

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

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Head: (95) Leisure and Cultural Services Department

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

Programme: (1) Recreation and Sports

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

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

The Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) organises a wide range of recreation and sports programmes with a view to developing a strong sporting culture in Hong Kong and promoting "Sport for All". In this connection, please inform this Committee of the following:

- (a) What are the LCSD's plans and programmes to promote community sports this year? What is the estimated expenditure? What are the details of the plans?
- (b) Please provide in the table below details of the district-based activities organised by the LCSD in the past year.

2017-18				
	Number of activities	Expenditure	Number of participants	
			Local	Non-local
Sports training courses				
Sports competitions				

- (c) Please provide in the table below details of the sports and recreation programmes and activities organised by the LCSD in the past year. (If the activities were organised also to celebrate the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region anniversary, please indicate with a *.)

2017-18			
Activity	Expenditure	Number of participants	
		Local	Non-local

- (d) Please provide in the table below details of the district-based activities to be organised by the LCSD this year.

2018-19				
	Number of activities	Estimated expenditure	Expected number of participants	
			Local	Non-local
Sports training courses				
Sports competitions				

- (e) Please provide in the table below details of the sports and recreation programmes and activities to be organised by the LCSD this year.

2018-19			
Activity	Estimated expenditure	Expected number of participants	
		Local	Non-local

Asked by: Hon MA Fung-kwok (Member Question No. (LegCo use): 33)

Reply:

- (a) To promote sports in the community, the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) plans to organise about 38 500 programmes for some 2.34 million participants in 2018-19 at an estimated cost of \$189 million. These programmes include district-based activities such as sports training courses, recreational activities and competitions, as well as the School Sports Programme, Sport for All Day, events such as the Corporate Games, Masters Games and Hong Kong Games (HKG). To encourage wider and more regular participation in sports, LCSD will continue to provide programmes to meet the needs of specific target groups, including programmes designed for people with disabilities, parent-child training programmes in orienteering, social dance, badminton and ultimate; programmes targeting at young people such as BMX cycling, track cycling, sailing, canoeing and long distance run; and less physically demanding activities such as dance, body-mind stretch, and fitness walking for the physically less active population.
- (b) & (d) Details of the district-based activities organised by LCSD in 2017-18 and 2018-19 are listed below.

	Number of activities organised		Estimated expenditure (\$ million)		Number of participants [@]	
	2017-18	2018-19 (Planned)	2017-18	2018-19	2017-18	2018-19 (Planned)
Sports training courses and recreational activities	29 271	29 580	117.4	127.6	1 579 119	1 529 405
Sports competitions	363	357	15.1	15.2	111 478	111 165

[@] LCSD does not maintain records on the resident status of the participants in its programmes and activities.

(c) & (e) Details of other sports and recreation programmes organised by LCSD in 2017-18 and 2018-19 are set out below –

Programme/Event	Estimated expenditure (\$ million)		Number of participants [@]	
	2017-18	2018-19	2017-18	2018-19 (Planned)
School Sports Programmes*	26.7	31.3	629 000	634 480
Hong Kong Games* Note (1)	25.7	13.0	471 807	55 000
Corporate Games 2018 Note (2)	0.2	1.4	855	8 100
Masters Games 2018 Note (2)	-	0.6	-	5 000
Sport For All Day*	7.1	3.6	248 727	236 000

* The activities were enriched to celebrate the 20th Anniversary of the Establishment of Hong Kong Special Administrative Region.

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Note (1) The Hong Kong Games is a biennial event. The 6th HKG was held in 2016 and 2017 whilst the 7th HKG will be held in 2018 and 2019. Relatively less expenditure and fewer participants are involved in the publicity and promotional activities in the first year (i.e. 2016 and 2018) and more expenditure and participants are involved in the second year (i.e. 2017) when the majority of the sports competitions and community participation programmes are held.

Note (2) The Corporate Games and the Masters Games are biennial events. The Corporate Games 2018 is being held from January to October 2018 whereas the Masters Games 2018 will be held from July to December 2018.