

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**HAB105****(Question Serial No. 2705)**Head: (95) Leisure and Cultural Services DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): (-) Not specifiedProgramme: (2) Horticulture and AmenitiesControlling Officer: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services (Vincent LIU)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home AffairsQuestion:

1. 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?
2. What are the species and numbers of animals in the Hong Kong Zoological and Botanical Gardens currently? What are the expenditures and manpower for management of animals?
3. Were new animals introduced in the past 3 years? If so, please list, by types of animals, the sources, species, numbers and purchase costs.

Asked by: Hon CHAN Chi-chuen (LegCo internal reference no.: 40)Reply:

1. 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 in the past 3 years are as follows:

	2017	2018	2019
No. of activities	522	573	548
Attendance	25 736	27 682	28 686

2. Currently, there are 249 animals, including mammals, birds and reptiles, housed in HKZBG. The numbers of species and animals are as follows:

	No. of species	No. of animals
Mammals	14	70
Birds	32	156
Reptiles	5	23

A total of 26 staff members are responsible for animal management and the expenditure (excluding staff salaries) is about \$1.27 million.

3. In the past 3 years, the following animals were introduced to HKZBG in 2017 and 2018 through animal exchange programmes and donation from reputable zoological institutions. The details of the animals are as follows:

Year	Species	No. of animals
2017	Laughing Kookaburra	3
	Blue Whistling-thrush	2
	Oriental Pied Hornbill	1
2018	Golden Lion Tamarin	2
	White-faced Saki	1
	Cotton-top Tamarin	3
	Black-faced Spoonbill	1
2019	No animal was introduced	

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