

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 stated that the provision for 2017-18 is \$12.3 million (1.0%) higher than the revised estimate for 2016-17, which is mainly due to the increase in provision for organising performing arts activities to celebrate the 20th Anniversary of the Establishment of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR), the net increase of 39 posts, filling of vacancies, and the increase in cash flow requirement for capital account items, partly offset by the decrease in operating expenses. Will the Government inform this Committee of the operational expenses, staff manpower and full-year payroll costs for organising performing arts programmes 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. 73)

Reply:

To celebrate the 20th Anniversary of the establishment of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region, the Leisure and Cultural Services Department is planning a series of performing arts activities. In view of the scale and significance of the celebration activities involved, an additional provision estimated at \$52.1 million has been earmarked for these activities in 2017-18. The additional work is undertaken by deployment of existing manpower resources of the Department.

The net increase of 39 posts under Programme (4) Performing Arts is mainly due to the enhancement of existing cultural and support services and the replacement of some non-civil service contract positions which have long-term service needs.

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