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Question:

The Leisure and Cultural Services Department has stated that it will expand the existing Green Volunteer Scheme to enhance community involvement and public participation in tree surveillance in 2013-14. What are the details and estimated expenditure involved?

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Ka-lok, Kenneth

Reply:

The Green Volunteer Scheme (the Scheme) has over 3 700 Green Volunteers in 18 districts and the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) will continue to promote the Scheme through publicity and greening activities to encourage more members of the public to join as Green Volunteers. Horticultural training and workshops will be organised to equip the Green Volunteers with basic knowledge and skills to undertake simple horticultural maintenance tasks and to identify trees requiring attention for reporting to LCSD for further actions. They will also be invited to serve as stewards in the Department's greening promotional activities and to perform outreaching services in the community. The estimated expenditure involved in promoting the Scheme in 2013-14 is about \$0.6 million.

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