

Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2011-12

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

Reply Serial No.

HAB238

Question Serial No.

1164

Head : 95 – Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Subhead :

Programme : (2) Horticulture and Amenities

Controlling Officer : Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

- a. Regarding the greening work for vacant government sites, on how many sites was greening work implemented by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department in 2010-11? Please list by site the number of plants, area of greening and expenditure involved.
- b. Moreover, on which government sites will greening work be implemented by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department in 2011-12? What will be the expenditure involved?

Asked by : Hon. CHAN Hak-kan

Reply :

- a. In 2010-11, the Leisure and Cultural Services Department has conducted greening work at four vacant government sites covering a total area of about 0.3 hectares with about 10 000 plants. The expenditure incurred was \$0.16 million, details of which are as follows:

Location of Vacant Government Site	Approx. Area (Hectare)	No. of Plant	Project Cost (\$ million)
Shau Kei Wan Main Street East (Eastern)	0.03	3 000	0.02

Location of Vacant Government Site	Approx. Area (Hectare)	No. of Plant	Project Cost (\$ million)
Lung Cheung Road (Wong Tai Sin)	0.19	1 600	0.05
Ham Tin Village (Lantau)	0.02	1 000	0.02
Cheung Sha Beach (Lantau)	0.06	4 400	0.07
Total	0.30	10 000	0.16

- b. In 2011-12, the Department has already identified one suitable site for greening work and will continue to search for additional sites for such work. The estimated expenditure for greening the identified site is \$0.07 million.

Location of Vacant Government Site	Approx. Area (Hectare)	No. of Plant	Estimated Project Cost (\$ million)
Wing Ting Road (Wong Tai Sin)	0.07	5 000	0.07

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Question Serial No.

1165

Head : 95 – Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Subhead :

Programme : (5) Public Libraries

Controlling Officer : Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

It is mentioned under Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2011-12 that the Leisure and Cultural Services Department will provide book-drop facilities at three major Mass Transit Railway (MTR) interchange stations on a trial basis. Please inform this Committee of the following:

- (a) Which three MTR interchange stations will be provided with the above facilities?
- (b) What are the estimated number of people using the above facilities and the estimated number of books and library items to be collected each day?
- (c) How will the Administration tackle the problem concerning the evasion of fines by users who return overdue books and library items through the above facilities?
- (d) How long will the trial scheme last? Will additional resources and manpower be involved?

Asked by : Hon. CHAN Hak-kan

Reply :

- (a) The Department plans to launch a trial scheme of providing book-drop facilities at three major MTR interchange stations, namely Central, Kowloon Tong and Nam Cheong in the fourth quarter of 2011.

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Head : 95 – Leisure and Cultural Services Department Subhead :

Programme : (2) Horticulture and Amenities

Controlling Officer : Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

Regarding the enhancement of the Community Garden Programme, how many new community gardens has the Leisure and Cultural Services Department planned to provide in 2011-12? For each of the community gardens, please list the specific location, size and the estimated number of planting plots to be hired out.

Asked by : Hon. CHAN Hak-kan

Reply :

Currently, there are 21 community gardens in operation under the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD), of which the Jordan Valley Park Community Garden in Kwun Tong District was newly open in January 2011. The distribution and details of each community garden is at the Annex.

In 2011-12, a new community garden in Sai Kung District will be completed in February 2012. The site, with an area of about 2 200 square metres, is located at the Junction of Yuk Nga Lane and Po Fung Road, Tseung Kwan O. Upon completion, 40 planting plots of the size of 1.5m x 1.5m each will be available for hiring out. LCSD will continue to identify suitable existing and new sites to construct community gardens to meet the demand of the public.

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Distribution of Community Gardens under LCSD

<u>Item</u>	<u>District</u>	<u>Name of Community Garden</u>	<u>No. of Plots</u>
1	Southern	Ocean Park Road Community Garden	35
2	Southern	Ap Lei Chau Waterfront Promenade Community Garden	50
3	Central & Western	Central & Western District Community Garden	50
4	Wan Chai	Wan Chai Park Community Garden	16
5	Eastern	Wai Tsui Crescent Community Garden	50
6	Sham Shui Po	Fa Hui Park Community Garden	50
7	Yau Tsim Mong	Man Cheong Street Community Garden	90
8	Kowloon City	Kowloon Tsai Park Community Garden	30
9	Wong Tai Sin	Lion Rock Park Community Garden	55
10	Kwun Tong	Kowloon Bay Sports Centre Community Garden	50
11	Kwun Tong	Sau Ming Road Park Community Garden	30
12	Kwun Tong	Jordan Valley Park Community Garden	45
13	Islands	Tung Chung Community Garden	65
14	Tuen Mun	Tsing Tin Playground Community Garden	50
15	Yuen Long	Tin Sau Road Community Garden	60
16	Tsuen Wan	Tsuen Wan Park Community Garden	53
17	Kwai Tsing	Kwai Fuk Road Community Garden	26
18	North	North District Park Community Garden	55
19	Tai Po	Tung Tsz Nursery Community Garden	25
20	Sha Tin	Che Kung Miu Road Playground Community Garden	30
21	Sai Kung	Sheung Ning Playground Community Garden	35

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Question Serial No.

1463

Head : 95 – Leisure and Cultural Subhead :
Services Department

Programme : (1) Recreation and Sports

Controlling Officer : Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

The Administration is preparing for the second territory-wide Physical Fitness Test for the Community. Please inform this Committee of the details of the Test and the findings of the first Test.

Asked by : Hon. CHEUNG Hok-ming

Reply :

The Community Sports Committee of the Sports Commission recommended that a territory-wide Physical Fitness Test for the Community (PFT) should be conducted in Hong Kong every five years. The first PFT was completed in 2006 and the second PFT is being planned for implementation and completion in 2011. Through the PFT, the Department aims to set up a database on the physical fitness of Hong Kong people; to identify the relationship between the physical exercise pattern and physical fitness of Hong Kong people and the priority measures to enhance the overall physical fitness of the public; as well as to give individual participants a general understanding of their own physical fitness condition.

The PFT comprises two parts, a questionnaire survey and a physical fitness test. Target participants are Hong Kong citizens aged between three and 69, categorised into five age groups - infants (aged 3-6), children (7-12), adolescents (13-19), adults (20-59)

and the elderly (60-69). The sample size is about 10 000, drawn at random from 18 districts.

The estimated budget for the second PFT is about \$5.7 million, covering the costs for engaging professional agents to conduct the survey and the tests, procurement of test equipment and publicity.

The findings of the first PFT conducted in 2005-06 reflected a general trend of deterioration in physical fitness of the participants starting from the age of 30 onwards. The test results indicated that the frequency and intensity of physical activity were significantly associated with the participants' level of physical fitness. They also indicated that the majority of the participants did not engage in enough physical activities. Besides, the habits of parents, in particular fathers, had a great deal of influence on how frequently their children exercise. Also, the effect of smoking on physical fitness was reflected in the test results. The results also showed that cycling and various ball games were the most popular physical activities among toddlers while swimming and ball games were children's and juveniles' favourites. Adults, on the other hand, preferred walking and running.

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1464

Head : 95 – Leisure and Cultural Subhead :
Services Department

Programme : (1) Recreation and Sports

Controlling Officer : Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

The actual average usage rates of natural turf pitches in both 2009 and 2010 were as high as 100%, much more than the respective 75% and 73% of artificial turf pitches. Has the Administration studied and analysed the above figures for use as indicators in planning the number of natural or artificial turf pitches in future?

Asked by : Hon. CHEUNG Hok-ming

Reply :

The average usage rates of natural and artificial turf pitches are calculated on the basis of the total number of sessions available for use by hirers. Due to the need to maintain the grass surface in a playable condition, natural turf pitches can only provide 60 sessions a month for hiring; whereas artificial turf pitches, which require less frequent maintenance, can provide a total of 270 sessions a month, i.e., more than four times those of the natural turf pitches. As a result of the much larger number of sessions available for hiring including sessions during non-peak hours, the overall average usage rate for artificial turf pitches is generally lower than that of natural turf pitches. However, the usage rate of artificial turf pitches at peak hours is nearly 100% which reflects a strong public demand for such facilities.

The Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) currently provides 15 third generation (3G) artificial turf pitches for public use. Given that artificial turf pitches

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1466

Head : 95 – Leisure and Cultural Services Department Subhead :

Programme : (1) Recreation and Sports

Controlling Officer : Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

In the past two years, the average usage rate of tennis courts stood at 58% only. Has the Administration adopted a suitable marketing approach to promote the utilisation of tennis courts?

Asked by : Hon. CHEUNG Hok-ming

Reply :

The Leisure and Cultural Services Department keeps the usage of sports facilities under review and will continue to introduce measures to enhance the utilisation of its facilities. As far as tennis courts are concerned, the Department organises promotional activities including fun days, training courses and competitions to promote usage, and distributes promotional materials and liaises with schools and local organisations to encourage them to use the facilities.

The usage rate of tennis courts has increased gradually, from 51% in 2007 to 58% in 2010. The Department will continue to encourage more organisations such as local community groups and sports organisations to use the tennis courts. In addition, the Department will, in consultation with the District Councils, consider converting sports facilities with lower usage into other types of facilities with a view to meeting the demands of users.

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1467

Head : 95 – Leisure and Cultural Subhead :
Services Department

Programme : (1) Recreation and Sports

Controlling Officer : Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

A Sport for All Day was organised on 8 August 2010 to provide free sports programmes and facilities for members of the public to enjoy. Please inform this Committee of the total number of people who participated in the programmes or used the facilities free of charge on that day.

Asked by : Hon. CHEUNG Hok-ming

Reply :

The Leisure and Cultural Services Department organised the “Sport for All Day” on 8 August 2010. More than 27 000 people participated in the free sports programmes and over 164 000 people used the facilities free of charge on that day.

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Question Serial No.

1468

Head : 95 – Leisure and Cultural Subhead :
Services Department

Programme : (1) Recreation and Sports

Controlling Officer : Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

Will the Administration consider opening all its recreation and sports facilities regularly each year for public use free of charge?

Asked by : Hon. CHEUNG Hok-ming

Reply :

The Leisure and Cultural Services Department organised the “Sport for All Day” on 8 August 2010. More than 27 000 people participated in the free sports programmes and over 164 000 people used the facilities free of charge on that day. The Department will take into account the experience gained when considering the need for organising similar events to promote participation in sport and the use of facilities in future.

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Question Serial No.

1469

Head : 95 – Leisure and Cultural Subhead :
Services Department

Programme : (1) Recreation and Sports

Controlling Officer : Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

How many parks in the territory allow users to bring their dogs along? Please list the locations of these parks.

Asked by : Hon. CHEUNG Hok-ming

Reply :

At present, 20 leisure venues under the management of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department are provided with pet gardens. A list of venues is in the **Annex**.

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**List of Pet Gardens under the Management of
the Leisure and Cultural Services Department**

	District	Name of the Venue
1.	Central & Western	Victoria Peak Garden
2.		Central and Western District Promenade (Sheung Wan Section)
3.	Southern	Sitting-out area at Aberdeen Tennis and Squash Centre
4.	Wan Chai	Tai Hang Drive Sitting-out Area
5.	Kowloon City	Kowloon Tsai Park
6.	Yau Tsim Mong	Yau Tsim Mong Pet Garden
7.	Kwai Tsing	Kwai Chung Castle Peak Road Sitting-out Area
8.		Jockey Club Hing Shing Road Playground
9.		Tsing Yu Street Garden
10.		Cheung Wan Street Rest Garden
11.	North	Po Wing Road Sitting-out Area
12.	Tsuen Wan	Sham Tsz Street Playground
13.		Wo Yi Hop Road Garden
14.		Tsuen Wan Park
15.	Sha Tin	Ma On Shan Sai Sha Road Pet Garden
16.	Tai Po	Kwong Fuk Park
17.	Islands	Tung Chung North Park
18.	Yuen Long	Town Park North Children's Playground
19.	Eastern	North Point Promenade
20.	Sham Shui Po	Lai Chi Kok Park

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Question Serial No.

1470

Head : 95 – Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Subhead :

Programme : (1) Recreation and Sports

Controlling Officer : Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

Since dog gardens are not available in some districts, will the Administration consider increasing the number of dog gardens for the convenience of the local community?

Asked by : Hon. CHEUNG Hok-ming

Reply :

The Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) provides 20 pet gardens which allow dog owners to bring in their dogs. LCSD plans to identify suitable sites for providing additional pet gardens to meet the needs of dog owners. In doing so, LCSD will consult the District Councils.

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Question Serial No.

1471

Head : 95 – Leisure and Cultural Subhead :
Services Department

Programme : (1) Recreation and Sports

Controlling Officer : Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

Please provide information on the amount of subvention provided by the Administration to national sports associations and sports organisations respectively in the past three years (i.e. 2008-09, 2009-10 and 2010-11).

Asked by : Hon. CHEUNG Hok-ming

Reply :

The Leisure and Cultural Services Department provides subvention to national sports associations and sports organisations through the Sports Subvention Scheme. The subventions provided in the past three years, i.e., 2008-09, 2009-10 and 2010-11 are as follows-

Year	Total Subvention (\$ million)
2008-09	181
2009-10	186
2010-11	213

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Question Serial No.

1472

Head : 95 – Leisure and Cultural Subhead :
Services Department

Programme : (1) Recreation and Sports

Controlling Officer : Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

How many leisure and sports activities were organised by national sports associations and subvented sports organisations respectively in the past three years, i.e. 2008-09, 2009-10 and 2010-11? How many people participated in these activities?

Asked by : Hon. CHEUNG Hok-ming

Reply :

The total number of leisure and sports programmes organised by the national sports associations and sports organisations which were subvented by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department under the Sports Subvention Scheme, as well as the total number of participants in these programmes in 2008-09, 2009-10 and 2010-11 are as follows -

Year	No. of Programmes	No. of Participants
2008-09	10 300	715 000
2009-10	10 400	715 500
2010-11	10 700	724 600

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Question Serial No.

1487

Head : 95 – Leisure and Cultural Subhead :
Services Department

Programme : (3) Heritage and Museums

Controlling Officer : Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

How many special guided tours did the Administration arrange for the public for the “River of Wisdom - Animated Version of the Riverside Scene at Qingming Festival” exhibition held in 2010? How many people attended the exhibition during the exhibition period? Given that the exhibition was exceptionally well-received, and many people could not get a ticket because the tickets were sold out shortly after they were put on sale, will the Administration consider staging the exhibition in Hong Kong again?

Asked by : Hon. CHEUNG Hok-ming

Reply :

The *River of Wisdom – Animated Version of the Riverside Scene at Qingming Festival* exhibition held in November 2010 had attracted about 930 000 visitors. A total of 3 474 guided tours have been conducted during the period to enable the public to appreciate the exhibition more fully. The Department has no plan to stage this exhibition in Hong Kong again in the near future, but will continue to bring in more blockbuster exhibitions on Chinese arts and culture to Hong Kong for public enjoyment.

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Question Serial No.

1488

Head : 95 – Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Subhead :

Programme : (5) Public Libraries

Controlling Officer : Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

The Administration plans to carry out a pilot test on Radio Frequency Identification technology in libraries. What are the details of the pilot test? What is the estimated expenditure? When will the test be commenced and completed?

Asked by : Hon. CHEUNG Hok-ming

Reply :

The Department plans to carry out a pilot test on the application of Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) technology at six libraries by end of 2011. The pilot test will last for six months for completion in June 2012. Major library operations under an RFID environment such as self-service of lending and returning of library materials, book sorting, shelving and inventory management of library items, etc. will be tested. The estimated non-recurrent cost for the pilot test is around HK\$36 million and the estimated recurrent cost is about HK\$2.2 million per year. The Department will closely monitor user feedback and public acceptance of the new service mode and revised work procedures during the pilot period.

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HAB252

Question Serial No.

1489

Head : 95 – Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Subhead :

Programme : (5) Public Libraries

Controlling Officer : Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

Regarding the provision of book-drop facilities at three major Mass Transit Railway (MTR) interchange stations on a trial basis, please inform this Committee of the names of the three interchange stations, the commencement date of the trial scheme and its duration. Will the Administration consider launching the scheme at all MTR stations?

Asked by : Hon. CHEUNG Hok-ming

Reply :

The Department plans to launch a trial scheme on book-drop facilities at three major MTR interchange stations, namely Central, Kowloon Tong and Nam Cheong in the fourth quarter of 2011. A review will be conducted one year after its implementation to examine the effectiveness of the scheme, as well as its long-term manpower and financial implications, so as to decide whether the scheme could be extended to other major MTR interchange stations.

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Question Serial No.

0111

Head : 95 – Leisure and Cultural Services Department Subhead :

Programme : (4) Performing Arts

Controlling Officer : Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

Please provide information on the expenditures of the Venue Partnership Scheme in 2009 and 2010, the estimated provision for the Scheme for 2011, and whether there are any plans to extend the Scheme to private theatres/establishments/the Hong Kong Creative Arts Centre/the black box theatres in industrial buildings.

Asked by : Hon. EU Yuet-mee, Audrey

Reply :

The Venue Partnership Scheme (VPS) is now being implemented in 11 performance venues managed by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) involving 20 performing arts groups (Venue Partners). The actual and estimated expenditure on the VPS during the current three-year cycle from 2009-10 to 2011-12 is \$35,752,857, \$36,210,026 and \$36,567,791 respectively. A breakdown of the funding support provided to individual Venue Partners by the Home Affairs Bureau (HAB) (for the nine Venue Partners which are major performing groups receiving annual subvention from HAB) and LCSD (for the 11 Venue Partners which are medium and small-sized performing groups) is at Annex.

The VPS aims to facilitate and encourage performing arts groups of different sizes to make the best use of LCSD's venues to support their artistic pursuits and develop the artistic characteristics of the individual venues. The Administration welcomes private

venue operators to collaborate with arts groups in similar ways that may suit their management and development objectives.

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Venue Partnership Scheme (VPS) – Expenditures (2009-10 to 2011-12)**A) Venue Partners with Funding Support from Home Affairs Bureau (HAB)**

	Venue	Venue Partner	Expenditure (VPS-related only) (\$)		
			[Note 1]		
			2009-10 (Actual)	2010-11 (Estimates)	2011-12 (Estimates)
1.	Hong Kong Cultural Centre	(i) Hong Kong Philharmonic Orchestra	1,775,830	1,775,830	1,775,830
		(ii) Hong Kong Chinese Orchestra	1,538,963	1,538,963	1,538,963
		(iii) Hong Kong Ballet	2,577,050	2,577,050	2,577,050
		(iv) Zuni Icosahedron	3,012,558	3,012,558	3,012,558
2.	Hong Kong City Hall	(i) Hong Kong Sinfonietta	1,916,088	1,916,088	1,916,088
		(ii) Hong Kong Repertory Theatre	1,241,000	1,241,000	1,241,000
3.	Kwai Tsing Theatre	Chung Ying Theatre Company	1,630,080	1,630,080	1,630,080
4.	Tsuen Wan Town Hall	Hong Kong Dance Company	2,054,452	2,054,452	2,054,452
5.	Yuen Long Theatre	Chung Ying Theatre Company	790,000	790,000	790,000
Sub-total (A) :			16,536,021	16,536,021	16,536,021

B) Venue Partners with Funding Support from the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD)

	Venue	Venue Partner	Expenditure (\$) [Note 2]		
			2009-10 (Actual)	2010-11 (Estimates)	2011-12 (Estimates)
1.	Sheung Wan Civic Centre	Perry Chiu Experimental Theatre	1,818,187	1,810,045	1,810,000
2.	Sai Wan Ho Civic Centre	The Absolutely Fabulous Theatre Connection	1,520,662	1,390,400	1,390,000
3.	Ngau Chi Wan Civic Centre	(i) E-Side Dance Company	1,322,192	1,242,739	1,313,580
		(ii) Whole Theatre	1,748,677	2,070,103	2,015,840
4.	Kwai Tsing Theatre	W Theatre and Wind Mill Grass Theatre	2,017,139	1,390,500 [Note 3]	1,615,570

Venue		Venue Partner	Expenditure (\$) [Note 2]		
			2009-10 (Actual)	2010-11 (Estimates)	2011-12 (Estimates)
5.	Tsuen Wan Town Hall	Ming Ri Institute for Arts Education	1,510,202	1,610,148	1,746,510
6.	Sha Tin Town Hall	(i) The Cantonese Opera Advancement Association	2,977,979	3,317,500	3,860,570
		(ii) Hong Kong Children's Arts Alliance	1,722,605	1,904,000	1,749,190
7.	North District Town Hall	Harmonic Theatre	1,149,428	1,204,770	1,247,510
8.	Tuen Mun Town Hall	Spring-Time Chinese Opera and Hon Fung Creative Chinese Opera	2,425,917	2,277,200	1,821,000
9.	Yuen Long Theatre	Y-Space	1,003,848	1,456,600	1,462,000
Sub-total (B) :			19,216,836	19,674,005	20,031,770
Total (A) + (B) :			35,752,857	36,210,026	36,567,791

Note 1: Additional funding from HAB to these subvented companies covers hire charges in using LCSD venues, programme fees for VPS-related activities and staff cost.

Note 2: Funding support from LCSD, covering notional hire charges (charges incurred by the Venue Partner from free use of hiring units at the partnering venue), notional URBTIX charges and annual programme fee (not exceeding \$1 million per group/consortium).

Note 3: The relatively low estimated expenditure for 2010-11 by W Theatre and Wind Mill Grass Theatre is due to the presentation of re-run programmes which incurred less expenditure.

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Question Serial No.

0199

Head : 95 – Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Subhead :

Programme : (4) Performing Arts

Controlling Officer : Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

Please provide information on the expenditure on promoting Cantonese opera performances, the box office receipts of these performances, the age group statistics of the audience, the attendance statistics of expatriate audience, and the number of audience members who were complimentary ticket holders in 2009 and 2010.

Asked by : Hon. EU Yuet-mee, Audrey

Reply :

In 2009-10 and 2010-11, the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) set aside \$18 million and \$19 million respectively for organising and sponsoring more than 550 Cantonese opera activities each year, including ticketed performances, audience building and educational activities, free entertainment programmes and exhibitions. The box office receipts are around \$13.5 million and \$11.2 million in 2009-10 and 2010-11 respectively. The higher box office receipts in 2009-10 was mainly due to the presentation of two special Cantonese Operatic Songs Gala Concerts by Cantonese Opera Masters from Guangdong, Hong Kong and Macao at the Hong Kong Coliseum in celebration of the 60th Anniversary of the Founding of the People's Republic of China, and that there is no similar scale of performances held in 2010-11.

