

(Translation)

**Islands District Council**  
**Paper IDC 139/2017**

**Question on North Lantau Hospital**

Ms Amy YUNG notified this Council that she would raise the following enquiry at the Islands District Council meeting to be held on 18 December this year:

“ According to the Report of the Director of Audit, Phase I of North Lantau Hospital (NLTH) came into operation in 2013 but almost 20% of its floor area was lying idle and almost 80% beds were unused. The launching of gynecology and pediatric services was 3 years overdue and they had not yet been commissioned. As at end of March this year, the manpower of NLTH represented just 61% of the headcount needed for full operation. Much of the medical equipment had a low utilisation rate and some was even not put into use. Many residents and children living on Lantau had to travel long distance to the Princess Margaret Hospital for specialty services, thus aggravating the workload thereof. NLTH was developed to cope with the development of Lantau and alleviate the workload of other public hospitals. Looking at the current situation, it is like putting the cart before the horse and resources have been wasted.

As such, I request the Hospital Authority (HA) to arrange representative to attend the meeting to respond to the following:

1. HA anticipated that about 480 more doctors would be recruited in 2018/19 but NLTH will have an increase of 4 doctors and 26 nurses and 40 beds only. How can NLTH cope with the demand arising from the future development of Lantau?
2. Will NLTH consider increasing medical staff and speed up the provision of other specialty services in the near future and put the medical equipment to good use to prevent a waste of resources? ”

Islands District Council Secretariat

File Ref.: IS 72/3/02

Date: 30 November 2017