

LCQ13: Employment and economic statistics

Following is a question by the Hon Wong Kwok-kin and a written reply by the Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury, Mr Christopher Hui, in the Legislative Council today (January 6):

Question:

Will the Government provide the following employment and economic statistics for 2019 (adopting the first quarter of 2004 as the base period, i.e. first quarter of 2004=100):

(1) the respective (i) numbers of employed persons, (ii) Nominal Wage Indices, (iii) Real Wage Indices, (iv) Nominal Indices of Payroll per Person Engaged, and (v) Real Indices of Payroll per Person Engaged, in respect of the various (a) industries and (b) occupations, broken down by gender; if such information is unavailable, whether it will compile the relevant statistics; and

(2) the (i) Nominal Gross Domestic Product (GDP), (ii) Real GDP, and (iii) year-on-year growth rates of such figures?

Reply:

President,

Our response to various parts of the questions is provided below:

(1) The number of employed persons (excluding foreign domestic helpers) by gender for various industries and occupations in Hong Kong in 2019 is set out in Annex 1, whereas the nominal and real wage indices for selected industries and selected occupational groups and the nominal and real indices of payroll per person engaged for selected industries during the same period are set out in Annex 2 and Annex 3 respectively. Owing to sample size and data constraints, the Government has neither compiled wage indices broken down by gender nor indices of payroll per person engaged broken down by gender and occupation.

(2) Hong Kong's Gross Domestic Product (GDP) at current market prices (i.e. in nominal terms) and in chained (2018) dollars (i.e. in real terms) in 2019 as compared to 2004 are as follows:

	2019
GDP in nominal terms (HK\$)	2,865.7 billion

Compared with 2004	+117.6 per cent
GDP in real terms (HK\$)	2,799.7 billion
Compared with 2004	+62.1 per cent