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Question (Member Question No. 45):

The Administration will monitor the implementation of the Public Swimming Pool Monthly Ticket Scheme in the coming year. What is the progress of the implementation of the Scheme since its launch in July 2012? What is the annual subsidy allocated for the Scheme? How many complaints about the Scheme have been received so far?

Asked by: Hon. CHUNG Shu-kun, Christopher

Reply:

The Public Swimming Pool Monthly Ticket Scheme was introduced on 5 July 2012 with the aim of making regular swimming more affordable, particularly for the elderly, and encouraging the public to maintain a healthy lifestyle by swimming regularly. By the end of January 2014, the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) had sold over 122 000 monthly tickets, half of which were bought by citizens aged 60 or above. The annual expenditure incurred for the Scheme is about \$1.4 million, covering the maintenance of the Public Swimming Pool Smart Card System, hire of broadband network and contract staff for supporting the system.

The LCSD has received 76 complaints about the Scheme since its launch in July 2012.