Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2015-16

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

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<u>Head</u>: (95) Leisure and Cultural Services Department

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<u>Programme</u>: (3) Heritage and Museums

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Question:

(a) Please provide in the table below information on the recurring expenditures incurred by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) on the acquisition of artworks in the past year.

Year	Total	Expenditure	Number	Expenditure	Number	Expenditure	Number	Number
	expenditure	on the	of	on the	of	on the	of local	of local
	on the	acquisition	overseas	acquisition	artworks	acquisition of	artworks	artists
	acquisition	of overseas	artworks	of artworks	acquired	local	acquired	involved
	of artworks	artworks	acquired	from the	from the	artworks		
				Mainland or	Mainland			
				Taiwan	or			
					Taiwan			
2014-15								

- (b) What is the estimated expenditure of the LCSD on the acquisition of artworks in 2015-16? What percentage does the estimated expenditure on the acquisition of local artworks account for?
- (c) Is there any competition with the West Kowloon Cultural District Authority in the acquisition of local artists' artwork? If so, how was it resolved?

Asked by: Hon MA Fung-kwok (Member Question No. 1.07)

Reply:

(a) LCSD has earmarked \$9.64 million in 2014-15 for acquiring about 1 220 artworks. Details are set out below:

Year	acquisition of artworks	on the acquisition of overseas artworks	of	from the Mainland or Taiwan	artworks acquired from the Mainland	on the acquisition of local artworks	of local artworks	Number of local artists involved
	(\$'000)	(\$'000)		(\$'000)		(\$'000)		
2014-15	9,644	260	10	1,384	2	8,000	1 208*	60

^{*} including 1 128 photographic items and 80 artworks, i.e. paintings, prints, ceramics, calligraphies, media art and installation art.

- (b) LCSD has earmarked \$8.8 million for acquiring artworks in 2015-16. As with previous years, it is envisaged that a large proportion of the funding will be spent on the acquisition of artworks of local artists.
- (c) LCSD has been in constant dialogue with M+ of the West Kowloon Cultural District Authority to ensure that the business and activities of its museums will not duplicate with those of M+. There is no competition with M+ in the acquisition of local artists' artworks.