

Hon Mrs Selina CHOW to ask on 24/11/04: (Translation)

Regarding the assistance to people with specific learning disabilities ("SpLD"), will the Government inform this Council:

1. how it defines and identifies children with SpLD aged below 12, and how it assesses and handles persons with SpLD aged 12 or above; and of the respective numbers of children and persons involved;
2. of the arrangements in respect of the assessment of SpLD levels, provision of teaching resources, formulation of adjustment measures in public examinations and support for parents of people with SpLD; and
3. whether the Education and Manpower Bureau will impose a mandatory requirement that additional teachers recruited for the implementation of "teaching by subject specialists" should receive training in teaching people with SpLD?

Public Officer to reply : **Secretary for Education and Manpower**