

Question on supply of North Lantau Hospital Beds  
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Written reply of Hospital Authority

In planning for hospital services, the Hospital Authority (HA) has taken into account 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 as well as organisation of services of the clusters and hospitals and the service demand of local community. Population is only one of the factors under consideration. Furthermore, patients may receive treatment in hospitals other than those in their own residential districts, and some specialised services are available only in certain hospitals, and hence certain clusters, and the beds in these clusters are providing services for patients throughout the territory.

According to census, the population estimation for Lantau Island was 109,300 in 2012. In accordance to hospital service planning, phase one of the North Lantau Hospital provides 180 beds, including 80 emergency medicine beds, 80 extended care beds and 20 day beds.

In fact, during the planning of the North Lantau Hospital project, HA has taken into account the development of the North Lantau New Town as well as the various contributing factors to population growth. Currently, phase one of the North Lantau Hospital provides 180 beds. To meet the long term demand for medical services in the Lantau Island, an adjacent site was reserved for development of the phase two of the hospital when there is such a need. In connection, we will keep a close eye on the change in service demand arising from the development of the district so as to formulate appropriate measures for meeting the needs.

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