While the Department has not gathered statistics on the attendance figures of expatriate audience and audience profile by age groups, it is noticed that the above-mentioned programmes were attended by people of different age groups, ranging from children and young people who participated in the audience building and educational activities, to largely adults, the elderly and foreigners who attended the stage performances.

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HAB255

Question Serial No.

1167

Head : 95 – Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Subhead :

Programme : (1) Recreation and Sports

Controlling Officer : Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

Starting from September 2009, the staff of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) have been authorised to issue fixed penalty notices to people smoking in prohibited areas under their purviews. Regarding the LCSD's enforcement work in this aspect in 2009 and 2010, please provide the numbers of:

- a. complaints received;
- b. inspections initiated;
- c. joint inspections conducted with the Tobacco Control Office; and
- d. prosecutions instituted.

Asked by : Hon. EU Yuet-mee, Audrey

Reply :

- a. The Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) received a total of 53 and 206 complaints concerning illegal smoking in its venues in 2009 and 2010 respectively;

- b. LCSD initiated 102 and 301 inspections at its venues to combat illegal smoking in 2009 and 2010 respectively. It is part of the daily duties of LCSD's venue staff to combat illegal smoking in their responsible venues, issuing verbal warnings or fixed penalty notices to smoking offenders as necessary;
- c. LCSD had conducted one joint inspection with the Tobacco Control Office in 2009 and seven in 2010; and
- d. LCSD had issued one fixed penalty notice to smoking offenders in 2009 and 16 in 2010. In addition, one summons was taken out against a smoking offender in 2009 and one in 2010.

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Reply Serial No.

HAB256

Question Serial No.

0727

Head : 95 – Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Subhead :

Programme : (1) Recreation and Sports

Controlling Officer : Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

Considering that the Administration will continue to enhance utilisation of existing sports facilities, what measures will be taken to achieve this goal and what will be the expenditure involved?

Asked by : Hon. FOK Tsun-ting, Timothy

Reply :

The usage rates of the recreation and sports facilities under the management of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) are generally high especially during peak hours. For example, the peak-hour usage rates of natural turf pitches, artificial turf pitches and indoor sports centres in 2009-10 were 100%, 95% and 92% respectively. To increase the utilisation of selected facilities during non-peak hours, LCSD will continue to allow free use of sports facilities for schools, subvented non-government organisations, national sports associations and district sports associations during non-peak hours (i.e., from opening till 5 p.m. on weekdays between September and June in the following year). Moreover, persons with disabilities, citizens aged 60 or above and full time students can enjoy concessionary fees in the use of sports facilities. The Department also organises promotional activities including fun days, training courses and competitions to promote the use of facilities and distributes promotional materials, and liaises with schools and local organisations to encourage them to use the facilities.

All the above measures have been carried out through the deployment of existing resources.

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Reply Serial No.

HAB257

Question Serial No.

0728

Head : 95 – Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Subhead :

Programme : (1) Recreation and Sports

Controlling Officer : Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

The Administration will implement the Physical Fitness Test for the Community endorsed by the Sports Commission. When will it be conducted? What is the estimated number of people to be benefited? What is the expenditure involved?

Asked by : Hon. FOK Tsun-ting, Timothy

Reply :

The Physical Fitness Test for the Community (PFT) is being planned for implementation and completion in 2011. The sample size is about 10 000, drawn at random from 18 districts.

The estimated budget for the PFT is about \$5.7 million, covering the costs for engaging professional agents to conduct the survey and the tests, procurement of test equipment and publicity.

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Reply Serial No.

HAB258

Question Serial No.

0729

Head : 95 – Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Subhead :

Programme : (2) Horticulture and Amenities

Controlling Officer : Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

The Administration will encourage schools to participate in school greening activities through the “One Person, One Flower” Scheme and the Greening School Subsidy Scheme. What are the expenditures involved? What are the details of the schemes?

Asked by : Hon. FOK Tsun-ting, Timothy

Reply :

Both the “One Person, One Flower” Scheme (OPOFS) and Greening School Subsidy Scheme (GSSS) organised by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) aim to promote a green culture among students, cultivate their interest in growing plants and raise their awareness on greening. All registered local schools and kindergartens have been invited to join the two schemes.

For schools and kindergartens which participate in OPOFS, their students will be provided with plant seedlings and seeds for growing at home or at school. Talks on growing the plant for that year will also be arranged for school teachers.

For schools which participate in GSSS, they are encouraged through cash subsidies to carry out campus greening projects and organise greening activities

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HAB259

Question Serial No.

0730

Head : 95 – Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Subhead :

Programme : (3) Heritage and Museums

Controlling Officer : Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

The Leisure and Cultural Services Department will organise an exhibition “Centenary of China’s 1911 Revolution” at the Hong Kong Museum of History and an international conference in collaboration with various cultural and educational institutions to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the 1911 Revolution. How many cultural institutions are expected to participate in the event? What is the expenditure involved?

Asked by : Hon. FOK Tsun-ting, Timothy

Reply :

The exhibition *Centenary of China’s 1911 Revolution* is jointly organised with the Hubei Provincial Museum at a total estimated expenditure of \$1.98 million.

The *International Conference on the Centenary of the 1911 Revolution* will be jointly organised with the Department of History of the Hong Kong Baptist University and the Modern Chinese History Society of Hong Kong in collaboration with the Hong Kong Institute for Promotion of Chinese Culture, the Sun Yat-sen Education and Charity Foundation, and the Sun Yat-sen University. The estimated expenditure for the conference is \$200,000 which will be shared by the cultural institutions concerned.

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Question Serial No.

0731

Head : 95 – Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Subhead :

Programme : (3) Heritage and Museums

Controlling Officer : Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

The Leisure and Cultural Services Department will organise a blockbuster exhibition of “Pixar: 25 Years of Animation” at the Hong Kong Heritage Museum in 2011. What kind of exhibition is it? When will it be held this year? What is the expenditure involved?

Asked by : Hon. FOK Tsun-ting, Timothy

Reply :

The “Pixar: 25 Years of Animation” exhibition will showcase the boundless imagination and the vast collection of conceptual works of Pixar Animation Studios. It will feature over 400 items of works drawn from the archives of Pixar Animation Studios including original artworks in various media, maquettes, early animated short films, and one-of-a-kind media installations created by Pixar’s technical artists. Visitors will be taken on a behind-the-scenes journey to see the artistic creation of global blockbusters such as Toy Story, A Bug’s Life, Toy Story 2, Monsters Inc., Finding Nemo, The Incredibles, Cars, Ratatouille, WALL • E, Up and Toy Story 3.

The exhibition will be held at the Hong Kong Heritage Museum from 28 March 2011 to 11 July 2011. The cost of the exhibition is estimated at \$6.5 million.

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HAB261

Question Serial No.

1222

Head : 95 – Leisure and Cultural Subhead :
Services Department

Programme : (2) Horticulture and Amenities

Controlling Officer : Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

Regarding the consumption of water for horticulture and amenities under the Leisure and Cultural Services Department, will the Administration inform this Committee of the overall water consumption and expenditure on water charges in the past three years (i.e. from 2008-09 to 2010-11); and the estimated proportions of water used for watering plants in the overall water consumption and total expenditure on water charges? What measures will be taken by the Administration to reduce the consumption of water in watering plants (such as by reducing the number of watering times in rainy days)?

Asked by : Hon. FUNG Kin-kee, Frederick

Reply :

Despite the increase in facilities and vegetation maintained by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) each year, the Department continues to reduce water consumption. The total water consumption of LCSD over the past three years has decreased from 11.88 million cubic meters in 2007-08 and 11.81 million cubic meters in 2008-09 to 11.50 million cubic meters in 2009-10. As LCSD has not installed separate water meters to record water consumption specifically for the purpose of watering plants, the Department has no information showing the proportion of water consumed for this purpose. Nonetheless, the Department is aware of the fact that while watering is essential for healthy growth of vegetation, over-watering will result in

wastage and cause damage and problems to the plants. To ensure effective watering and to optimise water consumption, the Department has provided guidelines for staff and horticultural maintenance contractors to carry out watering duties and reminded them to refrain from watering on rainy days or when the soil moisture is saturated. Besides, the Department also works with other departments to explore ways to reduce water consumption, such as stepping up inspections of irrigation systems to avoid water leakage and using reclaimed water for irrigation.

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HAB262

Question Serial No.

1223

Head : 95 – Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Subhead :

Programme : (1) Recreation and Sports

Controlling Officer : Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

Regarding the consumption of electricity at the recreational and sports venues under the Leisure and Cultural Services Department, will the Administration inform this Committee of the total electricity consumption and expenditure on electricity in the past three years (i.e. from 2008-09 to 2010-11)? What measures will be taken by the Administration to save energy and reduce the expenditure on electricity at these venues?

Asked by : Hon. FUNG Kin-kee, Frederick

Reply :

The total electricity consumption and expenditure at the recreation and sports venues under the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) in 2008-09 and 2009-10 and the estimated consumption and expenditure in 2010-11 are as follows:

Year	Electricity Consumption (Kwh)	Electricity Expenditure (\$ million)
2008-09	230 198 862	231
2009-10	239 182 392	237
2010-11 (estimated)	242 429 000	242

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Question Serial No.

1224

Head : 95 – Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Subhead :

Programme : (1) Recreation and Sports

Controlling Officer : Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

It is mentioned under Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2011-12 that the Leisure and Cultural Services Department will “re-open four beaches in Tsuen Wan which have been closed due to poor water quality”. Will the Administration inform this Committee of the progress of the water quality improvement work for the four beaches, the timetable for their re-opening, and the resources and manpower involved?

Asked by : Hon. FUNG Kin-kee, Frederick

Reply :

According to the water quality monitoring tests carried out by the Environmental Protection Department during the bathing season from March to October 2010, the water quality of the seven closed beaches in Tsuen Wan has further improved and all beaches complied with the water quality objective for bathing water. Taking into account the lead time for installing new ancillary beach facilities and making necessary improvement works, the Leisure and Cultural Services Department will re-open the seven closed beaches in two phases. In the first phase, four beaches, namely, Approach Beach, Lido Beach, Casam Beach and Hoi Mei Wan Beach, will be re-opened in 2011-12.

It is estimated that about \$13 million is required to meet the operating and staff cost arising from the re-opening of these four beaches, involving the creation of 25 new civil service posts and the expenditure on installation of shark prevention nets, provision of rescue equipment, electricity, cleansing services and maintenance of equipment.

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HAB264

Question Serial No.

1225

Head : 95 – Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Subhead :

Programme : (1) Recreation and Sports

Controlling Officer : Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

It is mentioned under Matters Requiring Special Attention that the Leisure and Cultural Services Department will “continue to implement the follow-up action plan endorsed by the Sports Commission on the ‘Participation Patterns of Hong Kong People in Physical Activities’...”. Will the Administration inform this Committee of the details of the follow-up action plan and the resources and manpower involved?

Asked by : Hon. FUNG Kin-kee, Frederick

Reply :

Based on the results and recommendations of the Study on “Sport for All – the Participation Patterns of Hong Kong People in Physical Activities” (the Study), the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) has formulated a five-year action plan for implementation in two phases. Phase 1, which aimed to promote the findings of the Study to various stakeholders, including the District Councils, schools, national sports associations (NSAs), district sports associations and district organisations, was implemented from mid 2009 to late 2010. The Department has produced various promotional materials including an Announcement of Public Interest and a “Know your Physical Activity Level” booklet to promote the importance and benefits of regular participation in sports and physical activities.

Commencing in mid 2010, the Phase 2 work focuses on reviewing the current provision of leisure facilities and the combination of recreation and sports activities having regard to the outcome of the Study. To encourage people of different ages to participate in sports and physical activities regularly, the Department is working closely with the NSAs to develop more diversified sports and physical activities. For example, parent-child activities have been introduced in August 2010 to encourage adults to participate in sports and physical activities together with their children; and less formal and less physically demanding activities such as jogging and walking will be organised for the middle-aged and the working population. The Department will also monitor the usage rates of sports facilities, gauge public demand and identify suitable sites for providing more leisure and sports facilities having regard to the outcome of the Study.

In 2010-11, a total of \$5 million was provided under the Funds of Diversified Community Activities for LCSD to implement the Phase 1 promotional and publicity work. Besides, LCSD has set aside \$3.6 million from 2010-11 onwards for organising new recreational and sports programmes in 18 districts targeted at middle-aged people. All the follow-up actions are implemented through internal deployment of LCSD's existing manpower.

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HAB265

Question Serial No.

1226

Head : 95 – Leisure and Cultural Subhead :
Services Department

Programme : (1) Recreation and Sports

Controlling Officer : Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

It is mentioned under Matters Requiring Special Attention that the Leisure and Cultural Services Department will “implement the Physical Fitness Test for the Community endorsed by the Sports Commission”. Will the Administration inform this Committee of the details and scope of the above project, the districts where the Test will be conducted, the target groups of the Test and the application of the relevant findings, as well as the resources and manpower involved?

Asked by : Hon. FUNG Kin-kee, Frederick

Reply :

The Community Sports Committee (CSC) of the Sports Commission recommended that a territory-wide Physical Fitness Test for the Community (PFT) should be conducted in Hong Kong every five years. The first PFT was completed in 2006 and the second PFT is being planned for implementation and completion in 2011. Through the PFT, the Department aims to set up a database on the physical fitness of Hong Kong people; to identify the relationship between the physical exercise pattern and physical fitness of Hong Kong people and the priority measures to enhance the overall physical fitness of the public; as well as to give the individual participants a general understanding of their own physical fitness condition.

The PFT comprises two parts, a questionnaire survey and a physical fitness test. Target participants are Hong Kong citizens aged between three and 69, categorised into five age groups - infants (aged 3-6), children (7-12), adolescents (13-19), adults (20-59) and the elderly (60-69). The sample size is about 10 000, drawing from 18 districts by random sampling.

The estimated budget for the second PFT is about \$5.7 million, covering the costs for engaging professional agents to conduct the survey and the tests, procurement of test equipment and publicity.

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Reply Serial No.

HAB266

Question Serial No.

1227

Head : 95 – Leisure and Cultural Subhead :
Services Department

Programme : (1) Recreation and Sports

Controlling Officer : Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

It is mentioned under Matters Requiring Special Attention that the Leisure and Cultural Services Department will “strengthen the channels for booking of sports facilities and enrollment to sports programmes through further enhancement to the computerised booking system”. Will the Administration inform this Committee of the respective percentage changes regarding the booking of sports facilities and enrollment to sports programmes through the computerised system and in person; whether any assessments have been conducted on the effectiveness of the computerised booking system; whether complaints, including those related to the operation of the system, have been received; and the savings in resources and manpower resulted from the application of the computerised booking system?

Asked by : Hon. FUNG Kin-kee, Frederick

Reply :

The Leisure Link System (LLS) provides a computerised service for the public to book sports facilities and enrol in sports programmes through four channels, namely, booking counters, telephone, the Internet and self-service kiosks. The overall usage of LLS in 2010 was over 5.2 million, representing a 3% increase over that in 2009. The usage of the three non-counter channels (i.e. Internet, self-service kiosks and telephone)

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HAB267

Question Serial No.

1302

Head : 95 – Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Subhead :

Programme : (3) Heritage and Museums

Controlling Officer : Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

Regarding the services provided by the Hong Kong Space Museum, there are views from the public that the exhibits in the two exhibition galleries of the Museum (the Hall of Astronomy and the Hall of Space Science) are rather outdated (with the exception of some exhibits on Chinese aerospace science and technology) and are frequently out of order. The information on space science and technology is behind the times (for instance, Pluto, which has already been identified as a dwarf planet in the Solar System, is still shown as one of the nine planets; and the name “Soviet Union” is still shown on the globe in display). Furthermore, there is a serious lack of interactive exhibits, and no guided tour services are provided. The exhibition galleries of the Museum compare unfavourably with their overseas counterparts in every aspect. In this connection, will the Administration inform this Committee of the annual operating expenditure of the Museum in the past three years, and how much of it was used for developing and designing new exhibits? What are the longest, the shortest and the average period of time the exhibits have been displayed? How does the Museum ensure that the space knowledge, information and exhibits are up to date? Will the Museum consider improving and upgrading the facilities of the exhibition galleries on a full scale by making reference to the design of similar galleries overseas or collaborating with relevant institutions overseas (such as NASA)? If not, what are the reasons?

Asked by : Hon. FUNG Kin-kee, Frederick

Reply :

The operational expenses and expenses on exhibitions of the Hong Kong Space Museum in the past three years are summarised as follows:

	Operational expenses (including salary, departmental expenses and other charges)	Expenses on exhibitions (including design and fabrication of exhibits)
2008-09	\$36.7 million	\$1.5 million
2009-10	\$41.2 million	\$5.4 million
2010-11 (up to February 2011)	\$38.9 million	\$3.7 million

The oldest and most recent exhibits of the Hong Kong Space Museum currently on display were produced in 1990 and 2010 respectively. The average duration of display of the exhibits is about 18 years.

Indeed, the Museum updates its exhibits and panels of the permanent exhibitions from time to time. For instance, an exhibit on asteroid (3297) Hong Kong was produced in 2000, a cosmic ray telescope exhibit was introduced in 2001, the training suit worn by Shenzhou 5 crew member Yang Liwei was added in 2003, a model of the Shenzhou spacecraft and exhibits relating the development of Chinese space technology were installed in 2004, a new exhibit on the solar system was introduced in 2005, exhibit panels on the new status of the dwarf planet Pluto were updated in 2006, a prototype wifi exhibit positioning and guiding system was developed in 2010 to enable visitors to obtain more information about the exhibits using smart phones etc. Two new interactive exhibits on gravity and photoelectric effect using the latest multi-touch technology would be incorporated in the Museum in late 2011.

In addition to permanent exhibitions, to provide visitors with latest knowledge and information on space and astronomy, the Hong Kong Space Museum staged over 10 thematic exhibitions in the past three years at its foyer. For instance, a temporary exhibition titled “Shenzhou 7 China’s First Spacewalk” was displayed in 2008 to commemorate the launching of Shenzhou 7 and a temporary exhibition titled “Chang’e-2 Lunar Mission” was displayed in 2010 to complement the launching of Chang’e-2 spacecraft.

The Finance Committee has approved a provision of \$32 million in 2008 for a complete renewal of all the exhibits in the permanent exhibition halls of the Hong Kong Space Museum. Tender specifications for the design of the exhibits are being prepared making reference to overseas examples of the latest astronomy and space science exhibits. The tender will be issued soon to invite qualified exhibit consultants from all over the world to develop and design the new exhibits.

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HAB268

Question Serial No.

1303

Head : 95 – Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Subhead :

Programme : (1) Recreation and Sports

Controlling Officer : Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

The fact that over 55 000 runners participated in the Hong Kong Marathon this year reflects the popularity of long distance running among members of the public. In this connection, will the Administration inform this Committee whether the Government has earmarked resources for studying the benefits marathon events in different parts of the world could bring in terms of enhancing public awareness of sports, building up a city's image and promoting tourism, as well as the modes of support for marathon events rendered by governments around the world; and draw a comparison with local experience? Given the increasing popularity of long distance running, will the Government explore and implement relevant support measures, and provide more facilities to further promote "Sport for All" and public awareness of sports? If not, what are the reasons?

Asked by : Hon. FUNG Kin-kee, Frederick

Reply :

The Hong Kong Marathon has been organised by the Hong Kong Amateur Athletic Association (HKAAA), the national sports association for athletics, since 1997 with the support of various government departments including the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD). In the course of planning the event, the Organising Committee set up by the HKAAA has made reference to the experience of similar events held

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HAB269

Question Serial No.

1304

Head : 95 – Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Subhead :

Programme : (1) Recreation and Sports

Controlling Officer : Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

Regarding the aim of “providing safe and good quality recreation and sports facilities for the public”, it is noted that jogging tracks surfaced with standard vibration-absorbing materials help reduce foot injuries to joggers. In this connection, will the Administration inform this Committee of the locations of all the jogging tracks (including those provided in parks and other outdoor venues) presently managed by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department and their respective lengths; the length and percentage of jogging tracks which are surfaced with standard vibration-absorbing materials out of all the jogging tracks; and the respective lengths of jogging tracks using and without using standard vibration-absorbing materials in each of the past three years (i.e. from 2008-09 to 2010-11)? Will the Administration consider upgrading all the old jogging tracks by resurfacing them with standard vibration-absorbing materials in phases? If not, what are the reasons? Will the Administration consider requiring all new jogging tracks to be surfaced with standard vibration-absorbing materials? If not, what are the reasons? Will the Administration consider resurfacing the new jogging track around the turf of the Tai Hang Tung Recreation Ground, for which the existing vibration-absorbing materials used are way sub-standard and too thin?

Asked by : Hon. FUNG Kin-kee, Frederick

Reply :

The Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) now provides 93 designated jogging tracks, of which 42 tracks (42% in terms of the total length of jogging tracks) are provided with vibration-absorbing materials with a total length of about 18 000 metres while the remaining 51 tracks with a total length of about 25 000 metres are not made from vibration-absorbing materials. The list of venues provided with designated jogging tracks is at Annex I.

The Department has adopted the use of vibration-absorbing materials in planning new projects since 2008, and this material has also been used and will be used to replace existing jogging tracks without vibration-absorbing materials when these tracks are due for replacement. Details of jogging tracks provided by LCSD in the past three years from 2008-09 to 2010-11 are at Annex II.

As regards the walking trail at Tai Hang Tung Recreation Ground, the trail was constructed with the funding support of the Sham Shui Po District Council and was opened in January 2011 to meet the demand of elderly people for leisure walking. The surface of the trail has been paved with synthetic material (15 mm in thickness) which is commonly used for leisure walking.

