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Question:

Will the Administration inform this Committee of the total water consumption and expenditure on water charges of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department in the past three years (i.e. from 2010-11 to 2012-13) and the estimated total water consumption and expenditure for 2013-14? What measures will be taken by the Administration to save water in all areas (including irrigation and management of sports, cultural and recreational facilities)?

Asked by: Hon. FUNG Kin-kee, Frederick

Reply:

The total water consumption of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) in 2010-11 was 12.8 million cubic metres and in 2011-12, it was 12.1 million cubic metres. We do not yet have a figure for 2012-13. The Department aims to reduce water consumption by adopting measures such as: installation of water efficient fittings (e.g., automatic flushing sensors, dual-flush flushing cisterns, sensor/push caps and water taps) and salt-water flushing; regular inspection of facilities to prevent water leakage; replacement of aged filters in plant rooms of swimming pools; and use of water jets for poolside cleaning. To optimise water consumption during irrigation of plants, LCSD has issued guidelines on water conservation to its staff and horticultural maintenance contractors and reminds them to refrain from watering plants on rainy days or when the soil is saturated.

LCSD will continue to monitor the level of water consumption at its facilities and work with the Water Supplies Department to explore further measures to reduce water consumption.

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