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Question (Member Question No. 41):

Under Subhead 677 Acquiring and commissioning artworks by local artists, there is a provision of \$9.05 million for acquiring and commissioning local artworks. Regarding this item, a funding of \$50 million was provided last year. In this connection, please provide the following information:

- a. The number of artworks by local artists acquired and commissioned in the past year as well as the amounts involved.
- b. In 2014-15, what are the plans to acquire and commission artworks by local artists?

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Reply:

- a. With regard to the funding of \$50 million approved by the Finance Committee of the Legislative Council in June 2013, the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) has earmarked \$4.28 million in 2013-14 for acquiring over 160 artworks by local artists.
- b. In 2014-15, the LCSD will actively collect and acquire artworks of leading and emerging local artists with a view to building up a comprehensive museum collection of Hong Kong art. As a matter of priority, the LCSD will continue to acquire selected artworks of the Hong Kong Contemporary Art Award and the artworks commissioned for various public art projects in recent years. The acquisition will cover different media, including photography, design, print, painting, calligraphy, sculpture, ceramics and mixed media works.