

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

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Controlling Officer: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

Regarding the “introduction of the Public Swimming Pool Monthly Ticket Scheme” mentioned in the Brief Description, will the Administration inform this Committee of the latest situation of the Public Swimming Pool Monthly Ticket Scheme. Please provide a breakdown of the numbers of monthly tickets purchased by different groups of patrons (including persons aged 60 or above, persons with disabilities, ordinary adults, children aged between 3 and 13, and full-time students). Has the Administration assessed the impact of the Scheme on its revenue generated from the admission fees? How does the situation differ from the initial estimate?

Asked by: Hon. FUNG Kin-kee, Frederick

Reply:

The Public Swimming Pool Monthly Ticket Scheme (the Scheme) was introduced on 5 July 2012. Up to the end of January 2013, the Leisure and Cultural Services Department had sold over 44,000 monthly tickets. The number of monthly tickets sold by type is set out below:

Type of tickets	No. of Monthly Tickets sold (Up to 31.1.2013)
Normal Rate Monthly Ticket	15 823
Concessionary Rate Monthly Ticket	-
People aged 60 or above	25 202
People with disabilities	1 070
Minders of people with disabilities	123
Children (aged between 3 and 13)	407
Full-time students	2 256
Total:	44 881

The amount of revenue generated from the sales of monthly tickets since introduction of the Scheme is sufficient to offset the loss of income from the admission fees paid by individual swimmers. This is in line with our original estimate.

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