

Women's Commission

Preliminary Findings of Time-use Survey
(Part Two: Time-use Pattern)

Purpose

This paper briefs Members on the preliminary findings of the Time-use Survey (Part Two: Time-use Pattern).

Time-use Survey

2. The Labour and Welfare Bureau and the Women's Commission (WoC), in collaboration with the Census and Statistics Department (C&SD), conducted the Time-use Survey (the Survey) in the third quarter of 2013. The Survey mainly consisted of two parts, namely women employment and time-use pattern. C&SD randomly selected around 10 000 households for interview. Face-to-face interviews were conducted to all household members aged 15 or above (excluding foreign domestic helpers).

3. Part One of the Survey aimed at understanding the circumstances surrounding women's decision to take part in or withdraw from the workforce, and the factors which would attract them to join or rejoin the workforce. The preliminary key findings of Part One of the Survey were presented to the Working Group on Enabling Environment of WoC on 29 January 2015 and the WoC on 5 February 2015 respectively.

4. Part Two of the Survey was designed to find out the time-use pattern of Hong Kong residents in conducting paid work, homemaking and social services, etc. It has now been completed and the powerpoint materials on the preliminary key findings are at **Annex**.

5. According to the latest schedule, C&SD will announce the findings of the Survey (Parts One and Two) around mid-2015. WoC may wish to consider if a press release should be issued (by LWB quoting WoC) to coincide with C&SD's announcement, as WoC has stated that it "conducts research and surveys from time to time to gain a better understanding of women's needs and their issues of concern, which can shed light on the policies relating to women's development" (paragraph 3.1.5 of WoC Report 2008-11). The Survey report will also be uploaded to the websites of C&SD and WoC.

Advice Sought

6. Members are invited to note and provide comments on this paper.

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