

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**HAB515****(Question Serial No. 7037)**Head: (95) Leisure and Cultural Services DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): (-) Not SpecifiedProgramme: (2) Horticulture and AmenitiesControlling Officer: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services (Ms Michelle LI)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home AffairsQuestion:

What are the number and details of zoological activities held by the Government in the past three years? What are the attendance figures of these activities? What are the details of the publicity, manpower arrangements and expenditure involved?

Asked by: Dr Hon KWOK Ka-ki (Member Question No. 660)Reply:

The Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) organises various zoological activities such as guided visits for schools and exhibitions at the Hong Kong Zoological and Botanical Gardens and other venues for school students and the public to learn more about animals.

These activities are conducted by our staff and/or part-time instructors and the publicity is arranged through LCSD's website. The number and attendance figures of these zoological activities and expenditure involved in the past 3 years are as follows -

Zoological Activities	Year			Total
	2013	2014	2015	
No. of exhibitions and guided visits for schools	431	379	355	1 165
Attendance	20 432	19 032	17 986*	57 450
Expenditure	\$133,153	\$119,290	\$114,240	\$366,683

* The lower number of participants in zoological activities in 2015 was mainly due to the inclement weather during the Zoo Education Exhibition at Hong Kong Zoological and Botanical Gardens.

In 2015-16, we also introduced guided visits for the public, and conducted 37 such visits with a total attendance of 770 people. In addition, we also enhanced the Meet the Zoo-keeper programmes with a total of 1 198 participants in 2015-16.

