

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 5407)

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:

One of the tasks of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department is to support the activities of the Hong Kong Arts Festival Society (HKAFS) through the grant of subvention. In this connection, please inform this Committee of the following:

- (a) The actual and estimated subventions granted to the HKAFS by the Government in the past 3 financial years as well as the current financial year.
- (b) Please list in the table below the expenditures of the Hong Kong Arts Festival in the past 3 financial years as well as the current financial year.

	Total expenditure of the Arts Festival	Expenditure on commissioning creative works and performances by local arts groups and artists	Expenditure on commissioning creative works and performances by arts groups and artists from the Mainland, Taiwan and overseas
2015-16			
2016-17			
2017-18			
2018-19			

- (c) The Budget proposed an additional funding of \$40 million to the HKAFS for commissioning creative works and performances by local arts groups and artists during the Arts Festival. What are the details?

Asked by: Hon MA Fung-kwok (Member Question No. (LegCo use): 52)

Reply:

- (a) The actual and estimated subventions granted to the Hong Kong Arts Festival Society (HKAFS) by the Government in the past 3 financial years as well as the current financial year are tabulated as follows:

	Subvention granted to HKAFS (\$ million)
2015-16 (actual)	33.180
2016-17 (actual)	51.684 ⁽¹⁾
2017-18 (actual)	39.024
2018-19 (estimate)	52.219 ⁽²⁾

Notes

(1) Including a one-off special funding for presentation of 3 programmes in celebration of the 20th Anniversary of the Establishment of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region.

(2) Including additional time-limited funding for commissioning creative works and performances by local arts groups and artists during the Festival.

- (b) HKAFS is a non-profit-making and financially autonomous organisation in which the government subvention is only one of its sources of revenue. The Government does not have the requested information on the breakdown of expenditures for HKAFS.
- (c) The Government has announced in the 2018-19 Budget that it will provide a total of \$40 million in the coming 5 years to HKAFS for commissioning creative works and performances by local arts groups and artists during the Arts Festival. With the additional funding, HKAFS will help local arts groups/artists reach out to a wider audience, further develop the community arts, and extend its programmes to more performing arts venues in the New Territories. Proposed programme details will be worked out later.

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