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Programme: (1) Recreation and Sports

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Question:

The Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) organises a wide range of recreation and sports programmes with a view to developing a strong sporting culture in Hong Kong and promoting "Sport for All". In this connection, please inform this Committee of the following:

- (a) Please provide in the table below details of the district-based activities organised by the LCSD in the past year.

2015-16				
	Number of activities	Expenditure	Number of participants	
			Local	Non-local
Sports training courses				
Sports competitions				

- (b) Please provide in the table below details of the major events organised by the LCSD in the past year.

2015-16			
Event	Expenditure	Number of participants	
		Local	Non-local

- (c) Please provide in the table below details of the district-based activities to be organised by the LCSD this year.

2016-17				
	Number of activities	Estimated expenditure	Expected number of participants	
			Local	Non-local
Sports training courses				
Sports competitions				

- (d) Please provide in the table below details of the major events to be organised by the LCSD this year.

2016-17			
Event	Estimated expenditure	Expected number of participants	
		Local	Non-local

- (e) How are the above numbers of participants arrived at?
- (f) How does the Government assess the effectiveness of the above major events?

Asked by: Hon MA Fung-kwok (Member Question No. 88)

Reply:

To promote sport in the community, the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) organises district-based activities throughout the year such as sports training courses and competitions. It also organises territory-wide events such as the Hong Kong Games (HKG), Corporate Games, Masters Games and Sport For All Day. Except for HKG, the LCSD does not restrict participation in these activities and events to local residents. Athletes representing the 18 District Councils in the HKG should be Hong Kong residents residing in the districts they represent. The LCSD does not maintain records on the resident status of the participants in its other programmes and activities.

- (a) Details of the district-based activities organised by the LCSD in 2015-16 are listed below -

	Number of activities organised	Estimated expenditure (\$ million)	Number of participants
Sports training courses and recreation activities	37 687	124.9	2 018 238
Sports competitions	319	14.6	108 246

- (b) Details of the major events organised by the LCSD in 2015-16 are listed below -

Event	Estimated expenditure (\$ million)	Number of participants
The 5 th Hong Kong Games (Note 1)	21.0	335 497
Corporate Games 2016 (Note 2)	0.1	1 200
Sport For All Day	4.4	223 286

(c) Details of the planned district-based activities to be organised by the LCSD in 2016-17 are set out below -

	Number of planned activities	Estimated expenditure (\$ million)	Expected number of participants
Sports training courses and recreation activities	37 610	129.1	2 030 000
Sports competitions	340	16.4	121 000

(d) Details of the planned major events to be organised by the LCSD in 2016-17 are set out below -

Event	Estimated expenditure (\$ million)	Expected number of participants
The 6 th Hong Kong Games (Note 1)	9.1	48 870
Corporate Games 2016 (Note 2)	1.2	8 000
Masters Games 2016 (Note 2)	0.6	4 500
Sport For All Day	3.6	223 000

Note 1: The Hong Kong Games is a biennial event with relatively less expenditure and fewer participants involved in the publicity and promotional activities in the first year and more expenditure and participants involved in the second year when the majority of the sports competitions and community involvement programmes are held.

Note 2: The Corporate Games and the Masters Games are biennial events.

(e) The numbers of participants of the activities held in 2015-16 are actual figures collected during the events, while those for the activities planned for 2016-17 are projections based on past experience and participation patterns.

(f) The LCSD evaluates the effectiveness of the major events mainly based on the number of participants as well as the feedback from the public.

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