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Question:

Regarding the "One Person, One Flower" Scheme, it has been reported in the media that, seeing their children's seedlings wither, parents had resorted to purchasing flowers of the same species in the market, contrary to the policy objectives of promoting a green culture among students, cultivating their interest in growing plants, etc. Will the Leisure and Cultural Services Department review the effectiveness of the policy? If so, what are the details? If not, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon CHAN Tanya (Member Question No. (LegCo use): 256)

Reply:

The "One Person, One Flower" (OPOF) Scheme organised by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) aims to promote a green culture among students, cultivate their interest in growing plants and foster their greening consciousness. Each participating student is given one seedling. The seedlings can be planted either at home or in schools. We have kept small quantity of spare seedlings for participating schools and students for replacement if necessary. Students are not required to hand in the planting reports. In 2017-18, 373 120 students from 1 166 schools participated and 410 000 seedlings were distributed under the OPOF Scheme. The OPOF Scheme has been well received by schools as evidenced by the large number of participating schools and students.

LCSD has maintained contact with participating schools and will conduct an annual review to fine-tune the arrangements of the OPOF Scheme. Participating schools are requested to submit the activity record book and questionnaire to LCSD for review on the effectiveness of the OPOF Scheme.

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