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**List of Jogging Tracks with Vibration Absorbing Materials
under the Management of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department**

District	Venues	Length of tracks (metres)
Wan Chai	1. Happy Valley Recreation Ground 2. Green Lane Service Reservoir Sitting-out Area	1 059 255
Eastern	1. Victoria Park 2. Quarry Bay Park 3. Siu Sai Wan Road Garden 4. Shau Kei Wan Service Reservoir Playground 5. Chai Wan Park	625 640 270 208 300
Southern	1. Ap Lei Chau Wind Tower Park	400
Yau Tsim Mong	1. Yau Ma Tei Service Reservoir Rest Garden 2. Lok Kwan Street Park 3. Cherry Street Park	270 296 187
Sham Shui Po	1. Cornwall Street Park 2. Po On Road Playground 3. Sham Shui Po Park	258 150 400
Kowloon City	1. Kowloon Tsai Park 2. Junction Road Park	550 265
Wong Tai Sin	1. Ma Chai Hang Recreation Ground 2. Morse Park (Park No. 1) 3. Po Kong Village Road Park 4. Ngau Chi Wan Park (Upper platform) (Middle platform)	220 270 650 210 300
Kwun Tong	1. Laguna Park 2. Shun Lee Tsuen Park 3. Sai Tso Wan Recreation Ground 4. Shun Lee Tsuen Playground 5. Jordan Valley Park (four tracks)	430 420 498 130 120 275 350 370

District	Venues	Length of tracks (metres)
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Islands	1. Tung Chung North Park	200
Tuen Mun	1. Wu Shan Riverside Park 2. Butterfly Beach Park	600 200
Tai Po	1. Tai Po Waterfront Park (Phase I) Tai Po Waterfront Park (Phase II)	480 680
Yuen Long	1. Dragon Park 2. Tin Sau Road Park	350 245
Tsuen Wan	1. Tsuen Wan Park Phase II	1 300
Kwai Tsing	1. Tsing Yi Promenade 2. Tsing Yi Northeast Park	300 277
North	1. Wai Ming Street Garden	350
Sha Tin	1. Ma On Shan Promenade	2 000
Sai Kung	1. Sheung Ning Playground	500
Total		17 858

**List of Jogging Tracks without Using Vibration Absorbing Materials
under the Management of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department**

District	Venues	Length of tracks (metres)
Central and Western	1. Harlech Road Fitness Trail 2. Magazine Gap Service Reservoir Playground 3. Mt. Austin Playground 4. Belcher Bay Park	246 116 221 392
Wan Chai	1. Bowen Road Fitness Trail	3 000
Eastern	1. Cloud View Road Service Reservoir Playground 2. Aldrich Bay Playground	250 100
Southern	1. Ap Lei Chau Service Reservoir Playground 2. Wong Nai Chung Reservoir Park Fitness Trail 3. Wong Chuk Hang Service Reservoir Rest Garden 4. Shum Wan Road Sitting-Out Area 5. Yuk Kwai Shan Service Reservoir Sitting-Out Area 6. Wah Chui Street Sitting-Out Area	120 100 180 140 120 160
Yau Tsim Mong	1. Kowloon Park 2. Sai Yee Street Garden	500 74
Sham Shui Po	1. Shek Kip Mei Service Reservoir Playground 2. Shek Kip Mei Park 3. To Yuen Street Playground 4. Lai Chi Kok Park (two tracks)	400 588 200 600 1 000
Kowloon City	1. Tokwawan Recreation Ground 2. Carpenter Road Park 3. Hutchison Park 4. Ho Man Tin Park	412 430 600 263
Wong Tai Sin	1. Choi Hung Road Playground 2. Tsz Wan Shan Estate Service Reservoir Playground	410 440

District	Venues	Length of tracks (metres)
Kwun Tong	1. Lam Tin Park 2. Kwun Tong High Level Service Reservoir Garden 3. Hong Ning Road Park 4. Jordan Valley Playground 5. Ping Shek Playground 6. Lam Tin Service Reservoir Playground	1 200 350 318 340 120 176
Tuen Mun	1. Tsing Tin Playground	200
Tai Po	1. Mui Shue Hang Playground 2. Yuen Chau Tsai Park	1 164 194
Yuen Long	1. Tin Shui Wai Park 2. Yuen Long Park	800 870
Tsuen Wan	1. Tsuen Wan Riviera Park	1 600
Kwai Tsing	1. Central Kwai Chung Park 2. Tai Wo Hau Road South Playground 3. Tsing Yi Promenade 4. Shek Yam Lei Muk Road Park	144 372 500 350
North	1. North District Park 2. Pak Fuk Tin Sum Playground 3. Fan Leng Lau Road Playground 4. Luen Hing Street Sitting-out Area	333 3 150 320 60
Sha Tin	1. Hin Tin Playground 2. Che Kung Miu Road Playground 3. Ma On Shan Park	100 200 130
Sai Kung	1. Po Tsui Park 2. Po Hong Park	540 250
Total		24 843

Annex II to Reply Serial No. HAB269

**Total Length of Jogging Tracks provided with/without Vibration Absorbing Materials
under the Management of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department**

Year	Length of Jogging Tracks		Total Length of Jogging Tracks
	with Vibration Absorbing Materials	without Vibration Absorbing Materials	
2008-09	8 223	25 007	33 230
2009-10	13 516	24 973	38 489
2010-11	17 858	24 843	42 701

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INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

Reply Serial No.

HAB270

Question Serial No.

1305

Head : 95 – Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Subhead :

Programme : (1) Recreation and Sports

Controlling Officer : Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

It is mentioned under Matters Requiring Special Attention that the Leisure and Cultural Services Department will "...organise the 3rd Hong Kong Games in 2011". Will the Administration inform this Committee of the respective expenditures involved in organising the previous two Hong Kong Games and the estimated expenditure for the 3rd Hong Kong Games in 2011? Have any reviews (including those on the arrangements, competition events and the effectiveness of promoting "Sport for All") been conducted on the previous two Hong Kong Games? If so, what are the results; if not, what are the reasons? Will the Administration consider increasing the number of competition events (such as 10-kilometre run, half-marathon and marathon distance race) to provide more opportunities for public participation in the Games?

Asked by : Hon. FUNG Kin-kee, Frederick

Reply :

The expenditure incurred for the 1st Hong Kong Games (HKG) (2007) and the 2nd HKG (2009) was around \$9 million and \$10 million respectively. With the significant increase in the number of sports events and athletes, the estimated budget for the 3rd HKG will increase to about \$23 million. The estimated expenditure, part of which will be funded by sponsorship, will cover the organisation of sports competitions, financial support to the 18 districts teams for pre-games training, publicity, community involvement programmes and ceremonies.

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INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

Reply Serial No.

HAB271

Question Serial No.

1306

Head : 95 – Leisure and Cultural Subhead :
Services Department

Programme : (1) Recreation and Sports

Controlling Officer : Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

Regarding the aim of “providing safe and good quality recreation and sports facilities for the public”, it is noted that the Leisure and Cultural Services Department has indicated its plan to convert the older artificial turf pitches into the third generation pitches in phases, and there are views from the public that artificial turf pitches of the latest generation (i.e. the third generation artificial turf pitches) are safer and better than the older ones, including reducing foot injuries to users. Will the Administration inform this Committee of the latest progress of providing artificial turf pitches and the conversion programme; and the percentage of the third generation pitches as against the total number of artificial turf pitches? When will the upgrading works for all the older artificial turf pitches be completed? Will the Administration consider expediting the upgrading works?

Asked by : Hon. FUNG Kin-kee, Frederick

Reply :

The Leisure and Cultural Services Department currently provides 15 third generation (3G) artificial turf football pitches, representing 54% of the total number (28) of artificial turf pitches managed by the Department. The Department plans to provide 21 new 3G artificial turf football pitches in the coming years of which, 18 will be converted from existing pitches and three will be constructed under capital works projects.

The Department has been working closely with the Architectural Services Department with a view to completing the works as soon as possible, taking into account relevant factors including district needs and the need to minimise inconvenience to users.

Signature _____

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Post Title Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Date 18 March 2011

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Reply Serial No.

HAB272

Question Serial No.

1307

Head : 95 – Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Subhead :

Programme : (1) Recreation and Sports

Controlling Officer : Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

With regard to the work of “providing subvention to national sports associations (NSAs) and sports organisations...” as mentioned in the Brief Description, will the Administration inform this Committee of the amounts of subvention involved in the past three financial years (i.e. from 2008-09 to 2010-11), and provide a list of NSAs and sports organisations whose provision will be increased by 5% or more in the coming year (i.e. 2011-12)? What are the reasons for the increases? What mechanisms and measures have been adopted in monitoring the use of subvention by NSAs and sports organisations? Has the Administration conducted any assessments on the activities provided by NSAs and sports organisations and/or any participants surveys in a systematic manner? If so, what are the findings? If not, what are the reasons?

Asked by : Hon. FUNG Kin-kee, Frederick

Reply :

The Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) provides subvention to national sports associations (NSAs) and sports organisations (SOs) through the Sports Subvention Scheme (SSS) to support the promotion and development of sport in Hong Kong. The subvention provided to NSAs and SOs in the past three years and the estimated provision in 2011-12 are as follows-

Year	Total Subvention (\$ million)
2008-09	181
2009-10	186
2010-11	213
2011-12	231 (estimated)

In determining the amount of subvention to be granted to NSAs, LCSD takes into factors such as: (a) the development potential of the sport; (b) the staff strength and the past expenditure pattern of the NSA; (c) the performance of the NSA against the targets set for the last financial year; and (d) the practicability and effectiveness of the annual plan and the mid-term development plan submitted by the NSA. LCSD is now in the final process of assessing the annual plans submitted by NSAs and hence the subvention to be allocated to individual NSA in 2011-12 has not yet been finalised.

To ensure that public money allocated to NSAs is used in a proper and accountable manner, LCSD enters into an annual Subvention Agreement with each NSA. Under the Agreement, NSAs have the obligation to use the subvention to implement the planned programmes in strict accordance with the requirements stated in the Agreement. NSAs must also allow the Government and the Audit Commission unhindered access to enquire into, examine and audit all records and accounts in respect of the subvention as well as their management and control procedures. They must also act upon any corruption prevention advice rendered by the Independent Commission Against Corruption and the Government. In addition, NSAs have to consent to disclosure of all information relevant to the subvention funding as and when necessary.

NSAs are required to submit reports on their programmes and annual accounts audited by certified public accountants. They are also required to formulate and comply with a Code of Conduct and Procurement Guidelines to avoid conflicts of interest and to ensure due process is followed. LCSD staff conduct regular on-site inspections of subvented programmes to ensure the quality of services provided by the NSAs, while quality assurance inspections covering all NSAs are conducted on a three-year cycle to ensure that proper accounting procedures are adopted and the terms of the Subvention Agreement are complied with. LCSD staff complete a report after each inspection and take follow up action as necessary.

LCSD has just completed a comprehensive review of the administration of the SSS and will implement a series of measures in 2011-12 to enhance the monitoring of the use of subvention as well as the internal control of NSAs. Under the new arrangements, LCSD will require NSAs to distribute opinion forms to participants and collect their feedback on pilot schemes and new programmes in a systematic manner, in addition to making assessments through on-site inspections and evaluation of programme reports.

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Post Title Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Date 16 March 2011

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Reply Serial No.

HAB273

Question Serial No.

1308

Head : 95 – Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Subhead :

Programme : (1) Recreation and Sports

Controlling Officer : Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

It is mentioned under Matters Requiring Special Attention that the Leisure and Cultural Services Department will “continue to enhance utilisation of existing sports facilities”. Will the Administration inform this Committee what measures have been taken to enhance the utilisation of sports facilities; and whether any assessments have been conducted on the effectiveness of these measures and the enhanced usage rates? Will the Administration consider lowering the fees and charges for the use of facilities during non-peak hours, so as to increase the usage rate of these facilities and encourage public participation in sports activities?

Asked by : Hon. FUNG Kin-kee, Frederick

Reply :

The usage rates of the recreation and sports facilities under the management of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) are generally high especially during peak hours. For example, the peak-hour usage rates of natural turf pitches, artificial turf pitches and indoor sports centres in 2009-10 were 100%, 95% and 92% respectively. To increase the utilisation of selected facilities during non-peak hours, LCSD will continue to allow free use of sports facilities for schools, subvented non-government organisations, national sports associations and district sports associations during non-peak hours (i.e., from opening till 5 p.m. on weekdays between September and June in the following year). Moreover, persons with disabilities,

citizens aged 60 or above and full time students can enjoy concessionary fees in the use of sports facilities. All these measures help to encourage the public's participation in sport and other physical activities and to enhance the utilisation of the facilities.

LCSD will continue to explore measures to enhance the utilisation of its sports facilities and work in partnership with sports organisations to promote their usage. LCSD will take the suggestion of lowering the fees and charges for the use of sports facilities during non-peak hours into consideration in its review of the fees and charges for leisure facilities.

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Post Title Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Date _____ 16 March 2011 _____

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INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

Reply Serial No.

HAB274

Question Serial No.

1309

Head : 95 – Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Subhead :

Programme : (1) Recreation and Sports

Controlling Officer : Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

Regarding the aim of “providing safe and good quality recreation and sports facilities for the public”, will the Administration provide information on the provision of toilet facilities suitable for children’s use (including low pedestal water closets, urinal bowls and wash-hand basins) at the recreational venues under the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD); the percentage of venues provided with such facilities as against the total number of venues in the past three years (i.e. from 2008-09 to 2010-11); and the expenditures involved in the provision of such facilities in the past three years (i.e. from 2008-09 to 2010-11)? Does the Administration have any plans to provide toilet facilities suitable for children’s use in all the venues managed by the LCSD? If so, what is the timetable? If not, what are the reasons?

Asked by : Hon. FUNG Kin-kee, Frederick

Reply :

Since 2008, the provision of children toilet facilities such as low pedestal water closets, wash-hand basin and urinal bowls have been included in the planning of new toilet facilities at recreation and sports venues under the management of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) as a standard provision. One low wash-hand basin for children will be provided if the number of wash-hand basins exceeds two so as to meet the needs of children.

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INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

Reply Serial No.

HAB275

Question Serial No.

1310

Head : 95 – Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Subhead :

Programme : (5) Public Libraries

Controlling Officer : Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

Regarding the work of “managing public libraries...” as mentioned in the Brief Description, please list by year the statistics for each and all of the libraries for the past two years (i.e. from 2009-10 to 2010-11) in the following areas: the number of lost library books/materials and their value; the number of books/materials lost due to the failure of readers to return them, the value of these books/materials and the amount of fines collected by the libraries; and the amount of fines collected for the late return of books/materials. Please also inform this Committee of the measures to be taken to prevent the loss of books/materials.

Asked by : Hon. FUNG Kin-kee, Frederick

Reply :

The required statistical information is given below:

	2009-10	2010-11 [@]
a) Library books/materials reported lost		
(i) Number of items lost	19 200	18 060
(ii) Total value involved	\$1,405,000	\$1,332,100
b) Library books/materials lost due to readers' failure to return them and the amount of fines collected		

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INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

Reply Serial No.

HAB276

Question Serial No.

1311

Head : 95 – Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Subhead :

Programme : (5) Public Libraries

Controlling Officer : Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

Regarding the work of “managing public libraries...” as mentioned in the Brief Description, will the Administration inform this Committee of the districts and routes served by the existing mobile libraries, and the frequency of service suspension due to maintenance in the past two years (i.e. from 2009-10 to 2010-11)? Have any user surveys been conducted on the mobile library service? If so, what are the results; if not, what are the reasons? Does the Administration have any plans to set up static small libraries to replace all the mobile libraries? If so, what is the timetable; if not, what are the reasons?

Asked by : Hon. FUNG Kin-kee, Frederick

Reply :

- (a) At present, the Leisure and Cultural Services Department operates ten mobile library vans which serve a total of 93 service points across the 18 districts. Details of the mobile library service points are at Annex.
- (b) Each mobile library van is serviced three times a year. Emergency maintenance will also be conducted on a need basis. The total number of service suspension for the ten vans due to regular and emergency maintenance is 59 and 60 in 2009-10 and 2010-11 respectively.

- (c) The Department conducted a public opinion survey in December 2009 to February 2010 on the services and facilities of the Hong Kong Public Libraries, including its mobile library service. 82.6% of the respondents were “Very Satisfied/Satisfied” with the services and facilities of the mobile libraries, 15.4% rated them “Average” and 2% were “Dissatisfied/Very Dissatisfied”, primarily with the limited quantity and variety of the library collections provided on the library vans.
- (d) The provision of public libraries is made having regard to a host of factors including the Hong Kong Planning Standards and Guidelines, which suggests that one district library should be provided for every 200 000 people. In addition, the Department provides small libraries and mobile libraries to supplement the services of the district libraries. Mobile libraries play a valuable role of reaching out to members of the public residing in the less populated and remote areas, thereby supplementing the network of static libraries. As mobile library vans are cost-effective means to serve residents in the remote areas, the Department has no plan to replace all mobile libraries with small static libraries. In addition to mobile libraries, the Department will continue to explore with non-government organisations with a view to setting up more community libraries to reinforce the services in various parts of the community.

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Post Title Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Date 16 March 2011

Hong Kong Public Library
Mobile Library Service Points (as at Mar 2011)

District	Service Point	Location	Library Van Schedule	
New Territories Region				
Kwai Tsing	Cheung Ching Estate	Adjacent to Ching Wai House, Cheung Ching Estate	ML 1	Every Alternate Thursday 10:00 am to 1:00 pm 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm
	Cheung On Estate	Adjacent to On Yun House, Cheung On Estate	ML 1	Every Friday 10:00 am to 1:00 pm 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm
	Cho Yiu Chuen	Chung Ling Sheh Carpark, Cho Yiu Chuen	ML 1	Every Alternate Monday 10:00 am to 1:00 pm 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm
	Kwai Shing West Estate	Kwai Shing West Estate, Kwai Shing Swimming Pool Carpark	ML 1	Every Alternate Thursday 10:00 am to 1:00 pm
	Lai Yiu Estate	Adjacent to Fu Yiu House, Lai Yiu Estate	ML 1	Every Alternate Monday 10:00 am to 1:00 pm 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm
	Shek Lei Estate	Adjacent to Shek On House, Shek Lei (I) Estate	ML 1	Every Alternate Wednesday 10:00 am to 1:00 pm 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm
	Tai Wo Hau Estate	Adjacent to Fu Pik House, Tai Wo Hau Estate	ML 5	Every Alternate Thursday 2:30 pm to 6:00 pm
	Kwai Chung Estate	Adjacent to Yuk Kwai House, Kwai Chung Estate	ML 10	Every Alternate Wednesday 10:00 am to 1:00 pm 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm
	Cheung Wang Estate	Adjacent to Wang Ngai House, Cheung Wang Estate	ML 10	Every Alternate Wednesday 10:00 am to 1:00 pm 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm
	Kwai Shing East Estate	Adjacent to Shing On House, Kwai Shing East Estate	ML 1	Every Alternate Thursday 2:30 pm to 6:00 pm
Tsuen Wan	Bayview Garden	Adjacent to Block 5, Bayview Garden	ML 5	Every Alternate Thursday 10:00 am to 1:00 pm
	Lei Muk Shue Estate	Adjacent to Chung Shue House of Lei Muk Shue Estate	ML 1	Every Alternate Wednesday 10:00 am to 1:00 pm 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm
	Riviera Gardens	Adjacent to Hoi Sing Mansion, Riviera Gardens	ML 1	Every Tuesday 10:00 am to 1:00 pm 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm

District	Service Point	Location	Library Van Schedule	
	Sham Tseng	Sham Tseng Market Carpark	ML 1	Every Alternate Saturday 10:00 am to 1:00 pm 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm
	Tsuen King Circuit	Tsuen King Circuit Playground	ML 1	Every Alternate Saturday 10:00 am to 1:00 pm
	Cheung Shan Estate	Adjacent to Sau Shan House Cheung Shan Estate	ML 1	Every Alternate Saturday 2:30 pm to 6:00 pm
Sha Tin	Chevalier Garden	Carpark adjacent to Chevalier Garden Shopping Mall, Chevalier Garden	ML 5	Every Alternate Monday 10:00 am to 1:00 pm
	Hin Keng Estate	Adjacent to Hin Yeung House, Hin Keng Estate	ML 5	Every Alternate Monday 10:00 am to 1:00 pm 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm
	Pok Hong Estate	Adjacent to Pok Hong Community Hall, Pok Hong Estate	ML 5	Every Alternate Monday 2:30 pm to 6:00 pm
	Kam Ying Court	Open space adjacent to Kam Yee House, Kam Ying Court	ML 5	Every Alternate Wednesday 10:00 am to 1:00 pm 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm
	Kam Tai Court	Adjacent to Kam Kei House, Kam Tai Court	ML 5	Every Alternate Wednesday 10:00 am to 1:00 pm 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm
	Mei Lam Estate	Adjacent to Mei Tao House, Mei Lam Estate	ML 2	Every Alternate Friday 10:00 am to 1:00 am 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm
	Kwong Yuen Estate	Adjacent to Kwong Yuen Community Hall, Kwong Yuen Estate	ML 2	Every Alternate Wednesday 10:00 am to 1:00 pm 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm
	Saddle Ridge Garden	Adjacent to Carpark, Saddle Ridge Garden Management Office, Saddle Ridge Garden	ML 2	Every Alternate Saturday 10:00 am to 1:00 am 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm
	Sun Chui Estate	Adjacent to Sun Kit House, Sun Chui Estate	ML 2	Every Alternate Wednesday 10:00 am to 1:00 pm 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm
	Sui Wo Court	Sports ground adjacent to Fung Yat House, Sui Wo Court	ML 2	Every Alternate Friday 2:30 pm to 6:00 pm
	Lee On Estate	Adjacent to Lee Wah House, Lee On Estate	ML 2	Every Alternate Friday 10:00 am to 1:00 am 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm
	Yiu On Estate	Adjacent to Yiu Ping House, Yiu On Estate	ML 2	Every Alternate Saturday 10:00 am to 1:00 am 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm
Tai Po	Fu Heng Estate	Adjacent to Heng Tsui House, Fu Heng Estate	ML 5	Every Alternate Friday 2:30 pm to 6:00 pm
	Fu Shin Estate	Adjacent to Shin Mei House, Fu Shin Estate	ML 5	Every Alternate Friday 10:00 am to 1:00 pm

