

LCQ14: Statistics on employment, wages and gross domestic product

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

Question:

Will the Government provide the following statistics for 2017 and 2018 respectively (adopting the first quarter of 2004 as the base period, i.e. first quarter of 2004=100):

(1) for various industries and occupations, (i) the numbers of employed persons, (ii) the Nominal Wage Indices, (iii) the Real Wage Indices, (iv) the Nominal Indices of Payroll per Person Engaged and (v) the Real Indices of Payroll per Person Engaged, broken down by gender; and

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

Reply:

President,

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

(1) The number of employed persons (excluding foreign domestic helpers) by gender for various industries and occupations in Hong Kong in 2017 and 2018 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. 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 (2017) dollars (i.e. in real terms) in 2017 and 2018 respectively as compared to 2004 are as follows :

	2017	2018
GDP in nominal terms (HK\$)	2,662.8 billion	2,842.9 billion
Compared with 2004	+102.2%	+115.9%
GDP in real terms (HK\$)	2,662.8 billion	2,742.8 billion
Compared with 2004	+59.7%	+64.5%