

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

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Head: (95) Leisure and Cultural Services Department

Subhead (No. & title): (000) Operational Expenses

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 programme on “Heritage and Museums”, the provision for 2017-18 is \$81.9 million higher than the revised estimate for 2016-17.

Please provide details of the increase in the estimated expenditures on:

- 1) the programmes to be organised which lead to the increase; and
- 2) the additional number of staff to be recruited for the new programmes and their respective posts, ranks and salaries.

Asked by: Hon LAM Kin-fung, Jeffrey (Member Question No. 32)

Reply:

- 1) The estimate of Programme (3) Heritage and Museums for 2017-18 is 8.8% higher than the revised estimate for 2016-17. This is mainly due to the increased provision for organising major exhibitions and programmes to mark the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the establishment of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region, including “Splendour of Dunhuang: Jao Tsung-i’s Selected Academic and Art Works Inspired by Dunhuang Culture”, “Yangxindian Exhibition from the Palace Museum”, “Eternal Life – Exploring Ancient Egypt” and “City Dress Up: Blossoming Stairs and Seats • Together”.
- 2) The additional work is undertaken by existing staff of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department.

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