District	Service Point	Location	Library Van Schedule	
	Kwong Fuk Estate	Adjacent to Kwong Yau House, Kwong Fuk Estate	ML 10	Every Alternate Tuesday 10:00 am to 1:00 pm 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm
	Tai Wo Estate	Adjacent to Tai Wo Neighbourhood Community Centre, Tai Wo Estate	ML 5	Every Alternate Thursday 10:00 am to 1:00 pm 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm
	Tai Yuen Estate	Playground adjacent to Tai Man House, Tai Yuen Estate	ML 2	Every Alternate Tuesday 2:30 pm to 6:00 pm
	On Ho Lane	Adjacent to Eightland Gardens, On Ho Lane	ML 5	Every Alternate Friday 10:00 am to 1:00 pm 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm
	Shuen Wan	Open Space of the Joint Village Office for Villages in Shuen Wan, Shuen Wan	ML 10	Every Alternate Monday 2:45 pm to 6:00 pm
	Wan Tau Tong Estate	Entrance near Wan Lam House, Wan Tau Tong Shopping Centre, Wan Tau Tong Estate	ML 2	Every Alternate Tuesday 10:00 am to 1:00 pm
Sai Kung	Hau Tak Estate	Adjacent to Tak Chak House, Hau Tak Estate	ML 2	Every Alternate Monday 10:00 am to 1:00 pm 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm
	Kin Ming Estate	Adjacent to Kin Ching House, Kin Ming Estate	ML 5	Every Alternate Tuesday 10:00 am to 1:00 pm 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm
	Ming Tak Estate	Adjacent to Ming Toa House, Ming Tak Estate	ML 5	Every Alternate Tuesday 10:00 am to 1:00 pm 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm
	Po Lam Estate	Adjacent to Po Ning House (West), Po Lam Estate	ML 2	Every Alternate Thursday 10:00 am to 1:00 pm 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm
	Sheung Tak Estate	Adjacent to Sheung Tak Shopping Centre, Sheung Tak Estate	ML 2	Every Alternate Thursday 10:00 am to 1:00 pm 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm
	Tsui Lam Estate	Adjacent to Choi Lam House, Tsui Lam Estate	ML 5	Every Saturday 10:00 am to 1:00 pm 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm
Tuen Mun	Leung King Estate	Adjacent to Leung Chi House, Leung King Estate	ML 3	Every Alternate Saturday 10:00 am to 1:00 pm 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm
	Prime View Garden	Carpark adjacent to Commercial Complex, Prime View Garden	ML 3	Every Alternate Monday 10:00 am to 1:00 pm 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm
	Sam Shing Estate	Adjacent to Moon Yu House, Sam Shing Estate	ML 3	Every Alternate Thursday 10:00 am to 1:00 pm

District	Service Point	Location	Library Van Schedule	
	Shan King Estate	Adjacent to King Wing House, Shan King Estate	ML 3	Every Alternate Monday 10:00 am to 1:00 pm 2:00 am to 6:00 pm
	Siu Hong Court	Adjacent to Siu Fai House, Siu Hong Court	ML 3	Every Wednesday 10:00 am to 1:00 pm 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm
	Fu Tai Estate	Adjacent to Annex Block of Mei Tai House, Fu Tai Estate	ML 3	Every Alternate Saturday 10:00 am to 1:00 pm 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm
	Lung Mun Oasis	Adjacent to Block 1, Lung Mun Oasis	ML 10	Every Alternate Friday 10:00 am to 1:00 pm 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm
Yuen Long	Fairview Park	Carpark adjacent to Commercial Complex, Fairview Park	ML 3	Every Alternate Friday 10:00 am to 1:00 pm 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm
	Kam Tin	In front of Kam Tin Rural Committee, Kam Tin	ML 3	Every Alternate Friday 10:00 am to 1:00 pm
	Ping Shan	Hang Mei Tsuen Carpark, Hang Mei Tsuen, Ping Ha Road	ML 3	Every Alternate Thursday 2:30 pm to 6:00 pm
	San Tin	Adjacent to San Tin Post Office Castle Peak Road, San Tin	ML 3	Every Alternate Friday 2:30 pm to 6:00 pm
	Wang Chau	Adjacent to Tung Tau Wai Village Office, Wang Lok Street	ML 3	Every Alternate Thursday 2:30 pm to 6:00 pm
	Tin Yiu Estate	Adjacent to Yiu Man House, Tin Yiu Estate, Tin Shui Wai	ML 3	Every Tuesday 10:00 am to 1:00 pm 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm
	Sheung Tsuen	Sheung Tsuen Park Pat Heung	ML 3	Every Alternate Thursday 10:00 am to 1:00 pm
	Tin Yuet Estate	Adjacent to Yuet Tai House, Tin Yuet Estate, Tin Shui Wai	ML 10	Every Thursday 10:00 am to 1:00 pm 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm
	Tin Wah Estate	Adjacent to the carpark entrance of the Ancillary Facilities Block, Tin Wah Estate	ML 10	Every Saturday 10:00 am to 1:00 pm 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm
	Hung Shui Kiu	Adjacent to Block 3, Aster Court, Hung Shui Kiu	ML 10	Every Alternate Friday 10:00 am to 1:00 pm 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm
North District	Cheong Shing Court	Cheong Siu House, Cheong Shing Court, Fanling	ML 2	Every Alternate Monday 2:30 pm to 6:00 pm
	Ta Kwu Ling	Carpark adjacent to Ta Kwu Ling Rural Centre Government Building, 136 Ping Che Road, Ta Kwu Ling	ML 2	Every Alternate Monday 10:00 am to 1:00 pm

District	Service Point	Location	Library Van Schedule	
	Ching Ho Estate	Adjacent to Ching Chiu House, Ching Ho Estate, Sheung Shui	ML 2	Every Alternate Tuesday 2:30 pm to 6:00 pm
	Wah Sum Estate	Adjacent to Wah Min House, Wah Sum Estate, Fanling	ML 10	Every Alternate Monday 10:00 am to 1:00 pm
	Ka Fuk Estate	Adjacent to Fuk Tai House, Ka Fuk Estate, Fanling	ML 2	Every Alternate Tuesday 10:00 am to 1:00 pm
Lantau Island	Pui O	Public Carpark at the Junction of South Lantau Road and Chi Ma Wan Road, Lantau Island	ML 4	Every Friday 10:00 am to 1:00 pm 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm
	Shui Hau	Shui Hau Public Carpark, South Lantau Road, Lantau Island	ML 4	Every Saturday 10:00 am to 1:00 pm
	Tong Fuk	Tong Fuk Public Carpark adjacent to the Tong Fuk Bus Terminal, South Lantau Road, Lantau Island	ML 4	Every Saturday 2:15 pm to 6:00 pm
	Yat Tung Estate	Adjacent to Ying Yat House, Yat Tung Estate, Tung Chung	ML 4	Every Monday & Wednesday 10:00 am to 1:00 pm 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm
	Discovery Bay	Adjacent to water feature at Discovery Bay Plaza, Discovery Bay	ML 4	Every Tuesday & Thursday 10:00 am to 1:00 pm 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm

Hong Kong Region

Hong Kong Island (Eastern)	Lei King Wan	Adjacent to Yat Sing Mansion, Tai Hong Street	ML 9	Every Friday 10:00 am to 1:00 pm 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm
	Shau Kei Wan	In front of Shau Kei Wan Market Shau Kei Wan Main Street East	ML 6	Every Monday and Wednesday 10:00 am to 1:00 pm 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm
	Siu Sai Wan Estate	G/F, Carpark, Phase III, Siu Sai Wan Estate	ML 9	Every Thursday 10:00 am to 1:00 pm 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm
	Heng Fa Chuen	Adjacent to Block 6, Shing Man Lane, Heng Fa Chuen	ML 9	Every Saturday 10:00 am to 1:00 pm 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm
Hong Kong Island (Southern)	Ap Lei Chau Estate	Adjacent to Lei Tim House Ap Lei Chau Estate	ML 6	Every Tuesday 10:00 am to 1:00 pm 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm
	Lei Tung Estate	Adjacent to Tung Ping House Lei Tung Estate	ML 6	Every Friday 10:00 am to 1:00 pm 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm
	Shek O	Adjacent to Shek O Beach First Aid Station	ML 6	Every Thursday 10:00 am to 1:00 pm 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm

District	Service Point	Location	Library Van Schedule	
	Tin Wan Estate	Adjacent to Tin Lai House, Tin Wan Estate	ML 9	Every Wednesday 10:00 am to 1:00 pm 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm
Kowloon Region				
Kowloon City	Whampoa Garden	G/F, Podium in Site 5, Whampoa Garden, Hung Hom	ML 7	Every Monday 10:00 am to 1:00 pm 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm
	Laguna Verde	Adjacent to the entrance of Tower 9 Laguna Verde, Hung Hom	ML 8	Every Thursday 10:00 am to 1:00 pm 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm
Kwun Tong	Kai Yip Estate	Adjacent to Kai Ning House Kai Yip Estate	ML 9	Every Monday 10:00 am to 1:00 pm 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm
	Ko Yee Estate	Adjacent to Ko Chi House Ko Yee Estate, Yau Tong	ML 7	Every Thursday 10:00 am to 1:00 pm 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm
	Laguna City	Adjacent to Phase I, Club House Laguna City	ML 8	Every Monday & Saturday 10:00 am to 1:00 pm 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm
	Sceneway Garden	Adjacent to Block 4, Phase A, Sceneway Garden, Lam Tin	ML 7	Every Wednesday 10:00 am to 1:00 pm 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm
	Tsui Ping Estate	Adjacent to Tsui Ying House, Tsui Ping (South) Estate	ML 9	Every Tuesday 10:00 am to 1:00 pm 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm
	Hiu Lai Court	Adjacent to Hiu Ching House Hiu Lai Court, Sau Mau Ping	ML 8	Every Alternate Tuesday 10:00 am to 1:00 pm 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm
	Po Tat Estate	Adjacent to Tat On House Po Tat Estate, Sau Mau Ping	ML 8	Every Alternate Tuesday 10:00 am to 1:00 pm 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm
Wong Tai Sin	Chuk Yuen Estate	Carpark, Wah Yuen House Chuk Yuen (South) Estate	ML 7	Every Friday 10:00 am to 1:00 pm 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm
	Fung Tak Estate	Adjacent to Ngan Fung House Fung Tak Estate	ML 6	Every Alternate Saturday 10:00 am to 1:00 pm 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm
	Tsui Chuk Garden	Adjacent to Block 6 Tsui Chuk Garden	ML 6	Every Alternate Saturday 10:00 am to 1:00 pm 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm
Yau Tsim Mong	Hoi Fu Court	Adjacent to Hoi Ning House, Hoi Fu Court, Mong Kok West	ML 7	Every Tuesday 10:00 am to 1:00 pm 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm

District	Service Point	Location	Library Van Schedule	
Sham Shui Po	Tai Hang Tung Estate	Adjacent to Tung Lung House, Tai Hang Tung Estate, Tai Hang Tung Road	ML 8	Every Wednesday 10:00 am to 1:00 pm 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm
	Fu Cheong Estate	Adjacent to Fu Wong House Fu Cheong Estate	ML 8	Every Friday 10:00 am to 1:00 pm 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm
	Hoi Lai Estate	Adjacent to Hoi Shun House Hoi Lai Estate	ML 7	Every Saturday 10:00 am to 1:00 pm 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm

Total Mobile Library Service Points = 93

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

Reply Serial No.

HAB277

Question Serial No.

1312

Head : 95 – Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Subhead :

Programme : (1) Recreation and Sports

Controlling Officer : Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

Regarding the aim of “enhancing public awareness of the benefit of physical fitness and promoting regular participation in sports activities by all walks of life in the community”, will the Administration inform this Committee of the work and the resources involved in the promotion and education programme of Sport for All in each of the past three years (i.e. from 2008-09 to 2010-11)? What are the specific promotion work to be carried out in 2011-12 and the related expenditures?

Asked by : Hon. FUNG Kin-kee, Frederick

Reply :

To encourage people from all walks of life to participate in regular sports activities, the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) organises a variety of sports programmes, such as training courses, “fun” days and competitions. The Department also organises major events and sports competitions, such as the Sport for All Day, “Healthy Exercise for All” Campaign, the School Sports Programme, the Hong Kong Games, the Masters Games and the Corporate Games, to promote sport in the community. To follow up on the recommendations of the study on “Sport for All – the Participation Patterns of Hong Kong People in Physical Activities”, LCSD will enhance the promotion of sport in the community in 2011-12 in collaboration with the District Councils, non-government organisations, schools and the private sector. The

total expenditure to be incurred in 2011-12 will be \$143.5 million, representing a 16% increase over that in 2010-11.

The total number of programmes organised in the past three years and those planned for 2011-12 in support of Sport for All are as follows:

	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12 (Planned)
No. of Programmes	34 500	35 790	36 712	36 900
Expenditure (\$ million)	*153.5	*128.5	123.5	143.5 (estimated)

* Large scale community programmes in support of the Beijing 2008 Olympic and Paralympic Games and the 2009 East Asian Games were organised in 2008 and 2009, hence the higher expenditure incurred in these two financial years.

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Post Title Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Date 16 March 2011

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Reply Serial No.

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

HAB278

Question Serial No.

Head : 95 – Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Subhead :

1313

Programme : (3) Heritage and Museums

Controlling Officer : Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

With regard to “organising various thematic exhibitions, educational activities and extension programmes” as mentioned in the Brief Description, will the Administration inform this Committee of the new items and services to be provided by each museum in 2011-12; the expenditures incurred by each of the respective museums; as well as the new items and services being planned and expected to be provided by each of them in the two years that follow?

Asked by : Hon. FUNG Kin-kee, Frederick

Reply :

The new items and services including exhibitions, education and public programmes to be provided by each museum of Leisure and Cultural Services Department in 2011-12 as well as the expenditures incurred by each of the respective museums are summarised as follows:

	Thematic exhibitions	Education and public programmes (sessions)	Estimated expenditure (\$ million)
2011-12			
Hong Kong Museum of Art (including Flagstaff House Museum of Tea Ware)	12	2 550	18.8
Hong Kong Museum of History (including Hong Kong Museum of Coastal Defence, Dr Sun Yat-sen Museum, Fireboat Alexander Grantham Exhibition Gallery, Lei Cheng Uk Han Tomb Museum and Law Uk Folk Museum)	11	5 440	8.8
Hong Kong Heritage Museum (including Sam Tung Uk Museum, Hong Kong Railway Museum and Sheung Yiu Folk Museum)	8	3 900	19.0
Hong Kong Science Museum	9	5 400	10.7
Hong Kong Space Museum	8	3 000	5.0
Hong Kong Heritage Discovery Centre and Ping	13	620	1.8

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

Reply Serial No.

HAB279

Question Serial No.

1314

Head : 95 – Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Subhead :

Programme : (1) Recreation and Sports

Controlling Officer : Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

It is mentioned under Matters Requiring Special Attention that the Leisure and Cultural Services Department will "... organise the 3rd Hong Kong Games in 2011". Please provide information on the estimated operating costs and subventions for the 3rd Hong Kong Games to be given to the Sports Commission, the Community Sports Committee, the 18 District Councils, the Sports Federation & Olympic Committee of Hong Kong, China and relevant national sports associations respectively. How will the Administration monitor these committees and organisations to ensure the prudent use of public funds?

Asked by : Hon. FUNG Kin-kee, Frederick

Reply :

The Hong Kong Games (HKG) are organised by the Sports Commission and co-ordinated by the Commission's Community Sports Committee (CSC). The 18 District Councils, the Sports Federation & Olympic Committee of Hong Kong, China (SF&OC), the relevant national sports associations (NSAs) and the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) are the co-organisers. The estimated budget for the 3rd HKG is about \$23 million. LCSD is responsible for the administration and implementation of the HKG, including the procurement of stores and services required

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

Reply Serial No.

HAB280

Question Serial No.

1315

Head : 95 – Leisure and Cultural Subhead :
Services Department

Programme : (1) Recreation and Sports

Controlling Officer : Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

Regarding the aim of “organising physical recreation and sports activities for different age groups, including students and persons with a disability”, will the Administration inform this Committee of the physical recreation and sports activities organised in the past two years (i.e. 2009-10 and 2010-11) or to be organised in 2011-12 by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department for persons with a disability, and the expenditures/estimated expenditures involved?

Asked by : Hon. FUNG Kin-kee, Frederick

Reply :

To promote “Sport for All” and encourage people to lead an active and healthy life, the Leisure and Cultural Services Department organises a wide range of recreation and sports activities for different target groups including persons with disabilities. In 2011-12, the Department will set aside around \$3.5 million for organising some 1 200 free programmes for persons with disabilities, in sports such as : swimming, aerobic dance, fitness (multi-gym), lawn bowls, table tennis, gateball, tennis, basketball and golf. Outreach programmes will also be organised at rehabilitation centres for persons with disabilities. The total number of free programmes organised in the last two years and the planned number of programmes to be organised in 2011-12 for persons with disabilities are as follows:

	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12 (Planned)
Number of Free Programmes	1 112	1 171	1 200
Expenditure (\$ million)	3.28	3.22	3.50 (estimated)

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Date 17 March 2011

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Reply Serial No.

HAB281

Question Serial No.

1316

Head : 95 – Leisure and Cultural Subhead :
Services Department

Programme : (2) Horticulture and Amenities

Controlling Officer : Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

It is mentioned under Matters Requiring Special Attention that the Leisure and Cultural Services Department will “intensify greening work for vacant government sites”. Will the Administration inform this Committee of the details of the greening work for vacant sites in the past two years (i.e. 2009-10 and 2010-11) and the relevant expenditures, the current percentage of greened vacant sites in the total number of vacant sites, and the greening projects for vacant sites expected to commence in 2011-12?

Asked by : Hon. FUNG Kin-kee, Frederick

Reply :

The Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) has conducted greening work at nine vacant government sites and horticultural maintenance work for the existing sites at a total cost of \$4.69 million in 2009-10 and 2010-11. There are currently 892 vacant government sites available for short term use but not all of them are available for greening purpose and some of them are used for other purposes. Hitherto, LCSD has completed greening work for 92 vacant government sites covering a total area of about 26 hectares. The Department has already identified one suitable site for greening work in 2011-12 and will continue to search for additional sites for such purpose.

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Post Title Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Date 17 March 2011

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Reply Serial No.

HAB282

Question Serial No.

1317

Head : 95 – Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Subhead :

Programme : (1) Recreation and Sports

Controlling Officer : Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

Regarding the aim of “providing safe and good quality recreation and sports facilities for the public”, will the Administration inform this Committee of the numbers of reports of damaged recreation and sports facilities received by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department in the past two years (i.e. from 2009-10 to 2010-11) respectively; the types of the damaged facilities; and the estimated number of hours the facilities were unavailable for public use? What measures will be implemented by the Administration to ensure that all the facilities are maintained in a serviceable condition and that prompt actions are taken to repair the damaged facilities?

Asked by : Hon. FUNG Kin-kee, Frederick

Reply :

In the past two years from 2009-10 to 2010-11 (as at 2.3.2011), the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) has received 760 and 576 reports of damaged recreation and sports facilities respectively. A list of types of damaged facilities requiring repair in the past two years is set out at the Annex. The duration of closure necessitated by repair of damaged facilities was about three days on average. To improve the quality of recreation and sports facilities, LCSD has stepped up inspection frequency of its facilities to ensure that they are in serviceable condition. Once defects are spotted, the venue management will request the maintenance agents to take prompt action to rectify them. The work progress will also be closely monitored to

keep the inconvenience to the public to the minimum. The maintenance agents are also requested to maintain sufficient stock of essential spare parts to speed up the repair work. LCSD will continue to review the function of the existing equipment, and new equipment requiring less maintenance will be installed to minimise the repair frequency.

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Name in block letters Mrs. BETTY FUNG

Post Title Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Date 17 March 2011

**Number of Reports of Damaged Facilities in Leisure Venues under
the management of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department**

Type of Facilities	No. of report cases of damaged facilities	
	2009-10	2010-11 (as at 2.3.2011)
Toilets	318	214
Fitness/Elderly Fitness Equipment	73	84
Children's play equipment	35	32
Sports facilities such as basketball nets / goalposts etc	91	63
Lighting/ Air-conditioning	128	123
Others	115	60
Total	760	576

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

Reply Serial No.

HAB283

Question Serial No.

1318

Head : 95 – Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Subhead :

Programme : (1) Recreation and Sports

Controlling Officer : Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

Regarding the work of “developing and managing leisure facilities such as sports centres, parks and gardens, swimming pools...” as mentioned in the Brief Description, will the Administration inform this Committee of the provision rate of drinking facilities (water dispensers) for each type of the above recreational venues? Does the Leisure and Cultural Services Department have any plans to provide drinking facilities at all recreational venues? If not, what are the reasons? Will the Department consider prohibiting the sale of unhealthy and “three high” (high fat, high sugar and high salt) drinks and food by refreshment/food vending machines at its venues? If not, what are the reasons?

Asked by : Hon. FUNG Kin-kee, Frederick

Reply :

The Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) provides drinking facilities at sports venues including sports centres, water sports centres, stadia, tennis courts, sports grounds and swimming pools. Drinking facilities are also provided in most major parks, as well as at some beaches and playgrounds with outdoor sports facilities. For venues without the installation of drinking facilities, some are provided with refreshment outlets or vending machines. LCSD will keep the arrangements under review and may consider to provide additional drinking facilities at existing or new

Annex to Reply Serial No. HAB283

**Provision of Drinking Facilities at Venues under
the Management of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department**

Facilities	Percentage of venues for which drinking facilities are provided
Sports Centres and other indoor sports facilities	100%
Water Sports Centres	100%
Stadia	100%
Tennis Courts	98%
Sports Grounds	96%
Swimming Pools	95%
Major Parks	72%
Beaches	34%
Parks and Playgrounds with outdoor sports facilities such as volleyball courts, basketball courts, football pitches	33%

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INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

Reply Serial No.

HAB284

Question Serial No.

0325

Head : 95 – Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Subhead :

Programme : (3) Heritage and Museums

Controlling Officer : Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

The Administration plans to design new exhibits and environmental decoration for the renovation of the exhibition halls of the Hong Kong Space Museum. Will the Administration inform this Committee:

- (a) of the details of the renovation works and the expenditure involved; and
- (b) of the current progress of the work?

Asked by : Hon. HO Chung-tai, Raymond

Reply :

A provision of \$32 million has been approved by the Finance Committee for the renewal of the exhibition halls of the Hong Kong Space Museum. The project covers the dismantling of all the existing aged exhibits, improvement of infrastructure, as well as the design, prototyping, fabrication and installation of a new integrated exhibition system.

Under this renewal project, about 60 sets of exhibits, 70% of which are interactive, will be installed in the 1 600-square metre exhibition halls of the Space Museum. Through the use of new technology, the new exhibition seeks to explain the evolution and

development of the universe, the exploration of the space, and the Sun-Earth relationship. Lighting, wall murals and environmental decorations will be suitably used to create a dimmed and mysterious environment or a futuristic and surrealistic environment at the galleries to enhance visiting experience. Besides, a new automatic exhibit control system will be installed to integrate individual exhibits which will be served by a digital audio, video and data network system.

The tender to invite qualified exhibit consultants to design the exhibits for the new permanent exhibition will be issued shortly. The specifications for the tender are drawn up after extensive research and reference has been made to the latest astronomy and space science exhibits of overseas museums.

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Post Title Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Date 14 March 2011

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

Reply Serial No.

HAB285

Question Serial No.

0326

Head : 95 – Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Subhead :

Programme : (1) Recreation and Sports

Controlling Officer : Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

The Administration will hold the second territory-wide Physical Fitness Test for the Community in 2011 to collect data on the physical fitness conditions of Hong Kong people aged between three and 69. Please inform this Committee of:

- (a) the establishment and expenditure involved; and
- (b) the way the personal data collected in the Test will be handled after they have been used for analysis purposes.

