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Question:

The Budget Speech proposes additional funding of \$50 million for the Leisure and Cultural Services Department to acquire local visual artworks. Will the Administration inform this Committee of the number and types of artworks acquired and the expenditure incurred in 2011-12? Please also state the types of artworks acquired and to be acquired, the criteria for assessment, as well as the manpower and expenditures involved in 2012-13 and 2013-14 respectively.

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Chi-chuen

Reply:

The Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) spent \$1.82 million and \$3.39 million for acquiring 255 and 1 630 artworks (including 1 600 photo negatives sold at a discounted price) in 2011-12 and 2012-13 respectively. The types of artworks acquired include Hong Kong art in different media (such as photography, print, painting, calligraphy, sculpture and mixed media) and historical pictures.

LCSD will continue to acquire artworks in different media by local artists so as to build up a comprehensive collection on Hong Kong art for research, exhibition and educational programmes. The assessment criteria for acquisition of artworks include their artistic merit, relevance to museums' collections, physical condition, price, display and education value, and the reputation of the artist, etc. Museum Expert Advisers will be engaged to give independent advice on the proposed acquisition including the price to be offered. The procedures and assessment criteria adopted by LCSD for acquisition of artworks are well established and have taken into account the advice given by the Independent Commission Against Corruption.

As each piece of artwork is unique and the price varies depending on its nature, scale and artistic merit, the number of artworks to be acquired and the expenditure involved in 2013-14 cannot be estimated. No additional manpower is required for the acquisition work as it is absorbed by curators of the individual museums.

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