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Question:

What are the numbers and details of activities held in the Hong Kong Zoological and Botanical Gardens in the past 3 years? What are the attendance figures? What are the expenditures on animal management? Have new animals been procured? If so, what are the species and numbers?

Asked by: Hon CHAN Chi-chuen (Member Question No. (LegCo use): 258)

Reply:

The Leisure and Cultural Services Department organises various zoological and botanical activities such as guided visits, exhibitions, educational talks and fun days at the Hong Kong Zoological and Botanical Gardens (HKZBG) for school students and the public to learn more about animals and plants.

The number and attendance of these activities, and the expenditure on animal management in the past 3 years are as follows –

	2015	2016	2017
No. of activities	464	535	522
Attendance	22 016	25 335	25 736
Expenditure on animal management	\$1,060,105	\$1,180,312	\$1,129,801

All the animals introduced to HKZBG are obtained through breeding loan, animal exchange programmes and donation from reputable zoological institutions. No animal is purchased.