

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

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Head: (95) Leisure and Cultural Services Department

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Programme: (4) Performing Arts

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

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

Will the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) study the possibility of opening up more LCSD venues for street performers in 2017-18? If so, what are the details? If not, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon CHAN Tanya (Member Question No. 235)

Reply:

The Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) has implemented the "Open Stage" scheme at the plaza of Sha Tin Town Hall to encourage individuals or groups to showcase their artistic talents since 2010. The Department conducted a review of the scheme in 2011 and concluded that no other suitable performing arts venues could be available for the scheme either due to lack of outdoor space, heavy usage of piazzas by hirers or noise nuisance complaints by adjacent residents.

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