability and multilingual services) exposed by previous financial mega events, what improvement measures will be introduced in 2026-27 and what is the estimated provision involved? Based on the past data, what are the expected number of such business visitors to be received this year and the estimated revenue to be generated for the tourism industry?

Asked by: Hon KONG Man-wai, Vivian (LegCo internal reference no.: 32)

Reply:

Financial mega events provide a key platform for telling good stories of Hong Kong to the world. By hosting international events, Hong Kong showcases to the world its leading position in connecting markets across the globe, creating value and spearheading innovation. By bringing financial leaders and investment experts from across the globe to the city, these events presented to the world Hong Kong's unique edges and enormous strengths, with the aim of attracting talent and capital worldwide to seek business opportunities here while focusing global attention on Hong Kong's financial sector and enhancing Hong Kong's reputation as an international financial centre.

Organising thematic conferences can help reinforce the Hong Kong brand, attracting elites of different sectors and tourists from around the world to personally experience Hong Kong's charm and vibrancy as an international metropolis, and deepening their understanding of Hong Kong. In January 2026, the 19th Asian Financial Forum (AFF) co-organised by the HKSAR Government and the Hong Kong Trade Development Council successfully attracted over 4 000 officials, representatives of multilateral organisations, and financial and business leaders from more than 60 countries and regions to discuss global economic and financial issues, facilitating exchanges and collaborations.

In addition, in March 2026, the fourth edition of the Wealth for Good in Hong Kong Summit co-organised by the Financial Services and the Treasury Bureau (FSTB) and Invest Hong Kong (InvestHK) successfully brought together over 400 participants, top influential global family offices, asset owners and wealth inheritors from around the world, among which approximately 80% of these participants were business travellers from outside Hong Kong, highlighting Hong Kong's status as a leading international financial centre and a vibrant global family office hub.

Looking ahead to the second half of 2026, Hong Kong will hold for the first time the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Finance Ministers' Meeting (FMM) in October 2026. The FMM will bring together finance ministers and senior finance officials of the 21 APEC member economies, as well as representatives of observing international organisations. We expect that around 500 visitors (including accompanying persons of delegates and visiting international journalists) will come to Hong Kong. The HKSAR Government will leverage on this invaluable opportunity to showcase Hong Kong's comprehensive development in the economic, financial and social dimensions to participating economies and the international community. This will help deepen international exchanges and collaboration and fully demonstrate Hong Kong's role as a "super connector" and "super value-adder".

The FSTB, the Commerce and Economic Development Bureau, and the InvestHK will also jointly organise the Hong Kong FinTech Week x StartmeupHK Festival 2026 from 2 to 6 November 2026, bringing together government officials, regulators, innovators, and industry leaders from around the world to further consolidate Hong Kong's leading position as international fintech centre and thriving start-up hub. The 2025 event successfully attracted over 45 000 visitors, over 1 000 distinguished speakers, over 800 exhibitors, and more than 30 Chinese Mainland and international delegations.

Meanwhile, the Hong Kong Tourism Board (HKTB) has been striving to promote Hong Kong as a premier destination for Meetings, Incentive travels, Conventions and Exhibitions (MICE) tourism, and has been actively securing and supporting the staging of international MICE events of different scales and types in Hong Kong. In 2025, there were a total of 2.5 million MICE visitors last year, representing a 7% increase from 2024. Among them, 1.43 million were overnight visitors. The HKTB will continue to proactively promote MICE tourism, including bidding for or assisting in bidding for major international conferences to be held in Hong Kong through various funding schemes, targeting, in particular, sectors such as financial services, medical science, information technology and aviation logistics (e.g. the World Cancer Congress and Consensus Hong Kong, etc.). Integrating mega events in culture, sports and tourism with MICE tourism, the HKTB will also introduce event organisers of MICE in advance to mega events and seasonal themed activities in different months, with a view to facilitating their preparation and promotion work, thereby boosting business visitor spending.

Overall speaking, the mega events in Hong Kong have been well received by participants. We will continue to strive for excellence and improve each event through the established feedback mechanisms in place. The financial mega events boost the overall economic

activities in Hong Kong's accommodation, catering, retail, and entertainment sectors, etc.. The Government does not compile records of revenue generated for the tourism industry by these activities. As for the budget related to organising these activities, the involved expenditure has been subsumed under the overall estimate, the Government does not compile the records of the detailed expenditure.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**FSTB(FS)149**

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Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified  
Programme: (1) Investment Promotion  
Controlling Officer: Director-General of Investment Promotion (Alpha LAU)  
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury

Question:

The hosting of series of financial mega events provides Hong Kong's tourism with opportunities for continued visibility. Will "exclusive travel benefits for participants of financial mega events" be introduced jointly with the Hong Kong Tourism Board? What are the specific measures and the mechanism for assessing the expected outcomes?

Asked by: Hon KONG Man-wai, Vivian (LegCo internal reference no.: 33)

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To allow participants from outside Hong Kong to have the chance to fully immerse themselves in the vibrancy and diverse attractions of Hong Kong, various financial mega events would generally provide special travel and cultural experience and even dining discounts for the participants, encouraging them to explore Hong Kong's unique charm beyond the financial mega events. Cultural activities organised included night tour with Hong Kong Big Bus Tours, a traditional sailing trip on the Aqua Luna, visits to the Hong Kong Palace Museum and M+ Museum, and Happy Wednesday hosted by the Hong Kong Jockey Club. Guided tours to key sites had also been offered, including the Hong Kong Stock Exchange, the Hong Kong Monetary Authority, the Court of Final Appeal and the Cyberport, allowing participants to gain valuable insights into Hong Kong's financial and innovation landscape.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**FSTB(FS)150**

**(Question Serial No. 0389)**

Head: (79) Invest Hong Kong

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (1) Investment Promotion

Controlling Officer: Director-General of Investment Promotion (Alpha LAU)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury

Question:

According to the Programme, during 2026–27, Invest Hong Kong will continue to implement the Financial Services and the Treasury Bureau's New Capital Investment Entrant Scheme (New CIES) jointly with the Immigration Department with a view to attracting more new capital to Hong Kong, strengthening the development of our asset and wealth management business, financial services and related professional services and further enriching the talent pool. In this connection, will the Government inform this Committee of the total number of individuals with substantial assets who applied to settle and invest in Hong Kong under the New CIES in the past year? As the Government will continue to implement this scheme in the coming year, what is the expected target for attracting new capital to Hong Kong?

Asked by: Hon LAMPORT, Jonathan Stuart (LegCo internal reference no.: 32)

Reply:

From the launch of the New Capital Investment Entrant Scheme (New CIES) in March 2024 up to end-February 2026, Invest Hong Kong has received 3 166 applications (amongst which 2 051 were received in 2025), potentially bringing an investment amount of about HK\$95 billion into Hong Kong. The Government does not have performance target for the application number for the New CIES. The Government will evaluate the effectiveness of the New CIES in a timely manner to ensure that it can attract target asset owners to deploy and manage wealth in Hong Kong, and fully realise the diversified investment opportunities here.