

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

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Head: (95) Leisure and Cultural Services Department

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Programme: (1) Recreation and Sports

Controlling Officer: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services (Ms Michelle LI)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

- a) On organising “programmes for special target groups, including elderly people and people with disabilities”, what are the details of the work this year?
- b) On enhancing the participation of people with disabilities in sports programmes, what are the details of the work to be carried out and the estimated expenditure involved?
- c) Will the Government conduct a study on the policy of enhancing the participation of people with disabilities in sports programmes? If so, when will the study be conducted? If not, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon CHAN Ka-lok, Kenneth (Member Question No. 401)

Reply:

- a) To promote "Sport for All" and to encourage people of different age groups and levels of ability to lead an active and healthy life, the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) organises a wide range of recreation and sports activities for different target groups including the elderly and people with disabilities (PWDs). The programmes specially organised for the elderly and PWDs include swimming, baduanjin, fitness exercise, fitness (multi-gym), gymnastics for all, tai chi, social dance, table tennis, gateball, camping activities and excursions. Outreach programmes are also organised at elderly centres and rehabilitation centres.
- b) In 2015-16, LCSD will organise about 1 310 recreation and sports programmes specially designed for PWDs, catering for some 75 500 participants at an estimated cost of \$4.25 million. To promote the regular participation of PWDs in sports and physical activities in the community, LCSD will continue to organise recreation and sports programmes taking into account their needs, availability of resources and advice of respective District Councils on the needs of the community.

- c) The Home Affairs Bureau will commission a consultancy study on how to support disabled athletes and promote sports participation by PWDs in a more comprehensive manner. The consultancy study is expected to start in 2015-16. The consultant will consult relevant stakeholders during the course of the study.

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