Asked by : Hon. HO Chung-tai, Raymond

Reply :

The Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) has engaged various professional agents to provide services for conducting the survey and the tests in connection with the Physical Fitness Test for the Community (PFT). The estimated budget for the PFT is about \$5.7 million, covering the costs for engagement of professional agents, procurement of test equipment and publicity. The PFT is administered by the existing staff of LCSD and the creation of new posts is not required for the project.

It has been specified in the contracts with the agents concerned that the service providers shall not disclose or divulge to any person the records of personal data (as defined in the Personal Data (Privacy) Ordinance (Cap 486)) in connection with the contract. The personal data will be disposed of six months after the completion of the project.

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Post Title Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Date 15 March 2011

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Reply Serial No.

HAB286

Question Serial No.

1672

Head : 95 – Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Subhead :

Programme : (5) Public Libraries

Controlling Officer : Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

What is the estimated expenditure for providing book-drop facilities at three major Mass Transit Railway (MTR) interchange stations on a trial basis? What criteria will be adopted in deciding whether or not to continue or extend the trial scheme to other locations?

Asked by : Hon. HO Chung-tai, Raymond

Reply :

The trial scheme of providing book-drop facilities at three major MTR interchange stations will involve an estimated expenditure of around \$5 million per annum. The plan is to launch the scheme in the fourth quarter of 2011. A review will be conducted one year after its implementation to assess the public response to and effectiveness of the scheme, as well as its long-term manpower and financial implications, based on which the Department will decide whether to continue or extend the scheme to other major MTR interchange stations.

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Post Title Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Date _____ 15 March 2011

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INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

Reply Serial No.

HAB287

Question Serial No.

1673

Head : 95 – Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Subhead :

Programme : (5) Public Libraries

Controlling Officer : Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

Please list the amounts of fines payable to the libraries for the late return of borrowed materials in the past two financial years (i.e. 2009-10 and 2010-11) respectively. Please also list for each year the amount of fines actually received and its proportion in the total amount of fines. Has the Administration put in place any measures against borrowers who intentionally default on payment of fines?

Asked by : Hon. HO Chung-tai, Raymond

Reply :

The statistical information requested is given below:

- a) The total amount of overdue fines payable to the libraries for 2009-10 (as at 31 March 2010) and 2010-11 (as at 31 January 2011) due to readers' late return of borrowed materials are \$21,291,800 and \$18,114,500 respectively; and
- b) The total amount of overdue fines received for the late return of borrowed materials for 2009-10 (as at 31 March 2010) and 2010-11 (as at 31 January 2011) are \$19,698,500 and \$16,772,100 respectively, accounting for 92.52% and 92.59% respectively of the total amount of overdue fines payable to libraries.

The Department endeavours to educate readers on the need to return books/materials borrowed timely and to report the change of address to facilitate correspondence with the library. In addition, notices are issued to readers to remind them of the items that have not been returned and the overdue charges incurred. These notices include “Overdue Notice”, “Final Overdue Notice” and “Payment Notice” sent to the concerned readers respectively at 15 days, 45 days and 120 days after the due date. The borrowing right of the readers will be suspended if there are unreturned loan items or unpaid outstanding overdue fines 14 days after the issue of the “Final Overdue Notice”. Library staff will also remind the readers to return the outstanding items and to settle the payment when the concerned readers turn up at the library counters to borrow or return library materials. Legal action against the concerned readers would be considered on a case-by-case basis to recover the outstanding fees.

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Post Title Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Date 18 March 2011

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INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

Reply Serial No.

HAB288

Question Serial No.

1674

Head : 95 – Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Subhead :

Programme : (5) Public Libraries

Controlling Officer : Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

Regarding the number of Internet Express Terminals provided in static libraries for public use, please list by district the figures of these Terminals in the past two financial years (2009-10 and 2010-11) and in the 2011-12 financial year. Please also explain what major factors will be considered by the Administration when planning the number of Internet Express Terminals to be provided in the libraries in different districts.

Asked by : Hon. HO Chung-tai, Raymond

Reply :

The number of Internet Express Terminals (IETs) provided in static libraries in 2009-10 and 2010-11 and the estimated provision in 2011-12 by district are set out in Annex.

When planning the provision of IETs in public libraries, the Department will consider a host of other factors, including the availability of resources, the number of IETs and other Internet workstations already installed in the library, their utilisation, the size and physical constraints of individual libraries, and the anticipated demand for IET services from library users.

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Name in block letters Mrs. BETTY FUNG

Post Title Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Date 17 March 2011

Provision of Internet Express Terminals

Public Libraries	No. of Internet Express Terminals		
	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Hong Kong Island			
Central & Western			
City Hall	1	1	1
Shek Tong Tsui	2	2	2
Smithfield	1	1	1
Eastern			
Chai Wan	2	2	2
Electric Road	1	1	1
North Point	1	1	1
Quarry Bay	2	2	2
Yiu Tung	1	1	1
Siu Sai Wan (under planning)	N.A.	N.A.	2
Southern			
Aberdeen	2	2	2
Ap Lei Chau	1	1	1
Pok Fu Lam	1	1	1
Stanley	1	1	1
Wan Chai			
Hong Kong Central Library	2	4	4
Lockhart Road	2	2	2
Wong Nai Chung	1	1	1
Kowloon			
Kowloon City			
Hung Hom	1	1	1
Kowloon City	1	1	1
Kowloon	2	2	2
To Kwa Wan	1	1	1
Kwun Tong			
Lam Tin	1	1	1
Lei Yue Mun	1	1	1
Ngau Tau Kok	2	2	2
Sau Mau Ping	1	1	1
Shui Wo Street	2	2	2
Shun Lee Estate	1	1	1
Sham Shui Po			
Lai Chi Kok	2	2	2
Pak Tin	1	1	1
Po On Road	2	2	2
Un Chau Street	1	1	1
Wong Tai Sin			
Fu Shan	1	1	1
Lok Fu	1	1	1
Lung Hing	1	1	1

Public Libraries	No. of Internet Express Terminals		
	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Wong Tai Sin (Cont'd)			
Ngau Chi Wan	1	1	1
San Po Kong	2	2	2
Tsz Wan Shan	1	1	1
Yau Tsim Mong			
Fa Yuen Street	2	2	2
Tai Kok Tsui	1	1	1
Tsim Sha Tsui	2	2	2
Yau Ma Tei	2	2	2
New Territories			
Islands			
Cheung Chau	1	1	1
Mui Wo	1	1	1
North Lamma	1	1	1
Peng Chau	1	1	1
South Lamma	-	-	-
Tai O	1	1	1
Tung Chung	1	3	3
Kwai Tsing			
North Kwai Chung	2	2	2
South Kwai Chung	1	1	1
Tsing Yi	2	2	2
North			
Fanling	2	2	2
Sheung Shui	3	3	3
Sha Tau Kok	-	-	-
Sai Kung			
Sai Kung	1	1	1
Tseung Kwan O	2	2	2
Sha Tin			
Lek Yuen	1	1	1
Ma On Shan	1	1	1
Sha Tin	2	2	2
Tai Po			
Tai Po	4	4	4
Tsuen Wan			
Shek Wai Kok	1	1	1
Tsuen Wan	4	4	4
Tuen Mun			
Butterfly Estate	1	1	1
Tai Hing	1	1	1
Tuen Mun	1	1	2
Yuen Long			
Tin Shui Wai North	1	1	1
Tin Shui Wai	2	2	2
Yuen Long	2	2	2
Total	94	98	101

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INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

Reply Serial No.

HAB289

Question Serial No.

0698

Head : 95 – Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Subhead :

Programme : (3) Heritage and Museums

Controlling Officer : Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

The work of the Administration under this Programme involves “initiating and organising public art programmes in collaboration with the arts community”. Please provide the following information:

- (a) The number of existing curatorial projects on public art, names of additional projects to be carried out, as well as the expenditure and estimated number of art groups or artists involved in each project.
- (b) The existing locations of public art displays, additional locations to be provided, as well as the expenditure and estimated number of art groups or artists involved for each location.

Asked by : Hon. IP Kwok-him

Reply :

- (a) There are six existing curatorial projects on public art initiated and/or organised by the Art Promotion Office (APO) of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) or organised in collaboration with other government departments or organisations. Three will be launched in 2011-12. Details of these projects are as follows:

Public art projects in progress

Names of public art project		Locations	Numbers of participating artists / art groups	Expenditure / Budget
1	Art @ Government Buildings	Revenue Tower Cheung Sha Wan Government Offices Tsuen Wan Government Offices	3 (artists)	\$3,897,000
2	Park Déco Scheme – Quarry Bay Park	Quarry Bay Park	4 (artists / art groups)	\$2,999,000
3	Artists in the Neighbourhood Scheme V	Hong Kong City Hall Low Block Hong Kong Film Archive Tsimshatsui Book Centre, Commercial Press (HK) Ltd. Tsuen Wan Town Hall Queen Elizabeth Hospital Hong Kong Central Library Tin Chak Shopping Centre Hong Kong Cultural Centre JCCAC Artist Village Hong Kong Visual Art Centre Olympian City 2 Hong Kong City Hall Low Block Jao Tsung-I Academy	24 (artists) (as at March 2011)	\$423,000 borne by Fund of Diversified Community Activities of Home Affairs Department (HAD). LCSD's commitment is \$1,218,000.
4	ArtAlive@Park	Hong Kong Park Kowloon Park Sha Tin Park Tuen Mun Park	86 (artists)	\$7,000,000 borne by Home Affairs Bureau (HAB). No expenditure for LCSD.
5	Sai Kung District Council Public Art Project 2009	Po Tsui Park Po Hong Park Man Yee Playground	4 (artists)	\$1,771,000 borne by HAD. LCSD's commitment is \$241,000.
6	Public Art Project – Tamar	Open Space of the Central Government Complex	8 (artists / art groups, estimated)	\$8,835,000 borne by Chief Secretary for Administration's Office. No expenditure for LCSD.

Public art projects to be launched in 2011-12

Names of public art project		Locations	Numbers of participating artists / art groups	Expenditure / Budget
1	Park Déco Scheme – Cornwall Street Park	Cornwall Street Park	3 (artists, estimated)	\$5,500,000 to be borne by HAB. LCSD's commitment is \$1,000,000.
2	Beautification of Shanghai Street Public Toilet	Shanghai Street Public Toilet Complex, Yau Ma Tei (External walls)	1 (art group, estimated)	\$1,000,000 to be borne by HAB. No expenditure for LCSD.
3	Public Art Scheme of the Town Park, Indoor Velodrome-cum-Sports Centre, in Area 45, Tseung Kwan O	Town Park & Indoor Velodrome-cum-Sports Centre, in Area 45, Tseung Kwan O	2-4 (artists / art groups, estimated)	\$3,000,000 to be borne by Architectural Services Department. No expenditure for LCSD.

(b) The public art projects launched and completed between 1999 and 2008 with art works still on display are detailed below:

Names of public art project	Locations	Numbers of participating artists / art groups	Expenditure
Public Art Scheme 1999	Kwai Tsing Theatre Tsing Yi Municipal Services Building Tai Po Central Town Square	7 (artists / art groups)	\$4,663,000
Public Art Scheme 2002	Hong Kong City Hall (Memorial Garden) Yuen Long Theatre (Bamboo Courtyard) Hong Kong Central Library (Foyer) Tuen Mun Public Library (Podium, Lift Lobby) Tseung Kwan O Public Library (Foyer Entrance) Fanling Public Library (Children Library)	6 (artists / art groups)	\$2,679,000
Public Art Scheme 2003/04	Ma On Shan Public Library (Children Library) Hong Kong Cultural Centre (Outdoor on Salisbury Road)	2 (art groups)	\$1,290,000
Public Art Scheme 2006	Ko Shan Road Park Hong Kong Heritage Discovery Centre	3 (artists / art groups)	\$1,149,000

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

Reply Serial No.

HAB290

Question Serial No.

0570

Head : 95 – Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Subhead :

Programme : (1) Recreation and Sports

Controlling Officer : Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

The Government expects to provide subvention to 80 national sports associations (NSAs)/sports organisations this year. In this connection, will the Government inform this Committee:

- (a) of the names of the NSAs/sports organisations which will receive subvention in 2011-12 and the respective amounts of subvention?
- (b) whether the Government will consider the governance standard of the NSAs/sports organisations when approving applications for subvention? If so, what are the expenditure and staff resources earmarked for this purpose? If not, what are the criteria for approval?
- (c) when will the Government complete its review of the sports subvention system to enhance transparency and accountability and ensure proper use of public funds? What are the number of staff and expenditure involved as at present?

Asked by : Hon. KAM Nai-wai

Reply :

- (a) The Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) will earmark an estimated \$231 million for providing subvention to 58 national sports associations (NSAs) and

List of subvented national sports associations in 2011-12

1.	Hong Kong Archery Association
2.	Hong Kong Amateur Athletic Association
3.	Hong Kong Badminton Association
4.	Hong Kong Baseball Association
5.	Hong Kong Basketball Association
6.	Hong Kong Billiard Sports Control Council
7.	Hong Kong China Bodybuilding and Fitness Association
8.	Hong Kong Boxing Association
9.	Hong Kong Canoe Union
10.	Hong Kong Chinese Martial Arts Dragon & Lion Dance Association
11.	Hong Kong Cricket Association
12.	Hong Kong Cycling Association
13.	Hong Kong Dancesport Association
14.	Hong Kong Dragon Boat Association
15.	Hong Kong Equestrian Federation
16.	Hong Kong Fencing Association
17.	Hong Kong Football Association
18.	Hong Kong, China Gateball Association
19.	Hong Kong Golf Association
20.	Gymnastics Association of Hong Kong, China
21.	Handball Association of Hong Kong, China
22.	Hong Kong Hockey Association
23.	Hong Kong Ice Hockey Association
24.	Judo Association of Hong Kong, China
25.	Karatedo Federation of Hong Kong, China
26.	Hong Kong Kart Club
27.	Hong Kong Kendo Association
28.	Hong Kong Lawn Bowls Association
29.	Hong Kong Life Saving Society
30.	Hong Kong Mountaineering Union
31.	Hong Kong Netball Association
32.	Orienteering Association of Hong Kong
33.	Hong Kong Federation of Roller Sports
34.	Hong Kong, China Rowing Association
35.	Hong Kong Rugby Football Union
36.	Hong Kong Sailing Federation
37.	Hong Kong Schools Sports Federation
38.	Hong Kong Shooting Association
39.	Hong Kong Shuttlecock Association
40.	Hong Kong Skating Union
41.	Hong Kong Softball Association
42.	Hong Kong Sports Association of the Deaf
43.	Hong Kong Sports Association for the Mentally Handicapped
44.	Hong Kong Paralympic Committee & Sports Association for the Physically Disabled
45.	Hong Kong Squash

46.	Hong Kong Amateur Swimming Association
47.	Hong Kong Table Tennis Association
48.	Hong Kong Taekwondo Association
49.	Hong Kong Tennis Association
50.	Hong Kong Tenpin Bowling Congress
51.	Hong Kong Triathlon Association
52.	Hong Kong Underwater Association
53.	University Sports Federation of Hong Kong, China
54.	Volleyball Association of Hong Kong, China
55.	Hong Kong Water Ski Association
56.	Hong Kong Weightlifting and Powerlifting Association
57.	Windsurfing Association of Hong Kong
58.	Hong Kong Wushu Union

List of subvented sports organisations in 2011-12

1.	Sports Federation & Olympic Committee of Hong Kong, China
2.	Chinese Football Association of Hong Kong
3.	Citizen Athletic Association
4.	Happy Valley Athletic Association
5.	Hong Kong Chess Federation
6.	Hong Kong Chinese Amateur Swimming Association
7.	Hong Kong Chinese Chess Association
8.	Hong Kong Christian Service
9.	Hong Kong Dance Federation
10.	Hong Kong Miniature Football Association
11.	Hong Kong Rope Skipping Association, China
12.	Hong Kong Society for the Deaf
13.	Hong Kong Tai Chi Association
14.	Hong Kong Teacher's Association
15.	Hong Kong Tennis Patrons' Association
16.	Hong Kong Ultimate Players Association
17.	Hong Kong Winter Swimming Association
18.	Kowloon Miniature Football Association
19.	New Territories Regional Sports Association
20.	Outward Bound (Alumni) Association
21.	Sail Training Association of Hong Kong
22.	Scout Association of Hong Kong
23.	South China Athletic Association

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

Reply Serial No.

HAB291

Question Serial No.

1921

Head : 95 – Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Subhead :

Programme : (1) Recreation and Sports

Controlling Officer : Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

Please provide a breakdown, by the 18 Districts in Hong Kong, of the distribution of the natural or artificial turf pitches, sports centres, sports grounds, stadia and tennis courts under the Leisure and Cultural Services Department as well as their usage rates during peak hours and non-peak hours for 2010-11.

Asked by : Hon. KAM Nai-wai

Reply :

In 2010-11, there are 49 natural turf football pitches, 28 artificial turf football pitches, 89 sports centres, 25 sports grounds, two stadia and 256 tennis courts under the management of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department. The distribution of these facilities in the 18 districts are at Annexes I to V and the average usage rates of the facilities during peak hours and non-peak hours for 2010 are at Annex VI.

Signature _____

Name in block letters Mrs. BETTY FUNG

Post Title Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Date 17 March 2011

Annex I to Reply Serial No. HAB291

List of Natural Turf Football Pitches in 2010

District	Venues	No. of Pitches
Hong Kong		
Wan Chai	1 Causeway Bay Sports Ground	1
	2 Happy Valley Recreation Ground	5
	3 So Kon Po Recreation Ground	1
Eastern	4 Siu Sai Wan Sports Ground	1
Southern	5 Aberdeen Sports Ground	2
Kowloon		
Sham Shui Po	6 Sham Shui Po Sports Ground	1
	7 Shek Kip Mei Park	1
	8 Tai Hang Tung Recreation Ground	3
Kowloon City	9 Ho Man Tin East Service Reservoir Playground	2
	10 Kowloon Tsai Park	1
	11 Tin Kwong Road Recreation Ground	2
	12 Kowloon Tsai Sports Ground	1
Wong Tai Sin	13 Hammer Hill Road Sports Ground	2
	14 Morse Park	2
	15 Ma Chai Hang Recreation Ground	1
Kwun Tong	16 Kowloon Bay Park	1
	17 Kowloon Bay Sports Ground	1
	18 Sai Tso Wan Recreation Ground	1
	19 Wai Lok Street Temporary Soccer Pitch	1
New Territories		
Kwai Tsing	20 Kwai Chung Sports Ground	1
	21 Tsing Yi Sports Ground	1
	22 Wo Yi Hop Road Sports Ground	1
Tsuen Wan	23 Tsuen Wan Riviera Park	1
	24 Shing Mun Valley Sports Ground	1
Tuen Mun	25 Siu Lun Sports Ground	1
	26 Tuen Mun Tang Shiu Kin Sports Ground	1
Yuen Long	27 Tin Shui Wai Sports Ground	1
	28 Yuen Long Stadium	1

District	Venues	No. of Facilities
Sha Tin	29 Hin Tin Playground	1
	30 Ma On Shan Sports Ground	1
	31 Sha Tin Sports Ground	1
Tai Po	32 Tai Po Sports Ground	1
North	33 Fanling Recreation Ground	1
	34 Kwu Tung Grass Soccer Pitch	1
	35 North District Sports Ground	1
Sai Kung	36 Sai Kung Tang Shiu Kin Sports Ground	1
	37 Tseung Kwan O Sports Ground	2
TOTAL		49

Annex II to Reply Serial No. HAB291

List of the Artificial Turf Football Pitches in 2010

District	Venues	No. of Pitches
Hong Kong		
Central and Western	1 Sun Yat Sen Memorial Park	1
Wan Chai	2 Happy Valley Recreation Ground	4
Eastern	3 Quarry Bay Park	2
Southern	4 Wong Chuk Hang Recreation Ground	1
Kowloon		
Yau Tsim Mong	5 Boundary Street Recreation Ground	1
	6 Cherry Street Park	1
Kowloon City	7 Kowloon Tsai Park	2
Wong Tai Sin	8 Lok Fu Recreation Ground	1
	9 Morse Park	2
	10 Po Kong Village Road Park	2
Kwun Tong	11 Kowloon Bay Park	1
	12 Shun Lee Tsuen Park	1
New Territories		
Islands	13 Man Tung Road Park	1
Kwai Tsing	14 Tsing Yi Northeast Park	1
Tuen Mun	15 Wu Shan Recreation Ground	1
Sha Tin	16 Ma On Shan Recreation Ground	1
	17 Tsang Tai Uk Recreation Ground	1
Tai Po	18 Kwong Fuk Football Ground	1
	19 Kwong Fuk Park	1
North	20 Pak Fuk Tin Sum Playground	1
Sai Kung	21 Po Tsui Park	1
TOTAL		28

Annex III to Reply Serial No. HAB291

List of Sports Centres in 2010

District	Venues
Hong Kong Central and Western	1 Hong Kong Park Sports Centre
	2 Smithfield Sports Centre
	3 Shek Tong Tsui Sports Centre
	4 Sheung Wan Sports Centre
	5 Sun Yat Sen Memorial Park Sports Centre (former named as Western Park Sports Centre)
Wan Chai	6 Harbour Road Sports Centre
	7 Lockhart Road Sports Centre
	8 Wong Nai Chung Sports Centre
Eastern	9 Chai Wan Sports Centre
	10 Island East Sports Centre
	11 Java Road Sports Centre
	12 Quarry Bay Sports Centre
	13 Sai Wan Ho Sports Centre
Southern	14 Wong Chuk Hang Sports Centre
	15 Aberdeen Sports Centre
	16 Ap Lei Chau Sports Centre
	17 Stanley Sports Centre
	18 Yue Kwong Road Sports Centre
Kowloon Yau Tsim Mong	19 Boundary Street Sports Centre No. 1
	20 Boundary Street Sports Centre No. 2
	21 Fa Yuen Street Sports Centre
	22 Tai Kok Tsui Sports Centre
	23 Kwun Chung Sports Centre
	24 Kowloon Park Sports Centre
Sham Shui Po	25 Cheung Sha Wan Sports Centre
	26 Lai Chi Kok Park Sports Centre
	27 Pei Ho Street Sports Centre
	28 Po On Road Sports Centre
	29 Shek Kip Mei Park Sports Centre

