

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**LWB(W)001**

**(Question Serial No. 1826)**

Head: (120) Pensions

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (2) War Memorial Pensions/Volunteer Pensions

Controlling Officer: Director of Accounting Services (Susanna CHEUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Question:

Regarding the war memorial pensions/volunteer pensions, would the Government inform this Committee of:

(1) the respective numbers of recipients of war memorial pensions and volunteer pensions, as well as the respective amounts of monthly pensions payable to single adults and married couples in each of the past 10 years; and

(2) the numbers of new applications for war memorial pensions or volunteer pensions in each of the past 5 years?

Asked by: Hon LAM Chun-sing (LegCo internal reference no.: 18)

Reply:

(1) The number of war memorial pensioners/volunteer pensioners in the past 10 years is tabulated below:

Calendar year	No. of war memorial pensioners	No. of volunteer pensioners
2014	224	14
2015	198	11
2016	178	11
2017	160	10
2018	137	10
2019	119	10
2020	101	10
2021	78	9
2022	64	8
2023	57	8

The monthly rates of war memorial pension for single adults and married couples in the past 10 years are tabulated below:

With effect from	War memorial pension (\$)	
	Single adult	Married couple
1.4.2014	6,913	11,618
1.4.2015	7,335	12,327
1.4.2016	7,570	12,721
1.4.2017	7,729	12,988
1.4.2018	7,899	13,274
1.4.2019	8,112	13,632
1.4.2020	8,347	14,027
1.4.2022	8,547	14,364
1.4.2023	8,744	14,694

The monthly rates of volunteer pension may vary according to the circumstances of the individual pensioner (e.g. degree of disablement). Details are provided in Schedule 3 to Schedule 8 to the Volunteer and Naval Volunteer Pensions Ordinance (Cap. 202) (<https://www.elegislation.gov.hk/hk/cap202>).

- (2) There was no new application for war memorial/volunteer pensions in the past 5 years.

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