

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
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Head: 95 – Leisure and Cultural Services Department Subhead (No. & title):

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Question:

It is stated in the indicators under Programme (3) that the Administration will draw up the first draft inventory list of Hong Kong's intangible cultural heritage items. Will the Government inform this Committee of the detailed plan of drawing up the inventory list and the expenditure involved? And will the Government recruit any permanent or non-permanent staff and what recruitment criteria will be adopted? Will the staff employed be civil servants, contract staff or staff of outsourced service providers?

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Chi-chuen

Reply:

The Government has commissioned the South China Research Center of Hong Kong University of Science and Technology to conduct a territory-wide survey of intangible cultural heritage (ICH) in Hong Kong with a view to collecting research data for the compilation of the first inventory list of ICH in Hong Kong. The consultancy fee involved is \$6.25 million. The South China Research Center has just submitted the survey report with a draft inventory list which will be discussed by the Intangible Cultural Heritage Advisory Committee (ICHAC) in its coming meetings. Upon consideration of the draft inventory list by ICHAC, the Government will conduct an extensive public consultation exercise on the draft list. Taking into account the public views received, the Government plans to publish the first inventory list of ICH in Hong Kong by early 2014.

Since the survey is undertaken by the South China Research Center and the monitoring work is conducted by existing staff of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department, the Government has not recruited any permanent or non-permanent staff for the task.

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