

Dear Fellow Accountants,

Survey on long working hours of professional accountants

I have been concerned about the long working hours of accountants since I was elected as a member of the Legislative Council. Over the past few years, I advocated relief of this problem in various channels such as newspaper columns, media interviews and other public forums.

I am now trying to urge society, especially the government and the professional bodies, to keep an eye on the long working hours of accountants. In order to achieve a more concrete understanding of the present situation, I would like to invite you to participate in the questionnaire survey. The questionnaire is attached for your reference. I would be most grateful if you could complete the questionnaire and return it to us by fax at 2537 1425 or via e-mail to contactus@mandytam.com at your earliest convenience. Many thanks for your participation in advance.

The information obtained will be used strictly for the purposes of this survey. Individual responses will not be revealed to third parties, and response forms will be destroyed six months after completion of the survey.

Without your help, the long working hour situation can never be relieved. Let us join hands to strive for a better working environment and a greater work-life balance.

With Kind regards,

Mandy Tam

Questions

1. What have your total working hours been for the past 7 days?
 - a) 40 hours or below
 - b) 41 – 45 hours
 - c) 46 – 50 hours
 - d) 51 – 55 hours
 - e) 56 – 60 hours

- f) 61 – 65 hours
 - g) 66 hours or above
2. How many days have you needed to work overtime for the past 7 days?
- a) 0
 - b) 1-2 days
 - c) 3-4 days
 - d) 5 days
 - e) 6 days or above
3. How many extra working hours on average do you need to work for each occasion of overtime?
- a) 1-2 hours
 - b) 3-4 hours
 - c) 5-6 hours
 - d) 7 hours or above
4. How many hours (in total) have you had to work at home for the last 7 days?
- a) 5 hours or below
 - b) 6-10 hours
 - c) 11-15 hours
 - d) 16-20 hours
 - e) 21 hours or above
5. What do you think of the effect on health from working long hours?
- a) No effect
 - b) Slightly affected
 - c) Moderately affected
 - d) Severely affected

Additional comments: _____

6. Do you think long working hours affect the relationship with your family?
- a) No effect
 - b) Slightly affected
 - c) Moderately affected
 - d) Severely affected

Additional comments:_____

7. Do you think long working hours affect your social life?

- a) No effect
- b) Slightly affected
- c) Moderately affected
- d) Severely affected

Additional comments:_____

8. Who do you think should put the most effort into relieving the long working hours issue?

- a) Government
- b) Employers
- c) Professional bodies
- d) A combination of the government and the professional bodies
- e) Myself

Additional comments:_____

9. What kind of firm you are working in?

- a) Government
- b) Big accounting firm
- c) Small and medium accounting firm
- d) Commercial enterprise

10. Would you be interested in joining any campaign activities related to the problem of long working hours?

- a) Yes
- b) No

****Thank you very much for completing the questionnaire****

(Upon completion of this questionnaire, please fax it back to us at 2537 1425, or e-mail to contactus@mandytam.com. For enquires, please call Kimmie Wong at 2810 5560.)