District	Venues
Kowloon City	30 Fat Kwong Street Sports Centre
	31 Ho Man Tin Sports Centre
	32 Hung Hom Municipal Services Building Sports Centre
	33 Kowloon City Sports Centre
	34 To Kwa Wan Sports Centre
Wong Tai Sin	35 Choi Hung Road Sports Centre
	36 Chuk Yuen Sports Centre
	37 Kai Tak East Sports Centre
	38 Morse Park Sports Centre
	39 Ngau Chi Wan Sports Centre
	40 Po Kong Village Road Sports Centre
Kwun Tong	41 Chun Wah Road Sports Centre
	42 Hiu Kwong Street Sports Centre
	43 Kowloon Bay Sports Centre
	44 Lam Tin South Sports Centre
	45 Ngau Tau Kok Road Sports Centre
	46 Lei Yue Mun Sports Centre
	47 Shun Lee Tsuen Sports Centre
	48 Shui Wo Street Sports Centre
New Territories Islands	49 Cheung Chau Sports Centre
	50 Mui Wo Sports Centre
	51 Peng Chau Sports Centre
	52 Praya Street Sports Centre
	53 Tung Chung Man Tung Road Sports Centre
Kwai Tsing	54 Cheung Fat Sports Centre
	55 Fung Shue Wo Sports Centre
	56 Lai King Sports Centre
	57 North Kwai Chung Tang Shiu Kin Sports Centre
	58 Osman Ramju Sadick Memorial Sports Centre
	59 Tai Wo Hau Sports Centre
	60 Tsing Yi Sports Centre

District	Venues
Tsuen Wan	61 Tsuen King Circuit Sports Centre
	62 Tsuen Wan West Sports Centre
	63 Wai Tsuen Sports Centre
	64 Yeung Uk Road Sports Centre
Tuen Mun	65 The Jockey Club Tuen Mun Butterfly Beach Sports Centre
	66 Leung Tin Sports Centre
	67 Tai Hing Sports Centre
	68 Yau Oi Sports Centre
Yuen Long	69 Fung Kam Street Sports Centre
	70 Long Ping Sports Centre
	71 Tin Shui Sports Centre
	72 Tin Shui Wai Sports Centre
Sha Tin	73 Hin Keng Sports Centre
	74 Heng On Sports Centre
	75 Mei Lam Sports Centre
	76 Ma On Shan Sports Centre
	77 Yuen Wo Road Sports Centre
Tai Po	78 Fu Heng Sports Centre
	79 Fu Shin Sports Centre
	80 Tai Po Hui Sports Centre
	81 Tai Po Sports Centre
	82 Tai Wo Sports Centre
North	83 Luen Wo Hui Sports Centre
	84 Lung Sum Avenue Sports Centre
	85 Tin Ping Sports Centre
	86 Wo Hing Sports Centre
Sai Kung	87 Po Lam Sports Centre
	88 Tseung Kwan O Sports Centre
	89 Tsui Lam Sports Centre

List of Sports Grounds and Stadia in 2010

Sports Grounds

District	Venues
Hong Kong	
Wan Chai	1 Causeway Bay Sports Ground
	2 Wan Chai Sports Ground
Eastern	3 Siu Sai Wan Sports Ground
Southern	4 Aberdeen Sports Ground
Kowloon	
Sham Shui Po	5 Sham Shui Po Sports Ground
Kowloon City	6 Kowloon Tsai Sports Ground
	7 Perth Street Sports Ground
Wong Tai Sin	8 Hammer Hill Road Sports Ground
Kwun Tong	9 Kowloon Bay Sports Ground
New Territories	
Islands	10 Cheung Chau Sports Ground
Kwai Tsing	11 Kwai Chung Sports Ground
	12 Tsing Yi Sports Ground
	13 Wo Yi Hop Road Sports Ground
Tsuen Wan	14 Shing Mun Valley Sports Ground
Tuen Mun	15 Siu Lun Sports Ground
	16 Tuen Mun Tang Shiu Kin Sports Ground
Yuen Long	17 Tin Shui Wai Sports Ground
	18 Yuen Long Stadium
Sha Tin	19 Ma On Shan Sports Ground
	20 Sha Tin Sports Ground
Tai Po	21 Tai Po Sports Ground
North	22 Fanling Recreation Ground
	23 North District Sports Ground
Sai Kung	24 Sai Kung Tang Shiu Kin Sports Ground
	25 Tseung Kwan O Sports Ground

Stadia

1. Hong Kong Stadium
2. Mong Kok Stadium

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List of Tennis Courts in 2010

District	Venues	No. of Courts
Hong Kong		
Wan Chai	1 Bowen Road Tennis Court	4
	2 Causeway Bay Sports Ground	6
	3 Hong Kong Tennis Centre	17
Eastern	4 Chai Wan Park	6
	5 Quarry Bay Park	8
	6 Sai Wan Ho Playground	4
	7 Victoria Park	14
Southern	8 Aberdeen Tennis and Squash Centre	8
Kowloon		
Yau Tsim Mong	9 Cherry Street Park	4
	10 King's Park Recreation Ground	6
Sham Shui Po	11 Lai Chi Kok Park	5
	12 Shek Kip Mei Park	8
	13 Tung Chau Street Park	5
Kowloon City	14 Ho Man Tin Sports Centre	2
	15 Junction Road Park	6
	16 Ma Tau Wai Service Reservoir Playground	4
	17 Tin Kwong Road Tennis Court	4
Wong Tai Sin	18 Choi Hung Road Playground	5
	19 Morse Park	6
	20 Ma Chai Hang Recreation Ground	4
	21 Shek Ku Lung Road Playground	4
Kwun Tong	22 Hiu Ming Street Playground	3
	23 Hong Ning Road Park	4
	24 Jordan Valley Playground	4
	25 Ping Shek Playground	4
	26 Sin Fat Road Tennis Courts	4
	27 Shun Lee Tsuen Park	2

District	Venues	No. of Courts
New Territories		
Islands	28 Cheung Chau Park	3
Kwai Tsing	29 Kwai Shing Playground	3
	30 North Kwai Chung Tang Shiu Kin Sports Centre *	1
	31 Shek Lei Street Tennis Courts	2
	32 Tsing Yi Park	7
	33 Mei King Playground #	2
Tsuen Wan	34 Tsuen Wan Riviera Park	4
	35 Shing Mun Valley Park	2
	36 Sha Tsui Road Playground	3
	37 Tsuen King Circuit Playground	4
	38 Tsuen Wan Park	4
Tuen Mun	39 Tuen Mun Tang Shiu Kin Sports Ground	6
	40 Tsing Sin Playground	4
	41 Wu Shan Tennis Courts	3
Yuen Long	42 Sai Ching Street Tennis Courts	6
	43 Tin Shui Wai Park	2
	44 Shui Pin Tsuen Playground #	1
Sha Tin	45 Hin Tin Playground	4
	46 Ma On Shan Recreation Ground	2
	47 Siu Lek Yuen Road Playground	4
	48 Tsang Tai Uk Recreation Ground	6
	49 Yuen Wo Playground	6
Tai Po	50 Tai Po Sports Ground	6
	51 Wan Tau Kok Playground	3
North	52 North District Sports Ground	6
	53 Wo Hing Sports Centre *	1
	54 Fanling Temporary Tennis Courts #	2
Sai Kung	55 Po Tsui Park	6
	56 Sai Kung Tennis Courts	2
TOTAL		256

* Indoor Court

Hard-Surfaced Tennis Courts

Annex VI to Reply Serial No. HAB291

Usage of Major Leisure Facilities in 2010

Facilities	Usage Rate (%)		
	Peak Hours	Non-peak Hours	Average
Natural Turf Pitches	100%	100%	100%
Artificial Turf Pitches	95%	46%	73%
Sports Centres (Arena)	90%	64%	78%
Sports Grounds	99%	97%	98%
Tennis Courts	75%	38%	58%

Facilities	Total Number of Days Used
Hong Kong Stadium	102

Remark:

Mong Kok Stadium is under improvement works during the period from September 2009 to September 2011.

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INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

Reply Serial No.

HAB292

Question Serial No.

1922

Head : 95 – Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Subhead :

Programme : (1) Recreation and Sports

Controlling Officer : Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

Regarding the follow-up action plan on the “Participation Patterns of Hong Kong People in Physical Activities”, will the Government inform this Committee:

- (a) of the work items, target groups, the manpower involved, the expenditure and the effectiveness of the work for promoting “Sport for All” in 2010-11;
- (b) of the work items, target groups, the manpower involved and the estimated expenditure for promoting “Sport for All” in 2011-12; and
- (c) whether the Government will earmark provision for collecting data on a regular basis on public participation in physical and sports activities and studying the factors affecting public participation in these activities? If so, what are the manpower involved and the estimated expenditure?

Asked by : Hon. KAM Nai-wai

Reply :

- (a) & (b) To encourage people from all walks of life to participate in regular recreational and sports activities, the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) organises a wide variety of sports programmes like

training courses, recreational activities and competitions for the general public. The Department also organises territory-wide major events and sports competitions, including the “Sport For All” Day, Healthy Exercise for All Campaign, the School Sports Programme, the Hong Kong Games, the Masters Games and the Corporate Games, to promote a strong sporting culture in the community. To follow up on the recommendations of the “Sport for All – the Participation Patterns of Hong Kong People in Physical Activities” (the Study), LCSD will enhance the promotion of sport in the community in 2011-12 in collaboration with the District Councils, national sports associations, non-government organisations and schools. The total expenditure to be incurred in 2011-12 will be \$143.5 million, representing a 16% increase over that in 2010-11.

The total number of programmes organised in 2010-11 and those planned to be organised in 2011-12 to promote “Sport for All” are as follows:

	2010-11	2011-12 (Planned)
Total No. of Programmes	36 712	36 900
Expenditure (\$ million)	123.5	143.5 (Estimated)

- (c) The Study was first conducted in 2008 at a cost of \$1.7 million. To keep track of the participation patterns of Hong Kong people in sports and other physical activities, it is recommended that this study should be conducted every five years. The next study will be conducted in 2013 but the cost has yet to be confirmed.

Signature _____

Name in block letters _____ Mrs. BETTY FUNG

Post Title Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Date _____ 17 March 2011

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

Reply Serial No.

HAB293

Question Serial No.

1923

Head : 95 – Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Subhead :

Programme : (1) Recreation and Sports

Controlling Officer : Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

The Government has indicated that it would strengthen the channels for booking of sports facilities and enrollment to sports programmes through further enhancement to the computerised booking system. In this connection, will the Government inform this Committee of the following:

- (a) What are the estimated expenditure and manpower involved?
- (b) For the elderly and those who can hardly benefit from the booking services through telephone, the Internet and self-service kiosks, will the Government provide additional support to facilitate their booking of sports facilities and enrollment to sports programmes? If so, what are the estimated expenditure and manpower required?

Asked by : Hon. KAM Nai-wai

Reply :

The Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) plans to upgrade the Leisure Link System (LLS) in order to improve the services provided to the public for booking sports facilities and enrollment in sports programmes. The estimated expenditure is about \$20 million. The project involves both hardware and software upgrading and will be implemented by the vendors and administered by LCSD mainly through deployment of existing staff.

The upgrading of the LLS will also improve the booking services provided at booking counters at leisure venues. The elderly and those who do not use or have access to computers can continue to make bookings at the counters where LCSD's staff will provide assistance to users.

Signature _____

Name in block letters Mrs. BETTY FUNG

Post Title Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Date 17 March 2011

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

Reply Serial No.

HAB294

Question Serial No.

1924

Head : 95 – Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Subhead :

Programme : (1) Recreation and Sports

Controlling Officer : Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

The Government will conduct the second territory-wide Physical Fitness Test for the Community in 2011. What are the specific work plan, the estimated expenditure and manpower required for the Test?

Asked by : Hon. KAM Nai-wai

Reply :

The Physical Fitness Test for the Community (PFT) is being planned for implementation and completion in 2011. It comprises two parts, a questionnaire survey and a physical fitness test. Target participants are Hong Kong citizens aged between three and 69, categorised into five age groups - infants (aged 3-6), children (7-12), adolescents (13-19), adults (20-59) and the elderly (60-69). The sample size is about 10 000, drawn at random from 18 districts.

The estimated budget for the PFT is about \$5.7 million, covering the costs for engaging professional agents to conduct the survey and the tests, procurement of test equipment and publicity. The PFT is administered by existing staff of the Department and the creation of new posts is not required for the project.

Signature _____

Name in block letters Mrs. BETTY FUNG

Post Title Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Date 15 March 2011

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

Reply Serial No.

HAB295

Question Serial No.

1925

Head : 95 – Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Subhead :

Programme : (1) Recreation and Sports

Controlling Officer : Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

The Government plans to organise more programmes for special target groups, including elderly persons and persons with disabilities in 2011-12. In this connection, will the Government inform this Committee:

- (a) of the estimated expenditure and manpower required for the measures?
- (b) whether the Government organised any recreation and sports activities for elderly persons and persons with disabilities in 2010-11? If so, please list the target groups, the manpower involved, the expenditure and the effectiveness of the respective items.

Asked by : Hon. KAM Nai-wai

Reply :

To promote “Sport for All” and encourage people to lead an active and healthy life, the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) organises recreation and sports activities for different target groups including the elderly and persons with disabilities. In 2011-12, the Department will set aside about \$10.91 million for organising some 5 200 specially designed and free programmes for 486 000 elderly people and persons with disabilities. Programmes will include swimming, fitness exercise, fitness

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Reply Serial No.

HAB296

Question Serial No.

1926

Head : 95 – Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Subhead :

Programme : (1) Recreation and Sports

Controlling Officer : Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

According to the report of the study on “Sport for All – the Participation Patterns of Hong Kong People in Physical Activities”, there were fewer female respondents who thought they had sufficient amount of physical activities. In its current review of the recreation and sports activities and facilities provided by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department, will the Government commission more experts to study ways to improve the existing services from a gender perspective? If so, what are the estimated expenditure and manpower required for the study?

Asked by : Hon. KAM Nai-wai

Reply :

Based on the outcomes of the Study on “Sport for All – the Participation Patterns of Hong Kong People in Physical Activities” (the Study), the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) has begun implementing a five-year action plan to follow up on the recommendations of the Study.

A Task Force with members from the Community Sports Committee, representatives of the Department of Health, the Education Bureau and the academic sector has been set up to oversee the action plan. LCSD will explore with the experts on the Task Force how to encourage female participation in sports and other physical activities and what

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

Reply Serial No.

HAB297

Question Serial No.

1927

Head : 95 – Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Subhead :

Programme : (1) Recreation and Sports

Controlling Officer : Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

The Government deployed resources to develop feeder systems for a number of sports in 2010-11. In this connection, will the Government inform this Committee of:

- (a) the specific measures for developing the feeder systems as well as the manpower and provision involved; and
- (b) with a breakdown by sports, the amount of additional subvention provided or expected to be provided for each sport from 2010-11 to 2011-12.

Asked by : Hon. KAM Nai-wai

Reply :

- (a) The Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) invites the national sports associations (NSAs) to submit plans on the implementation of enhanced feeder programmes and provides funding support through the Sports Subvention Scheme. The NSAs concerned are required to submit to LCSD evaluation reports on their achievement of the performance targets upon completion of the feeder programmes.

The enhanced feeder system seeks to identify and nurture young athletes with potential at an early stage for the long-term and sustainable development of sports in Hong Kong. With the enhanced system, our young athletes at or below the junior squad level are provided with more opportunities to participate in overseas training and local competitions, pre-squad training and development programmes in a more structured and systematic manner, thus enhancing their skills and experience to enable their advancement to the senior squad and elite levels.

The Department carries out the initiatives to promote feeder system through deployment of existing manpower.

- (b) The total amount of subvention to 22 NSAs for implementing the enhanced feeder system in 2010-11 is around \$12 million. The detailed breakdown by sports is set out in the attached Annex.

For 2011-12, LCSD will set aside around \$19 million to provide funding support for the existing 22 NSAs to continue implementing their feeder systems as well as for other NSAs to implement new feeder programmes for their young athletes. As the Department is still in the final process of assessing the plans submitted by the NSAs, the subvention to be allocated to individual NSAs in 2011-12, including that for the provision of feeder programmes, has not yet been finalised.

Signature _____

Name in block letters Mrs. BETTY FUNG

Post Title Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Date 17 March 2011

Annex to Reply Serial No. HAB297

**Breakdown of Subvention to 22 NSAs for Implementing
the Enhanced Feeder Programmes in 2010-11**

Sports	Amount of Subvention \$
Athletics	1,379,164
Badminton	557,264
Cycling	776,982
Fencing	249,654
Gymnastics	172,722
Handball	526,329
Judo	528,484
Karatedo	425,032
Rowing	608,900
Shooting	374,984
Squash	386,815
Swimming	243,900
Table Tennis	837,438
Taekwondo	503,819
Tennis	835,976
Tenpin Bowling	641,749
Triathlon	69,028
Volleyball	546,577
Windsurfing	901,248
Wushu	112,628
Sports for Intellectually Disabled	763,540
Sports for Physically Disabled	819,964
Total:	12,262,197 (say \$12 million)

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

Reply Serial No.

HAB298

Question Serial No.

1928

Head : 95 – Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Subhead :

Programme : (1) Recreation and Sports

Controlling Officer : Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

Please list the number, nature and attendance of the activities organised in the sports centres and stadia under the Leisure and Cultural Services Department as well as the expenditure and manpower involved in each of the past five years (i.e. from 2006-07 to 2010-11).

Asked by : Hon. KAM Nai-wai

Reply :

The Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) manages a wide range of sports venues including sports centres, sports grounds, stadia and swimming pools. To encourage people to participate in regular sports activities, LCSD organises sports programmes such as training courses and competitions at its sports venues. The Department also organises territory-wide major events and sports competitions, including the Sport for All Day, “Healthy Exercise for All” Campaign, the School Sports Programme, the Hong Kong Games, the Masters Games and the Corporate Games, with a view to promoting a strong sporting culture in the community.

The total number of recreation and sports programmes organised by LCSD in its sports venues from 2006-07 to 2010-11 as well as the attendance and expenditure involved are as follows:

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

Reply Serial No.

HAB299

Question Serial No.

1929

Head : 95 – Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Subhead :

Programme : (5) Public Libraries

Controlling Officer : Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

For each of the 18 districts, please list the static libraries under the Leisure and Cultural Services Department, their opening hours and library stock, as well as the number of Internet Express Terminals provided in each library for public use.

Asked by : Hon. KAM Nai-wai

Reply :

Information on the static libraries managed by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department, including their locations by district, opening hours, stock size and the number of Internet Express Terminals provided, is set out in the Annex.

Signature _____

Name in block letters _____ Mrs. BETTY FUNG

Post Title Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Date _____ 18 March 2011

Annex to Reply Serial No. HAB299

Hong Kong Public Libraries

District	Library	Library Materials Stock (as at 31 Jan 2011) (items)	Nos. of Internet Express Terminals (2010-11) (no.)	Opening Hours	
				Group	Details
Hong Kong Central Library		2 469 196	4	A	A) <u>Hong Kong Central Library</u>
Central & Western	City Hall	538 136	1	B	Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday10 am to 9 pm
	Shek Tong Tsui	173 959	2	B	Wednesday1 pm to 9 pm
	Smithfield	75 449	1	C	Saturday and Sunday10 am to 9 pm
Wanchai	Lockhart Road	186 959	2	B	Public Holiday*10 am to 7 pm
	Wong Nai Chung	86 107	1	C	
Eastern	Chai Wan	228 514	2	B	B) <u>34 Major / District Libraries</u> Monday or Thursday12 noon to 8 pm
	North Point	81 311	1	B	Monday to Wednesday and Friday or
	Quarry Bay	187 863	2	B	Tuesday to Friday9 am to 8 pm
	Electric Road	78 113	1	C	Saturday9 am to 8 pm
	Yiu Tung	66 974	1	C	Sunday and Public Holiday*9 am to 5 pm
Southern	Aberdeen	157 926	2	B	C) <u>21 Small Libraries (Urban Area)</u>
	Ap Lei Chau	78 325	1	C	Monday to Wednesday and Friday10 am to 7 pm
	Pok Fu Lam	77 686	1	C	ThursdayClosed
	Stanley	82 501	1	C	Saturday and Sunday10 am to 5 pm
Kowloon City	Kowloon	682 747	2	B	Public Holiday*10 am to 1 pm
	To Kwa Wan	170 918	1	B	
	Hung Hom	94 280	1	C	D) <u>2 Small Libraries (New Territories)</u>
	Kowloon City	75 225	1	C	• Lek Yuen Public Library and Tin Shui Wai North Public Library MondayClosed
Wong Tai Sin	Ngau Chi Wan	174 276	1	B	Tuesday to Friday9 am to 8 pm
	San Po Kong	169 394	2	B	Saturday9 am to 5 pm
	Fu Shan	69 050	1	C	Sunday and Public Holiday*9 am to 1 pm
	Lok Fu	74 008	1	C	
	Lung Hing	54 228	1	C	E) <u>3 Small Libraries (New Territories)</u>
	Tsz Wan Shan	72 594	1	C	• Shek Wai Kok Public Library, Butterfly Estate Public Library and Sha Tau Kok Public Library
Kwun Tong	Ngau Tau Kok	168 998	2	B	Monday, Wednesday10 am to 1 pm, and
	Shui Wo Street	208 305	2	B	and Saturday2 pm to 6 pm
	Lam Tin	69 205	1	C	Tuesday and Friday1 pm to 8 pm
	Lei Yue Mun	75 746	1	C	ThursdayClosed
	Sau Mau Ping	57 032	1	C	Sunday and Public Holiday*9 am to 1 pm
	Shun Lee Estate	76 968	1	C	

District	Library	Library Materials Stock (as at 31 Jan 2011) (items)	Nos. of Internet Express Terminals (2010-11) (no.)	Opening Hours	
				Group	Details
Yau Tsim Mong	Fa Yuen Street	178 862	2	B	F) 5 Small Libraries (Islands) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tai O Public Library Monday Closed Tuesday to Friday 10 am to 1 pm, and 2 pm to 6 pm Saturday 9 am to 1 pm, and 2 pm to 5 pm Sunday and Public Holiday* 9 am to 1 pm • Mui Wo Public Library Monday to Wednesday, Friday 10 am to 1 pm, and and Saturday 2 pm to 6 pm Thursday Closed Sunday and Public Holiday* 10 am to 1 pm • Peng Chau Public Library Monday Closed Tuesday to Saturday 9:30 am to 1 pm, and 2 pm to 5:30 pm Sunday and Public Holiday* 10 am to 1 pm • North Lamma Public Library Monday, Wednesday, Thursday 9:45 am to 1 pm, and and Saturday 2 pm to 4:30 pm Tuesday, Friday and Sunday Closed Public Holiday* 9:15 am to 1 pm • South Lamma Public Library Tuesday and Friday 9 am to 1 pm, and 2 pm to 5 pm Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday and Sunday Closed Public Holiday* 10:15 am to 1 pm <p>* The Library will be closed on the following public holidays : New Year's Day, The First, Second and Third Day of the Chinese New Year, Good Friday, Christmas Day and Boxing Day.</p>
	Yau Ma Tei	153 071	2	B	
	Tai Kok Tsui	80 965	1	C	
	Tsim Sha Tsui	70 048	2	C	
Tuen Mun	Tuen Mun	478 059	1	B	
	Tai Hing	95 495	1	B	
	Butterfly Estate	50 805	1	E	
Sham Shui Po	Lai Chi Kok	190 952	2	B	
	Po On Road	164 357	2	B	
	Pak Tin	46 883	1	C	
	Un Chau Street	62 414	1	C	
Kwai Tsing	Tsing Yi	215 442	2	B	
	North Kwai Chung	174 121	2	B	
	South Kwai Chung	167 899	1	B	
Tsuen Wan	Tsuen Wan	448 051	4	B	
	Shek Wai Kok	37 099	1	E	
Yuen Long	Yuen Long	185 297	2	B	
	Tin Shui Wai	218 601	2	B	
	Tin Shui Wai North	68 725	1	D	
North	Sheung Shui	185 023	3	B	
	Fanling	246 610	2	B	
	Sha Tau Kok	21 792	-	E	
Tai Po	Tai Po	290 988	4	B	
Sha Tin	Sha Tin	446 979	2	B	
	Lek Yuen	57 598	1	D	
	Ma On Shan	214 469	1	B	
Sai Kung	Sai Kung	117 446	1	B	
	Tseung Kwan O	254 248	2	B	
Islands	Cheung Chau	76 226	1	B	
	Mui Wo	28 333	1	F	
	Peng Chau	26 991	1	F	
	North Lamma	18 743	1	F	
	South Lamma	10 709	-	F	
	Tai O	24 952	1	F	
	Tung Chung	218 855	3	B	
66 static libraries	Total :	12 189 101	98		

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

Reply Serial No.

