

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

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Question:

- (a) What are the details and expenditures of “One Person, One Flower” Scheme and Greening School Subsidy Scheme implemented by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department in 2015-16? How many potted plants were handed out?
- (b) How does the Department review the effectiveness of the above programmes and schemes?
- (c) What are the details and estimated expenditures of the above programmes and schemes in 2016-2017?

Asked by: Dr Hon Kenneth CHAN Ka-lok (Member Question No. 440)

Reply:

- (a) To promote a green culture among students, the “One Person, One Flower” (OPOF) Scheme and the Green School Subsidy (GSS) Scheme were launched in 2001 and 2000 respectively. In 2015-16, 361 280 students from 1 129 schools participated in the OPOF Scheme. A total of 410 000 seedlings were distributed to the kindergartens and schools. The expenditure incurred is about \$0.35 million.

As regards the GSS Scheme, 877 schools applied for cash subsidies in 2015-16 to implement planting works or organise greening activities in their schools. The expenditure incurred is about \$4.5 million.

- (b) Both schemes have been very well received by schools as evidenced by the large number of participating schools and students. The Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) has maintained contact with participating schools and will conduct an annual review to fine-tune the arrangements of the schemes.

- (c) In 2016-17, the LCSD anticipates that 1 220 kindergartens and schools (with around 370 000 students) will participate in the OPOF Scheme. Around 420 000 seedlings will be procured and the estimated expenditure is about \$0.61 million.

For the GSS Scheme, it is expected that 880 schools will apply for the subsidy in 2016-17 to carry out greening school projects at an estimated expenditure of \$4.6 million.

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