

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

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Question:

Regarding the attendance at public education and publicity programmes under “Heritage”, the note (in the Estimates) remarked that “The higher attendance in 2016 was due to the overwhelming response to the decent service provided during the open days of King Yin Lei and Government House in the second half of 2016.” However, since open days were launched for King Yin Lei and Government House in 2017 as well, the note above did not present a logical explanation for the attendance drop of 12.9% in 2017. Would the Department explain further on this?

Asked by: Hon TAM Man-ho, Jeremy (Member Question No. (LegCo use): 120)

Reply:

In 2016 and 2017, respectively 49 762 and 43 354 people attended public education and publicity programmes under “Heritage”. The higher attendance in 2016 can mainly be attributable to two fewer open days at King Yin Lei in 2017 because of slope repair works there in the first half of 2017, and, to a certain extent, to a higher number of visitors to Government House on its open days in 2016 than in 2017.

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