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Head: (95) Leisure and Cultural Services Department

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Programme: (3) Heritage and Museums

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

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

Regarding the new commitment of \$50 million funding for the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) to acquire and commission artworks by local artists in 2013-14, will the Government inform this Committee of the following:

- (a) What are the number of local artists' artworks acquired by the LCSD under the commitment in 2015-16, the number of local artists involved and the expenditure involved?
- (b) What are the number of local artists commissioned by the LCSD to create artworks under the commitment in 2015-16, the number of artworks created by these artists and the expenditure involved?
- (c) Have the artworks of local artists acquired or commissioned by the LCSD under the commitment in 2015-16 been put on public display? If so, what are the specific details?
- (d) Was there any competition with the West Kowloon Cultural District Authority in the acquisition of local artists' artworks in the past year? If so, how was it resolved?
- (e) What are the expected number of local artists' artworks to be acquired, and the expected numbers of local artists and artworks to be commissioned by the LCSD in 2016-17? What are the respective estimated expenditures?
- (f) What is the remaining balance of the commitment as in 2015-16?

Asked by: Hon MA Fung-kwok (Member Question No. 22)

Reply:

- (a) With regard to the funding of \$50 million approved by the Finance Committee of the Legislative Council in June 2013, the Leisure and Cultural Services Department

(LCSD) has earmarked \$8 million in 2015-16 for acquiring and commissioning artworks, in which \$6.7 million is for acquiring about 138 artworks including paintings, prints, ceramics, sculptures, photographic items, mixed media and installation art created by about 30 local artists.

- (b) In 2015-16, the LCSD has earmarked \$1.3 million to commission 4 public artworks by 4 local artists/art groups.
- (c) The LCSD has put on display a number of the artworks acquired or commissioned in 2015-16. Details are as follows:

Number and type of artwork	Venue for display	Date of display
26 ceramics and 17 photographic items	Hong Kong Heritage Museum	11 April to 28 September 2015
7 ceramics	Hong Kong Heritage Museum	3 June to 28 September 2015
1 installation art	Museum of Contemporary Art, Taipei	15 August to 11 October 2015
1 installation art	Lung Yat Community Hall	Since 24 February 2016

- (d) The LCSD has been in constant dialogue with M+ of the West Kowloon Cultural District Authority to ensure that the positioning and programmes of its museums will not duplicate with those of M+. There is no competition between LCSD museums and M+ as far as acquisition of artworks is concerned.
- (e) The LCSD has earmarked \$8 million for acquiring and commissioning local artists' artworks in 2016-17. It is envisaged that a large proportion of the funding will be spent on the acquisition of artworks by local artists, including public artworks commissioned by the LCSD or other parties. As each piece of artwork is unique and the price varies depending on its nature, scale and artistic merits, the number of artworks to be acquired and the number of artists to be commissioned in 2016-17 cannot be determined at this stage.
- (f) The remaining balance of the commitment by end of 2015-16 is estimated to be \$31.3 million.

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