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Question:

It is stated under this Programme that in order to celebrate the 20th Anniversary of the Establishment of the HKSAR, a Grand Variety Show featuring an array of distinguished Hong Kong and Mainland artists was organised and televised in Hong Kong, the Mainland and to the Chinese communities worldwide. Will the Government inform this Committee of the expenditure for 2017-18 for the above event, namely "the Grand Variety Show in Celebration of the 20th Anniversary of Hong Kong's Return to the Motherland" attended by President Xi Jinping? What was its attendance? Did the Government pay the television station for the production? If so, what was the amount of payment?

Asked by: Hon CHAN Chi-chuen (Member Question No. (LegCo use): 73)

Reply:

The total expenditure for the organisation of the Grand Variety Show in Celebration of the 20th Anniversary of Hong Kong's Return to the Motherland was \$26.1 million, including \$19 million as payment to the television station for the production and broadcast of the show. The event was attended by some 3 430 audience and telecasted live through local, Mainland and overseas television channels and online platforms. The TV audience recorded by 2 major broadcasters of the Grand Variety Show is around 160 million live on China Central Television and 1.28 million live on TVB Jade.

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