**Number of Community Nurses (CN) in each Hospital Cluster of HA
and Their Ratio to Local Elderly Persons in 2016-17
(as at 31 December 2016)**

Cluster	No. of CN [Note 1]	Elderly population [Note 2]	No. of CN to 1 000 elderly population [Note 3] ratio	Catchment Districts
Hong Kong East	58	148 000	0.39	Eastern, Wan Chai, Islands (excluding Lantau Island)
Hong Kong West	30	91 300	0.33	Central & Western, Southern
Kowloon Central	39	99 200	0.39	Kowloon City, Yau Tsim
Kowloon East	98	170 900	0.57	Kwun Tong, Sai Kung
Kowloon West [Note 4]	145	340 800	0.43	Mong Kok, Wong Tai Sin, Sham Shui Po, Kwai Tsing, Tsuen Wan, Lantau Island
New Territories East	62	183 200	0.34	Sha Tin, Tai Po, North
New Territories West	56	139 600	0.40	Tuen Mun, Yuen Long
Total:	**488**	**1 173 000**	**0.42**	

[Note 1] The manpower figures of CN are calculated on full-time equivalent basis including permanent, contract and temporary staff in HA. Individual figures may not add up to the total due to rounding.

[Note 2] The population figures are based on the mid-year population estimates by the Census & Statistics Department and the latest projection by the Planning Department. Individual figures may not add up to the total due to rounding and inclusion of marine population.

Elderly population refers to population aged 65 or above as at the mid-year for respective years.

[Note 3] The CN to population ratios involve the use of the mid-year population estimates by the Census & Statistics Department and the latest projection by the Planning Department.

The ratio of CN per 1 000 population varies among the clusters and the variances cannot be used to compare the level of service provision directly among the clusters for the following reasons:

(a)   in planning for its services, HA has taken account of a number of factors, including the increase of service demand as a result of population growth and demographic changes, advancement of medical technology, manpower availability, organisation of services of the clusters and hospitals, as well as the service demand of local community. Population is only one of the factors under consideration; and

(b)   the catchment area of cluster for community nursing service may be different from the geographical delineation of population adopted by the Census & Statistics Department.

[Note 4] Wong Tai Sin District and Mong Kok area have been re-delineated from Kowloon West Cluster (KWC) to Kowloon Central Cluster (KCC) since 1 December 2016. The service units in the communities concerned have therefore been re-delineated from KWC to KCC to support the new KCC catchment districts with

effect from the same date.   As a transitional arrangement, reports on services / manpower statistics and financial information will continue to be based on the previous clustering arrangement (i.e. relevant service units still under KWC) until 31 March 2017. Reports in accordance with the new clustering arrangement (i.e. relevant service units grouped under KCC) will start from 1 April 2017.