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Controlling Officer: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services (Ms Michelle LI)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

The Department stated that the existing Green Volunteer Scheme will be expanded in 2016-17. Please inform this Committee of:

- (1) the details and arrangements regarding the expansion of the Scheme;
- (2) the detailed breakdown of the expenditure involved in the Scheme; and
- (3) the method for assessing the effectiveness in enhancing community involvement and public participation in tree surveillance since the implementation of the Scheme.

Asked by: Hon IP Kwok-him (Member Question No.18)

Reply:

- (1) In 2015-16, the Green Volunteer Scheme (the Scheme) has over 6 480 Green Volunteers. The Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) will continue to promote the Scheme through various publicity channels and greening activities to recruit more volunteers. In particular, the LCSD will enlist support from the District Councils, green groups and organisations to further promote the Scheme in the community. It will also collaborate with the Development Bureau to enhance community involvement in tree surveillance work.
- (2) The estimated expenditure for the Scheme in 2016-17 is about \$0.7 million, including expenditures on organising greening activities and workshops, tree seminars and publicity programmes.
- (3) The LCSD will continue to assess the effectiveness of the Scheme having regard to the number of volunteers recruited, attendance of workshops and seminars for volunteers and the feedback of volunteers to the programmes.