HAB300

Question Serial No.

1930

Head : 95 – Leisure and Cultural Subhead :
Services Department

Programme : (1) Recreation and Sports

Controlling Officer : Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

With reference to the standards of major recreation facilities and recreation buildings set out in the Hong Kong Planning Standards and Guidelines, please list for each of the 18 districts the number, the provision requirements based on the local population and planning standards, and the present shortfall (if any) of the following facilities:

- (a) Tennis court
- (b) Basketball court
- (c) Volleyball court
- (d) Football pitch
- (e) Mini-Soccer pitch
- (f) Rugby/Baseball/Cricket pitch
- (g) Athletics
- (h) Roller skating rink
- (i) Jogging track
- (j) Children's playground

Asked by : Hon. KAM Nai-wai

Reply :

The level of provision recommended by the Hong Kong Planning Standards and Guidelines (HKPSG) in respect of various types of recreation and sports facilities by districts and the existing provision by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department

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District	Tennis court		Basketball court		Volleyball court		Football pitch (11-a-side)	
	Provision as recommended by HKPSG	Existing Provision by LCSD	Provision as recommended by HKPSG	Existing Provision by LCSD	Provision as recommended by HKPSG	Existing Provision by LCSD	Provision as recommended by HKPSG	Existing Provision by LCSD
Central & Western	17.7	0	26.5	28	13.2	12	2.7	0
Wan Chai	10.9	27	16.3	11	8.2	6	1.6	8
Eastern	39.6	32	59.3	33	29.7	9	5.9	1
Southern	18.6	8	27.9	11	14.0	10	2.8	3
Sham Shui Po	25.1	18	37.6	36	18.8	18	3.8	4
Yau Tsim Mong	21.2	10	31.8	26	15.9	16	3.2	2
Kowloon City	25.0	16	37.4	45	18.7	21	3.7	6
Wong Tai Sin	28.1	19	42.1	25	21.1	11	4.2	8
Kwun Tong	41.5	21	62.2	34	31.1	17	6.2	3
Islands	10.4	3	15.5	20	7.8	10	1.6	0
Tuen Mun	33.2	13	49.8	29	24.9	11	5.0	3
Yuen Long	38.5	9	57.8	36	28.9	20	5.8	2
Kwai Tsing	33.8	15	50.6	34	25.3	21	5.1	4
Tsuen Wan	19.7	17	29.5	22	14.8	13	3.0	2
North	20.9	9	31.3	37	15.7	16	3.1	3
Tai Po	19.7	9	29.6	18	14.8	11	3.0	3
Sha Tin	42.1	22	63.1	22	31.6	16	6.3	5
Sai Kung	29.0	8	43.5	15	21.8	9	4.4	3

Note : LCSD is not the sole provider of recreation and sports facilities in Hong Kong. According to [HKSPGHKPSG](#), facilities in public housing estates and private residential developments should also be taken into account in assessing the local needs of a district.

District	Mini-Soccer pitch (7-a-side)		Mini-Soccer pitch (5-a-side)		Rugby/Baseball/Cricket pitch		Athletics (accommodated in sports ground)	
	Provision as recommended by HKPSG	Existing Provision by LCSD	Provision as recommended by HKPSG	Existing Provision by LCSD	Provision as recommended by HKPSG	Existing Provision by LCSD	Provision as recommended by HKPSG	Existing Provision by LCSD
Central & Western	8.8	9	8.8	1	1	0	1.1	0
Wan Chai	5.5	7	5.5	0	1	4	0.7	2
Eastern	19.8	17	19.8	3	1	1	2.4	1
Southern	9.3	10	9.3	3	1	1	1.1	1
Sham Shui Po	12.5	16	12.5	2	1	2	1.5	1
Yau Tsim Mong	10.6	6	10.6	0	1	0	1.3	0
Kowloon City	12.5	19	12.5	1	1	3	1.5	2
Wong Tai Sin	14.0	12	14.0	4	1	5	1.7	1
Kwun Tong	20.8	21	20.8	9	1	1	2.5	1
Islands	5.2	13	5.2	1	1	0	0.6	1
Tuen Mun	16.6	9	16.6	1	1	0	2.0	2
Yuen Long	19.3	11	19.3	6	1	0	2.3	2
Kwai Tsing	16.9	11	16.9	14	1	0	2.0	3
Tsuen Wan	9.8	4	9.8	3	1	0	1.2	1
North	10.4	12	10.4	3	1	0	1.3	2
Tai Po	9.9	4	9.9	2	1	0	1.2	1
Sha Tin	21.0	7	21.0	5	1	1	2.5	2
Sai Kung	14.5	8	14.5	2	1	0	1.7	2

Note : LCSD is not the sole provider of recreation and sports facilities in Hong Kong. According to [HKPSGHKSPG](#), facilities in public housing estates and private residential developments should also be taken into account in assessing the local needs of a district.

District	Roller skating rink (m ²)		Jogging track (m)		Children's playground (m ²)	
	Provision as recommended by HKPSG	Existing Provision by LCSD	Provision as recommended by HKPSG	Existing Provision by LCSD	Provision as recommended by HKPSG	Existing Provision by LCSD
Central & Western	2 647	0	8 823	975	21 176	22 283
Wan Chai	1 634	0	5 447	4 314	13 072	15 426
Eastern	5 934	292	19 780	2 393	47 472	16 610
Southern	2 788	0	9 293	1 220	22 304	6 358
Sham Shui Po	3 763	950	12 543	3 596	30 104	15 361
Yau Tsim Mong	3 176	450	10 587	1 327	25 408	9 656
Kowloon City	3 743	616	12 477	2 520	29 944	7 240
Wong Tai Sin	4 211	360	14 037	2 500	33 688	12 396
Kwun Tong	6 224	1 054	20 747	5 097	49 792	11 174
Islands	1 553	921	5 177	200	12 424	3 232
Tuen Mun	4 979	2 740	16 597	1 000	39 832	22 819
Yuen Long	5 775	565	19 250	2 265	46 200	47 100
Kwai Tsing	5 063	1 173	16 877	1 943	40 504	8 000
Tsuen Wan	2 950	800	9 833	2 900	23 600	8 535
North	3 129	2 703	10 430	4 213	25 032	26 110
Tai Po	2 957	0	9 857	2 518	23 656	6 656
Sha Tin	6 311	1 990	21 037	2 430	50 488	47 881
Sai Kung	4 349	248	14 497	1 290	34 792	8 063

Note : LCSD is not the sole provider of recreation and sports facilities in Hong Kong. According to [HKPSGHKSPG](#), facilities in public housing estates and private residential developments should also be taken into account in assessing the local needs of a district.

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

HAB301

Question Serial No.

1931

Head : 95 – Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Subhead :

Programme : (5) Public Libraries

Controlling Officer : Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

With reference to the standards of library provision set out in the Hong Kong Planning Standards and Guidelines, please list for each of the 18 districts the number of libraries provided, the provision requirements based on the local population and the planning standards, and the present shortfall (if any).

Asked by : Hon. KAM Nai-wai

Reply :

The provision of public libraries is made having regard to a host of factors including the Hong Kong Planning Standards and Guidelines (HKPS&G), which suggests that one district library should be provided for every 200 000 people. Where appropriate, the Department may consider providing a major library in lieu of two district libraries for every 400 000 people. In addition, the Department provides small libraries and mobile libraries to supplement the services of the district libraries. Presently, the 7.12 million of population in Hong Kong is served by 66 static libraries and ten mobile library vans. The distribution of public libraries at the 18 districts is shown at the Annex.

Signature _____

Name in block letters _____ Mrs. BETTY FUNG

Post Title Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Date _____ 16 March 2011

**Number of Existing Libraries and
Mobile Library Stops by District**

(as at March 2011)

Type of Library District (Population) <small>Note 1</small>	No. of District Libraries according to HKPS&G	Major Library	District Library	Small Library	Total No. of Static Libraries	No. of Mobile Library Stops	Shortfall By the HKPS&G
HONG KONG REGION							
Central & Western (264 700)	1	1	1	1	3		Nil
Wan Chai (163 400)	1		1	1	2		Nil
Eastern (593 400)	2		3	2	5	4	Nil
Southern (278 800)	1		1	3	4	4	Nil
KOWLOON REGION							
Sham Shui Po (376 300)	1		2	2	4	3	Nil
Kowloon City (374 300)	1	1	1	2	4	2	Nil
Wong Tai Sin (421 100)	2		2	4	6	3	Nil
Kwun Tong (622 400)	3		2	4	6	7	1 ^{Note 2}
Yau Tsim Mong (317 600)	1		2	2	4	1	Nil
NEW TERRITORIES REGION							
Kwai Tsing (506 300)	2		3		3	10	Nil
Tsuen Wan (295 000)	1	1		1	2	6	Nil
Tuen Mun (497 900)	2	1	1	1	3	7	Nil
Yuen Long (577 500)	2		2	1	3	10	Nil
North (312 900)	1		2	1	3	5	Nil
Tai Po (295 700)	1		1		1	8	Nil
Sha Tin (631 100)	3	1	1	1	3	12	Nil
Sai Kung (434 900)	2		2		2	6	Nil
Islands (155 300)	1		2	5	7	5	Nil
TOTAL	28	5	29	31	65 ^{Note 3}	93	1 ^{Note 2}

Note:

¹ Hong Kong resident population by District Council district in Mid-2011 projected by the Planning Department.

² A new district library is under construction at Lam Tin for completion by 2012.

³ The Hong Kong Central Library is a territory library and it has not been included in the figure.

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

Reply Serial No.

HAB302

Question Serial No.

1932

Head : 95 – Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Subhead :

Programme : (5) Public Libraries

Controlling Officer : Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

It is stated in the 2010-11 Policy Address that the Government will provide book-drop facilities at three major Mass Transit Railway (MTR) interchange stations on a trial basis. In this connection, will the Government inform this Committee of the following:

- (a) What are the implementation details, the estimated expenditure and manpower involved?
- (b) When will the Government review the scheme?
- (c) Will the Government earmark any provision to extend the scheme to other MTR stations?

Asked by : Hon. KAM Nai-wai

Reply :

- (a) The Department plans to launch a trial scheme of providing book-drop facilities at three major MTR interchange stations, namely Central, Kowloon Tong and Nam Cheong in the fourth quarter of 2011. The estimated expenditure to be incurred is about \$5 million per annum, which are mainly costs of hiring logistics services for collecting, checking in, sorting and delivering the returned books

back to the libraries. The Department will monitor the implementation of the trial scheme with its existing staff and no additional manpower is required.

- (b) With the experience gained during the trial period, a review will be conducted to assess the public response to and effectiveness of the scheme, as well as its long-term manpower and financial implications, based on which the Department will decide whether to continue with the scheme or extend it to other major MTR interchange stations.
- (c) The Department will decide if it is appropriate to continue or extend the scheme based on the findings of the review.

Signature _____

Name in block letters Mrs. BETTY FUNG

Post Title Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Date 16 March 2011

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

Reply Serial No.

HAB303

Question Serial No.

0652

Head : 95 – Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Subhead :

Programme : (1) Recreation and Sports

Controlling Officer : Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

In 2011-12, the Leisure and Cultural Services Department will continue to implement the follow-up action plan endorsed by the Sports Commission on the “Participation Patterns of Hong Kong People in Physical Activities” with a view to further promoting “Sport for All” in the community. In this connection, what is the estimated expenditure for the plan? Is there any expenditure earmarked for reviewing the effectiveness of the plan? If so, what are the details; if not, what are the reasons?

Asked by : Hon. LAM Tai-fai

Reply :

Based on the results and recommendations of the Study on “Sport for All – the Participation Patterns of Hong Kong People in Physical Activities” (the Study), the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) has begun implementing a five-year action plan. Phase 1 of the plan, which aims to promote the findings of the Study to various stakeholders, including District Councils, national sports associations (NSAs), schools, district sports associations and district organisations, was implemented between mid 2009 and late 2010. The Department has produced promotional materials including an Announcement of Public Interest and a “Know Your Physical Activity Level” booklet to promote the importance and benefits of regular participation in sport and other physical activities at a cost of \$5 million.

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

Reply Serial No.

HAB304

Question Serial No.

0653

Head : 95 – Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Subhead :

Programme : (1) Recreation and Sports

Controlling Officer : Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

It is stated in the Estimates that during 2011-12, the Leisure and Cultural Services Department will implement the recommendations of the comprehensive review of the sports subvention scheme with a view to streamlining the procedures, enhancing accountability and improving its overall effectiveness and efficiency. Please list the detailed estimated expenditures, the relevant details and the implementation schedule in respect of the recommendations.

Asked by : Hon. LAM Tai-fai

Reply :

The Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) has completed a comprehensive review of the administration of the Sports Subvention Scheme (SSS) and recommended a number of measures to improve its administration. The measures cover areas relating to the allocation of subvention; the monitoring of the use of subvention; and governance and internal controls of the national sports associations (NSAs).

On the allocation of subvention, LCSD will adopt a more performance-based approach in determining the amount of subvention for NSAs. NSAs' achievements in key performance areas such as organisation of programmes, development of sports and corporate governance and compliance in the current year will be more closely linked to the amount of subvention to be granted to the NSAs in the following year.

To simplify the subvention system so as to increase the flexibility enjoyed by NSAs on one hand and maintain control over major expenditure items on the other, LCSD will adopt an “output-based” approach for monitoring the use of subvention by NSAs. NSAs can use the approved subvention more flexibly as long as they meet their commitment on deliverables and fulfill other broad funding principles as well as the conditions set for expenditure items requiring special attention such as air fares and hotel accommodation. With a view to rationalising the reporting workload and enhancing NSAs’ compliance, LCSD will streamline the reporting system and format. Moreover, LCSD will introduce a new “risk-based” approach to conduct on-site inspections of subvented programmes which will help determine the frequency of on-site inspections to be undertaken by LCSD staff in a more systematic manner, taking into account the nature and complexity of the programmes as well as the risk level of the NSAs.

As for the governance and internal controls of NSAs, LCSD will continue to organise workshops and seminars and provide guidelines on internal control to NSAs. LCSD will also raise the level of the auditing standard so that NSAs’ audited accounts will provide assurance on the NSAs’ compliance with guidelines and requirements. LCSD is developing a computerised system to strengthen the monitoring of NSAs’ compliance and performance, as well as to facilitate timely submission of reports by NSAs. A list of suitable accounting software has been provided to NSAs for their reference and adoption to enhance the management of their accounts.

The above improvement measures will be implemented from 2011-12 onwards. LCSD will provide NSAs with additional resources to strengthen their manpower for enhancing internal control and accounting capabilities. In parallel, the manpower of LCSD will be enhanced. Additional recurrent funding of \$8 million and \$1.69 million will be earmarked for strengthening the manpower of the NSAs and LCSD respectively in a full year.

Signature _____

Name in block letters _____ Mrs. BETTY FUNG

Post Title Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Date _____ 18 March 2011

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INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

Reply Serial No.

HAB305

Question Serial No.

0654

Head : 95 – Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Subhead :

Programme : (1) Recreation and Sports

Controlling Officer : Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

It is stated in the Estimates that the Leisure and Cultural Services Department will organise more programmes for special target groups, including elderly persons and persons with disabilities in 2011-12. What is the estimated expenditure involved and what are the details of the programmes? What are the number and nature of the programmes to be organised and who are the target participants? Please compare the actual expenditures on these programmes in the past three years, and explain the reasons for any increase or decrease in the estimated expenditures.

Asked by : Hon. LAM Tai-fai

Reply :

To promote “Sport for All” and encourage people to lead an active and healthy life, the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) organises recreation and sports activities for different target groups including the elderly and persons with disabilities. In 2011-12, the Department will set aside around \$10.91 million for organising some 5 200 specially designed and free programmes for 486 000 elderly people and persons with disabilities. Programmes will include swimming, fitness exercise, fitness (multi-gym), gymnastics, hydro-fitness, social dance, lawn bowls, table tennis and gateball. Outreach programmes will also be organised for the elderly and persons with disabilities at elderly centres and rehabilitation centres respectively.

The expenditure incurred in the organisation of special recreation and sports programmes for the elderly and persons with disabilities in the past three years and the estimated expenditure for these programmes in 2011-12 are as follows:

	Expenditure (\$ million)		
	Programmes for the Elderly	Programmes for Persons with Disabilities	Total
2008-09	6.11	2.89	9.00
2009-10	6.71	3.28	9.99
2010-11	6.82	3.22	10.04
2011-12 (Estimated)	7.41	3.50	10.91

In support of the Beijing 2008 Olympic and Paralympic Games and the 2009 East Asian Games, more programmes were organised for all sectors of the community including the elderly and persons with disabilities, resulting in relatively higher expenditure in 2008-09 and 2009-10. Having regard to the results and recommendations of the Study on “Sport for All – the Participation Patterns of Hong Kong People in Physical Activities”, LCSD has formulated a five-year action plan to encourage people to participate in sports and other physical activities more regularly. To this end, more recreation and sports programmes will be organised for the elderly and persons with disabilities in 2011-12, resulting in a further increase in expenditure.

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INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

HAB306

Question Serial No.

2966

Head : 95 – Leisure and Cultural Services Department Subhead :

Programme : (2) Horticulture and Amenities

Controlling Officer : Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

The Leisure and Cultural Services Department will organise and enhance the Community Garden Programme in the 18 districts to encourage community participation at the neighbourhood level. What are the details of the programme and the resources involved?

Asked by : Hon. LAU Kin-ye, Miriam

Reply :

The Community Garden Programme (the Programme) aims to encourage the public to participate and cultivate an interest in greening activities at neighbourhood level, making such activities an integral part of their daily life. The Programme was launched in 2004, with 21 community gardens currently operating in 18 districts, attracting about 10 000 participants a year.

The Programme is conducted in the form of gardening courses lasting for 18 weeks. The fee for each course is \$400. Each participant will be allotted with a planting plot of 1.5m x 1.5m in a community garden to practise gardening and is allowed to bring along four friends or relatives to attend the course. The recurrent expenditure for each programme is about \$50,000 covering the remuneration for part-time instructors and other operational expenses.

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HAB307

Question Serial No.

2967

Head : 95 – Leisure and Cultural Services Department Subhead :

Programme : (2) Horticulture and Amenities

Controlling Officer : Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

The Leisure and Cultural Services Department has been promoting the Green Volunteer Scheme to enhance community involvement and public participation in tree surveillance. How effective has the Scheme been so far? What are the work and expenditure involved in expanding the Scheme this year?

Asked by : Hon. LAU Kin-ye, Miriam

Reply :

The Green Volunteer (GV) Scheme was launched in 2003. The GVs are deployed to assist in various duties including organising greening activities; undertaking simple horticultural maintenance work; labelling trees along roadside and inside parks and gardens and reporting damaged condition of trees when spotted. With continued efforts made in promoting the Scheme, the number of GVs has been increasing steadily to the current level of about 2 500.

In order to train up the GVs and to enhance community involvement and public participation in tree surveillance, training courses and activities are organised for them on a regular basis to strengthen their knowledge on trees. In 2011–12, the Department plans to organise some 400 courses and activities for the GVs at an estimated cost of around \$0.6 million. With more experience and knowledge, the GVs are expected to play an increasingly positive role in enhancing greening work and tree surveillance in the years to come.

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HAB308

Question Serial No.

2968

Head : 95 – Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Subhead :

Programme : (3) Heritage and Museums

Controlling Officer : Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

This year marks the 100th anniversary of the 1911 Revolution. Apart from organising an exhibition “Centenary of China’s 1911 Revolution” and an international conference in collaboration with various cultural and educational institutions, what other promotion programmes will be held by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department to help the young people of Hong Kong understand the history of the Revolution? What is the expenditure involved?

Asked by : Hon. LAU Kin-ye, Miriam

Reply :

Apart from the *Centenary of China’s 1911 Revolution* exhibition and the *International Conference on the Centenary of the 1911 Revolution*, the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) will organise or co-organise / has organised the following programmes to promote the understanding of the 1911 Revolution by young people:

	Programme	Estimated expenditure
1	<i>Revolution Once More: Dr Sun Yat-sen from Xing Zhong Hui to the Governments in Guangzhou</i> exhibition	\$0.6 million (actual expenditure)

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INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

Reply Serial No.

HAB309

Question Serial No.

