

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

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Head: (95) Leisure and Cultural Services Department

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

Programme: (1) Recreation and Sports

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

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

The Government indicates that the provision for 2017-18 is \$145.8 million (3.7%) higher than the revised estimate for 2016-17. This is mainly due to the increase in provision for organising sports activities to celebrate the 20th Anniversary of the Establishment of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR), the net increase of 31 posts and filling of vacancies. Will the Government inform this Committee of the operational expenses, manpower and estimated full-year payroll costs for organising sports activities to celebrate the 20th Anniversary of the Establishment of the HKSAR in 2017-18 under this Programme?

Asked by: Hon CHAN Chi-chuen (Member Question No. 71)

Reply:

The Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) has earmarked an additional provision estimated at \$14.5 million for organising and enhancing recreation and sports programmes to celebrate the 20th Anniversary of the establishment of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR). The workload is undertaken mainly through the deployment of existing manpower. Besides, LCSD will also encourage and support “national sports associations” to organise more activities or enhance existing ones to commemorate the 20th Anniversary of the establishment of HKSAR.

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