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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

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<u>Head</u>: (95) Leisure and Cultural Services Department

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<u>Programme</u>: (1) Recreation and Sports

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services (Ms Michelle LI)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

Regarding the recreation and sports activities organised for people with disabilities by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department in the past 5 years, please provide information on the number of places, the types of activities, the number of places offered to non-government organisations and individuals respectively, and the number of individuals rejected due to insufficient places.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (Member Question No. 3039)

Reply:

The Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) organises a wide range of recreation and sports programmes for people of all ages and different abilities. As the programmes are open to the public, persons with disabilities (PWDs) may choose to enrol in any of the programmes which they consider suitable according to their respective interest, level of ability and the programme requirements. Apart from these programmes, LCSD also organises programmes specifically for PWDs. They include swimming, aerobic dance, fitness exercise, hydro-fitness, social dance, tai chi, badminton, table tennis, gateball, camping, excursions and outreaching activities. Regarding the programmes for PWDs in the past 5 years, LCSD has offered around 70 000 places on average in a year. However, LCSD does not have a breakdown of the number of places offered to non-government organisations and individual PWDs. Also, LCSD does not have record on the number of applications/individuals rejected due to insufficient places.