

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

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Head: (95) Leisure and Cultural Services Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (4) Performing Arts

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

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

It is mentioned in the Estimates that the Department will “continue to support budding and young artists as well as small and medium-scale performing arts groups by offering them more performance opportunities”.

Will the Government inform this Committee of the following:

How many small and medium-scale performing arts groups were being supported in the past 3 years? Please list the groups by categories.

What were the respective expenditures?

What is the expenditure earmarked for this item this year?

Asked by: Hon OR Chong-shing, Wilson (Member Question No. 43)

Reply:

The Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) has been supporting budding and young artists as well as small and medium-scale performing arts groups by engaging them in the Department's year-round cultural presentations, festival and entertainment programmes, audience building and arts education activities, as well as the Venue Partnership Scheme. In addition to presenting and sponsoring their productions with the provision of programme fees, LCSD also provides publicity support and/or free venue and ticketing services. The ticket proceeds of sponsored programmes are also retained by the arts groups.

The number of young artists/small and medium-scale performing arts groups supported by LCSD and the total expenditures involved in the past 3 years as well as the estimated expenditure in 2017-18 are set out in Annex. As LCSD's support is provided to these young artists/small and medium-scale arts groups regardless of their size and art forms, breakdown on the number of artists/groups by categories is not available.

Number of young artists/small and medium-scale performing arts groups supported by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department and the expenditures involved from 2014-15 to 2017-18

Year	Number of young artists/ small and medium-scale performing arts groups	Total Expenditure ⁽¹⁾ (\$ million)
2014-15 (Actual)	243	107.3
2015-16 (Actual)	228	93.7
2016-17 (Estimate)	209	87.0
2017-18 (Estimate)	218	93.2

Note

- (1) The total expenditure included programme fees and publicity support (excluding notional venue charges, ticketing charges and ticket proceeds).

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