

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

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Head: (95) Leisure and Cultural Services Department

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

Programme: (4) Performing Arts

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

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

Regarding the presentation of more larger-scale visiting programmes by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) to celebrate the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Establishment of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR), will the Government inform this Committee of the following:

- (1) How much funding will the LCSD earmark for the above programmes?
- (2) What are the details and expenditures of the large-scale activities?
- (3) Will the LCSD allocate resources to provide direct sponsorship for the activities to celebrate the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Establishment of the HKSAR? If so, please provide details of the specific sponsorship plan including the names, organisers, nature and funding of the sponsored activities already committed by the Bureau. If not, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon CHAN Tanya (Member Question No. 229)

Reply:

- (1) and (2) In 2017-18, an additional provision estimated at \$37.4 million has been earmarked for the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) to organise larger-scale visiting performing arts programmes to celebrate the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the establishment of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR). Major performances/programmes under planning include those by Berliner Philharmoniker and The National Ballet of China, as well as Chinese Opera Festival 2017 Opening Programme: Peking Opera Gala.
- (3) LCSD does not have any provision for sponsoring outside bodies to organise their own activities to celebrate the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the establishment of the HKSAR.