

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

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Head: (95) Leisure and Cultural Services Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (4) Performing Arts

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

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

- (a) Please use the table below to provide details of the cultural programmes organised by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) as “presentations by the LCSD” in the past financial year.

Programme title	Date of the programme	Arts group(s) involved	Local or visiting group	Expenditures involved

- (b) Please use the table below to provide details of the cultural programmes organised by the LCSD as “sponsored programmes” in the past financial year.

Programme title	Date of the programme	Arts group(s) involved	Local or visiting group	Expenditures involved

- (c) How many cultural programmes will be organised by the LCSD as “presentations by the LCSD” and “sponsored programmes” respectively in this financial year? What will be the expenditure involved?
- (d) In the past 3 financial years as well as the current financial year, how much expenditure did or will the LCSD spend on the Venue Partnership Scheme (VPS)? How much funding was or will be received by each of the 22 venue partners at 12 performing arts venues through the VPS over the same period?
- (e) The Budget Speech mentioned that more resources will be allocated to the small and medium arts groups under the VPS. What are the details? And in particular will additional funding be provided for employing staff to raise the wages of the arts practitioners and administrative staff?

Asked by: Hon MA Fung-kwok (Member Question No. (LegCo use): 51)

Reply:

- (a) The Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) presented 1 431 cultural programmes in 2017-18. Details of the programmes by art forms are set out at **Annex I**.
- (b) Apart from the LCSD's own presentations, the LCSD also sponsored 523 different local and overseas productions in 2017-18 by providing part of the programme fees, publicity support and/ or free venue and ticketing services. The number of programmes and estimated expenditure for sponsored programmes in 2017-18 by art forms are set out at **Annex II**.
- (c) In 2018-19, the LCSD plans to present 1 480 cultural programmes and sponsor 590 programmes at an estimate amount of \$129 million and \$66 million respectively.
- (d) & (e) In the past 3 financial years, the LCSD offered the small and medium sized venue partners (VP) not receiving annual subvention from the Home Affairs Bureau (HAB) an annual ceiling programme fee of \$1.1 million per group to cover production, publicity, staff and administrative costs as well as free use of venue facilities, ticketing services and administrative support. In addition, a one-off publicity support of up to \$40,000 was provided to each of the small and medium sized VPs in 2016-17 and 2017-18. The above funding arrangements are not applicable to the eight VPs that are the Major Performing Arts Groups receiving annual subvention from the HAB.

Starting from 2018-19, the ceiling of annual programme fee for each VP that is a small and medium sized performing arts group will be increased from \$1.1 million to \$1.5 million. VPs are encouraged to enhance capacity development with the additional resources to organise more sustainable community art activities, elevate their image, further develop their audience base in the community as well as strengthen their capacities in human resource management and organisational competence.

The number of VPs that are small and medium sized arts groups and the funding provided by the LCSD (including notional charges) for these VPs from 2015-16 to 2018-19 are as follows –

Item	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18 (Estimated)	2018-19 (Estimated)
Number of VPs that are small and medium sized arts groups	14	12 ⁽¹⁾	12 ⁽¹⁾	14
Total funding support (\$M)	31.23	27.48	26.80	36.14

Note

- (1) Two VPs ceased participation in the Venue Partnership Scheme (VPS) with effect from April 2016.

**Cultural Programmes Presented by Leisure and Cultural Services Department
in 2017-18**

Art Form	No. of Programmes (Estimated)		Direct Production Cost (\$) (Estimated)	
	Local	Visiting	Local	Visiting
Music	466	38	18,213,800	53,488,400
Dance	65	11	6,030,800	12,357,000
Theatre	63	6	10,168,400	5,681,000
Chinese Opera/ Operatic Songs	171	7	16,150,700	11,978,000
Multi-arts	7	13	3,853,000	7,759,000
Film	3	9 ⁽¹⁾	256,000	2,341,000
Others ⁽²⁾	568	4	19,497,000	2,592,000
Sub-Total	1 343	88	74,169,700	96,196,400
Grand-Total	1 431		170,366,100	

Notes

- (1) Foreign films.
(2) Other arts programmes including variety show, circus, Fun Day, Open Stage activities, etc.

**Cultural Programmes Sponsored by Leisure and Cultural Services Department
in 2017-18**

Art Form	No. of Programmes (Estimated)		Direct Production Cost (\$) (Estimated)	
	Local	Visiting	Local	Visiting
Music	103	14	10,364,000	0
Dance	54	3	2,638,300	0
Theatre	126	0	18,249,800	0
Chinese Opera/ Operatic Songs	156	0	3,522,100	0
Multi-arts	38	0	3,532,000	0
Film	3	4 ⁽¹⁾	640,000	450,000
Others ⁽²⁾	21	1	0	0
Sub-Total	501	22	38,946,200	450,000
Grand-Total	523		39,396,200	

Notes

- (1) Foreign films.
(2) Other arts programmes including variety show, circus, Fun Day, Open Stage activities, etc.

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