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Head: (95) Leisure and Cultural Services Department

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Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

Regarding the ratio set on places offered to non-government organisations (NGOs) and individuals in recreation and sports activities organised for people with disabilities (PWDs), what are the Government's reasons for setting such a ratio and will it review the ratio as appropriate? With subsidises from the Social Welfare Department or other government departments, NGOs should be able to organise some of the activities with their own manpower and resources. If a large ratio of the places in the activities organised by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department goes to NGOs, will it lead to a duplication of resources and inhibit the participation of individual PWDs?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (Member Question No. 3044)

Reply:

To enhance the relevance of and participation in programmes for people for disabilities (PWD), the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) currently partners with disability organisations to organise community recreation and sports programmes. Members of these partner organisations are allowed up to 80% of the programme quota, while individual PWDs may subscribe to the remainder (i.e. at least 20%) on a first-come-first-served basis. LCSD monitors the enrolment regularly and makes adjustment for individual programmes when necessary. The arrangement has been working smoothly.

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