0310

Head : 95 – Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Subhead :

Programme : (3) Heritage and Museums

Controlling Officer : Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

Regarding the scheme to display artworks in government buildings to promote community participation in arts and cultural activities, will the Government provide this Committee with the following information:

- (a) the names of all the participating government departments, as well as the venue offered by each department and the public area made available for displaying artworks;
- (b) the estimated expenditure and details of expenditure of the scheme, as well as the manpower involved; and
- (c) a breakdown by venue of the number of artworks permanently displayed under the scheme and the number of participating artists?

Asked by : Hon. LEE Wing-tat

Reply :

Details of the displays of artworks in government properties (excluding museum premises) arranged by the Art Promotion Office of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) are set out in Annex.

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Government Bureaux/ Departments	Scheme / Exhibition	Location & Size of Public Area	Expenditure / Estimated expenditure	Display Nature	No. of Artworks Displayed	No. of Artists / Art groups
Initiatives in 2010-11						
LCSD	Park Déco Scheme - Quarry Bay Park	Quarry Bay Park* (9.79 hectares)	\$2,999,000	Permanent	29	4 (artists)
LCSD	ArtAlive@Park (2010-11)	Hong Kong Park* (8 hectares) Kowloon Park* (13.3 hectares) Sha Tin Park* (8.05 hectares) Tuen Mun Park* (12.5 hectares)	\$7 million borne by Home Affairs Bureau (HAB). No expenditure for LCSD.	Temporary	33	86 (artists)
Home Affairs Bureau LCSD Government Property Agency	Art @ Government Buildings	Revenue Tower (approx. 20 m ²) Cheung Sha Wan Government Offices (approx. 20 m ²) Tsuen Wan Government Offices (approx. 10 m ²)	\$3,897,000	Temporary	3	3 (artists)
LCSD Government Property Agency	Hong Kong Graphic Art Fiesta 2010 – Convergence/ Divergence – An International Prints Exchange Exhibition	Lobby, Queensway Government Offices (150 m ²)	\$8,000	Temporary	20	20 (artists)
LCSD	Art Moves - Rekindling Hearts with Art and Love – In Commemoration of the Two Year Anniversary of the Sichuan Earthquake Exhibition	Exhibition Gallery, Sha Tin Town Hall (378 m ²)	\$205,000	Temporary	129 #	21 (artists) 50 (volunteers, teachers and children)
LCSD	Cross All Borders: Hong Kong Festival Showcasing New Visual Artists with Disabilities 2010	Exhibition Gallery 4 – 5 of Hong Kong Central Library (494 m ²)	\$126,000	Temporary	79	70 (artists)
LCSD	Artists in the Neighbourhood V Launch Exhibition	Exhibition Hall, Hong Kong City Hall Low Block (590 m ²)	\$505,000	Temporary	44	24 (artists)
LCSD	In Search of Art - Art Specialist Course Exhibition	Exhibition Gallery, Hong Kong Cultural Centre (282 m ²)	\$82,000	Temporary	119	119 (artists)

Government Bureaux/ Departments	Scheme / Exhibition	Location & Size of Public Area	Expenditure / Estimated expenditure	Display Nature	No. of Artworks Displayed	No. of Artists / Art groups
LCSD	Hong Kong Graphic Art Fiesta 2010 – Convergence/ Divergence – An International Prints Exchange Exhibition	Exhibition Hall, Hong Kong City Hall (590 m ²)	\$406,000	Temporary	204	195 (artists)
LCSD	Hong Kong Sculpture Biennial 2010 “Echo – Classic” Exhibition	Exhibition Hall, Hong Kong Visual Arts Centre (218 m ²)	\$103,000	Temporary	12	12 (artists)
LCSD	Art Specialist Course 2010 – 2011 Graduation Exhibition	Exhibition Hall, Hong Kong Visual Arts Centre (218 m ²)	\$149,000	Temporary	90	32 (artists)
LCSD	Government House Sketching Tour Artworks Display	L2 lobby, Hong Kong Visual Arts Centre (100 m ²)	\$16,000	Temporary	21 #	4 (artists) (and 21 students)
LCSD	Micro-Symphony: New Work of XEX.GRP	L5 lobby and corridor, Hong Kong Visual Arts Centre (200 m ²)	\$28,000	Temporary	5	3 (artists)
LCSD	Artist in Residence 2010	L5 lobby and corridor, Hong Kong Visual Arts Centre (200 m ²)	\$215,000	Temporary	3	2 (artists)
LCSD	Hong Kong Graphic Art Fiesta 2010 – Watershed: A Tale of Hong Kong and Belfast	2-5/F, Hong Kong Visual Arts Centre (400 m ²)	\$20,000	Temporary	11	11 (artists)

Initiatives in 2011-12

LCSD	Park Déco Scheme – Cornwall Street Park	Cornwall Street Park* (1.9 hectares)	\$5.5 million to be borne by HAB. LCSD's commitment is \$1 million	Permanent	30 (estimated)	3 (artists, estimated)
LCSD Food and Environmental Hygiene Department	Beautification of Shanghai Street Public Toilet	Shanghai Street Public Toilet Complex, Yau Ma Tei (External walls)	\$1 million to be borne by HAB. No expenditure for LCSD.	Permanent	1	1 (art group)
LCSD	Public Art Scheme of the Town Park, Indoor Velodrome-cum-Sports Centre, in Area 45, Tseung Kwan O	Town Park & Indoor Velodrome-cum-Sports Centre, in Area 45, Tseung Kwan O* (6.9 hectares)	\$3 million to be borne by Architectural Services Department. No expenditure for LCSD.	Permanent	2-4 (estimated)	2-4 (artists / art groups) (estimated)
LCSD	ArtAlive@Park (2011-12)	Four public parks in Hong Kong, Kowloon and New Territories (to be confirmed)	\$7,000,000	Temporary	30 (estimated)	80 (artists, estimated)

Government Bureaux/ Departments	Scheme / Exhibition	Location & Size of Public Area	Expenditure / Estimated expenditure	Display Nature	No. of Artworks Displayed	No. of Artists / Art groups
LCSD	Artists in the Neighbourhood Scheme V: Still Lives and Waves – Works by Ivy Ma	Exhibition Hall, Hong Kong Film Archive (200 m ²)	\$106,000	Temporary	12 (estimated)	1 (artist)
LCSD	Artists in the Neighbourhood Scheme V: Works by Foon Sham	Exhibition Gallery, Tsuen Wan Town Hall (372 m ²)	\$106,000	Temporary	21 (estimated)	1 (artist)
LCSD	Artists in the Neighbourhood Scheme V: Works by Lam Tung-pang	Exhibition Gallery 4 – 5 of Hong Kong Central Library (494 m ²)	\$106,000	Temporary	20 (estimated)	1 (artist)
LCSD	Hong Kong Graphic Art Fiesta 2011 – XinYiDai: An International Prints Exchange Exhibition by Generation Y	Exhibition Gallery, Sha Tin Town Hall (378 m ²) (venue to be confirmed)	\$480,000	Temporary	200 (estimated)	120 (artists, estimated)
LCSD	Art Specialist Course 2011 – 2012 Graduation Exhibition	Exhibition Hall, Hong Kong Visual Arts Centre (218 m ²)	\$203,000	Temporary	80 (estimated)	28 (artists, estimated)
LCSD	Artist in Residence 2010	L5 lobby, corridor & Exhibition Hall, Hong Kong Visual Arts Centre (418 m ²)	\$262,000	Temporary	6	3 (artists)
LCSD	Summer Art@VAC	L5 lobby & corridor, Hong Kong Visual Arts Centre (200 m ²)	\$260,000	Temporary	20 # (estimated)	4 (artists) 20 (groups of children and parents) (estimated)
LCSD	Photographic Project for No.12 Oil Street	Exhibition Hall, Hong Kong Visual Arts Centre (218 m ²)	\$357,000	Temporary	60	12

* Artworks are displayed in various parts of the parks.

Some participants are not artists and the artworks are created by them in collaboration with artists.

The manpower resources deployed to carrying out the public art projects detailed in the Annex are absorbed by the Art Promotion Office.

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

Reply Serial No.

HAB310

Question Serial No.

0311

Head : 95 – Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Subhead :

Programme : (3) Heritage and Museums

Controlling Officer : Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

Regarding the “public art programmes”, please provide a list of the programmes organised by the Art Promotion Office in collaboration with other organisations in the past five years (i.e. from 2006-07 to 2010-11), the number of participating artists, the venues for display, the number of artworks displayed, the duration of display, as well as the expenditures and manpower involved.

Asked by : Hon. LEE Wing-tat

Reply :

Details of the public art projects organised by the Art Promotion Office of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department in collaboration with other organisations in the past five years, i.e. from 2006-07 to 2010-11, are set out in Annex.

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Date _____ 21 March 2011

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Name of public art project	Number of participating artists / art groups	Venue for display	Number of artworks displayed / to be displayed	Duration of display	Expenditure / Budget
2006-07					
New Face Heritage – Installation of Public Artworks at Yat Tung Estate, Tung Chung, Stage II	14 (artists)	Yat Tung Estate, Tung Chung	10	Since 11 November 2006	\$2,654,000 borne by Housing Department. LCSD's commitment is \$309,000.
Mobile Art Expedition	35 (artists)	9 bus bodies of Citybus Ltd. and New World First Bus Services Ltd.	82	3 December 2005 to 2 June 2006	\$520,000
Artists in the Neighbourhood Scheme III ^{Note 1}	35 (artists)	Hong Kong Central Library Kwai Tsing Theatre MTR Tiu Keng Leng Station Ko Shan Theatre Hong Kong Arts Centre KCR East Tsim Sha Tsui Station Hong Kong Cultural Centre Kwai Tsing Theatre Xinhua Book City Hong Kong Cultural Centre Yuen Long Theatre Sha Tin Town Hall Stanley Plaza Hong Kong City Hall Low Block Yat Tung Shopping Centre Hong Kong City Hall Low Block Lung Cheung Mall Hong Kong Arts Centre Hong Kong Central Library Hong Kong Central Library Hong Kong Visual Arts Centre Yuen Long Theatre Hong Kong City Hall Low Block Tsuen Wan Town Hall Tsuen Wan Plaza	333	26 to 30 June 2005 14 to 21 September 2005 23 September to 13 October 2005 12 October to 29 November 2005 4 to 29 November 2005 1 December 2005 to 31 March 2006 23 December 2005 to 5 January 2006 19 January to 5 February 2006 7 February to 16 March 2006 4 to 19 March 2006 22 March to 5 April 2006 1 to 13 May 2006 16 to 31 May 2006 14 to 22 June 2006 24 June to 12 July 2006 5 to 15 August 2006 29 August to 10 September 2006 23 September to 10 October 2006 14 to 29 October 2006 17 to 29 November 2006 1 to 18 March 2007 21 March to 2 April 2007 3 to 10 April 2007 13 to 23 April 2007 13 to 23 April 2007	\$2,277,000
2007-08					
Artists in the Neighbourhood Scheme III	Please refer to Artists in the Neighbourhood Scheme III in 2006-07. There were three exhibitions organised under this scheme in 2007-08.				

Name of public art project	Number of participating artists / art groups	Venue for display	Number of artworks displayed / to be displayed	Duration of display	Expenditure / Budget
Artists in the Neighbourhood Scheme IV ^{Note 2}	70 (artists)	Hong Kong City Hall Low Block Hong Kong City Hall Low Block L3 Crystal Atrium, Metroplaza MTR Sheung Shui Station MTR Yau Tong Station Tsuen Wan Town Hall Tin Ping Shopping Centre Grand Century Place Hong Kong Central Library Yuen Long Theatre Kai Tin Shopping Centre Hong Kong Central Library Tsuen Wan Plaza Hong Kong Film Archive Tsz Wan Shan Shopping Centre Hong Kong Visual Arts Centre Ho Man Tin Plaza Citywalk Sha Tin Town Hall	406	24 to 30 January 2008 7 to 19 March 2008 28 March to 6 April 2008 26 May to 15 June 2008 18 June to 6 July 2008 14 to 27 August 2008 29 August to 9 September 2008 7 to 31 October 2008 6 to 16 December 2008 6 to 19 February 2009 21 February to 8 March 2009 16 to 29 April 2009 19 to 29 June 2009 16 June to 26 July 2009 7 to 23 August 2009 16 to 28 October 2009 1 to 17 November 2009 8 March to 1 April 2010 13 to 31 March 2010	\$1,542,000
2008-09					
Mobile Art Gallery 2008	21 (artists)	21 bus-bodies and bus stops of Citybus Ltd. and New World First Bus Services Ltd.	21	14 June to 13 December 2008	\$347,000
Public Art Scheme	1 (artist)	Ko Shan Road Park	1	Since December 2008	\$1,149,000
	1 (artist)	Po Hong Park	1	Since mid 2009	
	2 (artists)	Hong Kong Heritage Discovery Centre	2	Since mid 2009	
Camera Yuen Long: Art-in-Subways Project	12 (artists)	6 subways (NS203, NS224, NS184, NS209, NS210, NS211) along the Yuen Long Highway between Tin Shui Wai and Shap Pat Heung interchange	72	Since January 2008	\$496,000 borne by Highways Department, \$5,000 borne by HAD LCSD's commitment is \$156,000
Artists in the Neighbourhood Scheme IV	Please refer to the Artists in the Neighbourhood Scheme IV in 2007-08. There were eight exhibitions organised under this scheme in 2008-09.				
2009-10					
Hong Kong International Sculpture Symposium 2009	32 (artists)	West Kowloon Waterfront Promenade	36	12 March to 14 June 2009	\$360,000

Name of public art project	Number of participating artists / art groups	Venue for display	Number of artworks displayed / to be displayed	Duration of display	Expenditure / Budget
Sai Kung District Council Public Art Project 2009	4 (artists)	Po Tsui Park Po Hong Park Man Yee Playground	4	To be completed in mid 2011	\$1,771,000 borne by Home Affairs Department (HAD) LCSD's commitment is \$241,000
Artists in the Neighbourhood Scheme IV	Please refer to the Artists in the Neighbourhood Scheme IV in 2007-08. There were eight exhibitions organised under this scheme in 2009-10.				
2010-11					
Artists in the Neighbourhood Scheme V ^{Note 3}	24 (artists) (as at March 2011)	Hong Kong City Hall Low Block Hong Kong Film Archive Tsimshatsui Book Centre, Commercial Press (HK) Ltd. Tsuen Wan Town Hall Queen Elizabeth Hospital Hong Kong Central Library Tin Chak Shopping Centre Hong Kong Cultural Centre JCCAC Artist Village Hong Kong Visual Art Centre Olympian City 2 Hong Kong City Hall Low Block Jao Tsung-I Academy	44 (as at March 2011)	29 January to 15 February 2011 June 2011 to April 2013 (tentative)	\$423,000 borne by Fund of Diversified Community Activities from HAD. LCSD's commitment is \$1,218,000
ArtAlive@Park	86 (artists)	Hong Kong Park Kowloon Park Tuen Mun Park Shatin Park	33	21 December 2010 to 28 February 2011	\$7,000,000 borne by Home Affairs Bureau
Public Art Project – Tamar	8 (artists / art groups, estimation)	Open Space of the Central Government Complex	8	To be completed in late 2011	\$8,835,000 borne by Chief Secretary for Administration's Office
Art @ Government Buildings	3 (artists)	Revenue Tower, Wan Chai Cheung Sha Wan Government Offices Tsuen Wan Government Offices	3	To be displayed from June to November 2011	\$3,897,000
Park Déco Scheme (Quarry Bay Park)	4 (artists)	Quarry Bay Park	29	To be completed in May 2011	\$2,999,000

Note 1: The Artists in the Neighbourhood Scheme III exhibition series were held from June 2005 to April 2007 spanning across three years.

Note 2: The Artists in the Neighbourhood Scheme IV exhibition series were held from January 2008 to March 2010 spanning across three years.

Note 3: The Artists in the Neighbourhood Scheme V exhibition series were held from January 2011 to April 2013 spanning across three years.

The manpower resources deployed to carrying out the public art projects detailed in the Annex are absorbed by the Art Promotion Office.

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

HAB311

Question Serial No.

Head : 95 – Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Subhead :

0778

Programme : (4) Performing Arts

Controlling Officer : Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

Regarding the Venue Partnership Scheme, will the Government:

- (a) list all the venues participating in the Scheme since it was launched and their corresponding Venue Partners, as well as the dates when each Venue Partner started operation;
- (b) provide a breakdown of the various forms of support provided by the venues to each of their Venue Partners and the expenditure involved in each form of support; and
- (c) provide a breakdown of the number of activities co-organised by each venue and its Venue Partner(s), the number of audience outreached and the average cost for each member of the audience of each activity in 2010-11 by the types of activities (e.g. performance, exhibition, publication, educational activity, community or promotion programme)?

Asked by : Hon. LEE Wing-tat

Reply :

- (a) The three-year pilot Venue Partnership Scheme (VPS) was fully launched in April 2009, although most Venue Partners (VPs) had started organising activities at the respective partnering venues during the soft-launch period in 2008-09. Under the Scheme, 20 VPs including individual groups, joint groups and consortia are engaged in organising performing arts activities of various art forms at 11 performance venues managed by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department

(LCSD). The list of VPs and their respective dates of commencement of activities are set out in Annex A.

- (b) The LCSD provides support to the 20 VPs in the form of (i) priority use of the venue facilities; (ii) provision of funding support; (iii) provision of work space; and (iv) enhanced publicity support such as publicising the VPs' programmes in monthly event calendars, placing programme advertisements in newspapers and MTR stations, and exclusive use of display areas and wall banner sites at venues for programme promotion.

Insofar as provision of funding support is concerned, for the nine VPs which are major performing groups receiving annual subvention from the Home Affairs Bureau (HAB), HAB provides additional funding under the VPS for VPS-related activities, staff cost and rental charges (totalling \$16.5 million in 2010-11). For the other 11 VPs which are medium and small-sized companies, LCSD provides each of them with an annual programme fee (up to \$1 million) to cover production, staff and administrative costs, in addition to the free use of venue facilities, ticketing services, and the administrative and publicity support mentioned above. The total funding support provided by LCSD (including notional charges) for these 11 performing groups amounts to \$19.7 million in 2010-11.

Breakdown of the funding support (actual and notional, as applicable) from HAB and LCSD in 2010-11 under the VPS is set out in Annex B.

- (c) The number of activities organised by the 20 VPs at the 11 performance venues and the attendance numbers in 2010-11 are estimated as follows:

Activities	2010-11 (Estimated)
No. of stage performances	633
No. of educational, promotional and audience building activities	634
Total attendance	645 336

Breakdown is set out in Annex C.

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Date _____ 18 March 2011

Venue Partnership Scheme (2009-10 to 2011-12)
List of Venue Partners and Date of Commencement of Activities

Venue	Venue Partner	Date of Commencement of Activities (including soft-launch period in 2008-09)
1. Hong Kong City Hall	(i) Hong Kong Sinfonietta	April 2008
	(ii) Hong Kong Repertory Theatre	April 2008
2. Hong Kong Cultural Centre	(i) Hong Kong Philharmonic Orchestra	April 2008
	(ii) Hong Kong Chinese Orchestra	April 2008
	(iii) Hong Kong Ballet	April 2008
	(iv) Zuni Icosahedron	April 2008
3. Ngau Chi Wan Civic Centre	(i) Whole Theatre	August 2008
	(ii) E-Side Dance Company	September 2008
4. Tsuen Wan Town Hall	(i) Hong Kong Dance Company	August 2008
	(ii) Ming Ri Institute for Arts Education	February 2009
5. Kwai Tsing Theatre	(i) Chung Ying Theatre Company	August 2008
	(ii) W Theatre and Wind Mill Grass Theatre	May 2009
6. North District Town Hall	Harmonic Theatre	September 2008
7. Sheung Wan Civic Centre	Perry Chiu Experimental Theatre	September 2008
8. Tuen Mun Town Hall	Spring-Time Chinese Opera and Hon Fung Creative Chinese Opera	September 2008
9. Sha Tin Town Hall	(i) Hong Kong Children's Arts Alliance	September 2008
	(ii) The Cantonese Opera Advancement Association	October 2008
10. Sai Wan Ho Civic Centre	The Absolutely Fabulous Theatre Connection	December 2008
11. Yuen Long Theatre*	(i) Chung Ying Theatre Company	July 2009
	(ii) Y-Space	September 2009

* Yuen Long Theatre confirmed its Venue Partners at a later date than other venues as no suitable Venue Partner was identified in the first round of invitation, resulting in a later commencement date of its related activities.

Venue Partnership Scheme (VPS) - Level of Support to Venue Partners (2010-11)**A) Venue Partners with Funding Support from Home Affairs Bureau (HAB)**

Venue		Venue Partner	Additional Funding Support from Home Affairs Bureau for VPS: 2010-11 (Estimates) [Note 1]
1.	Hong Kong Cultural Centre	(i) Hong Kong Philharmonic Orchestra	1,775,830
		(ii) Hong Kong Chinese Orchestra	1,538,963
		(iii) Hong Kong Ballet	2,577,050
		(iv) Zuni Icosahedron	3,012,558
2.	Hong Kong City Hall	(i) Hong Kong Sinfonietta	1,916,088
		(ii) Hong Kong Repertory Theatre	1,241,000
3.	Kwai Tsing Theatre	Chung Ying Theatre Company	1,630,080
4.	Tsuen Wan Town Hall	Hong Kong Dance Company	2,054,452
5.	Yuen Long Theatre	Chung Ying Theatre Company	790,000
(A) Sub-Total :			16,536,021

Venue Partnership Scheme (VPS) - Level of Support to Venue Partners (2010-11)**B) Venue Partners with Funding Support from LCSD**

	Venue	Venue Partner	Funding Support from LCSD: 2010-11 (Estimates) [Note 2]			
			Notional Hire Charges (\$ [Note 3])	Notional URB TIX Charges (\$ [Note 3])	Annual Programme Fee (\$)	Total Funding (\$)
			(a)	(b)	(c)	(a)+(b)+(c)
1.	Sheung Wan Civic Centre	Perry Chiu Experimental Theatre	660,000	160,000	990,045	1,810,045
2.	Sai Wan Ho Civic Centre	The Absolutely Fabulous Theatre Connection	366,000	24,400	1,000,000	1,390,400
3.	Ngau Chi Wan Civic Centre	(i) E-side Dance Company	381,175	11,564	850,000	1,242,739
		(ii) Whole Theatre	1,003,425	66,678	1,000,000	2,070,103
4.	Kwai Tsing Theatre	W Theatre Company and Wind Mill Grass Theatre	840,300	96,200	454,000	1,390,500
5.	Tsuen Wan Town Hall	Ming Ri Institute for Arts Education	763,800	26,300	820,048	1,610,148
6.	Sha Tin Town Hall	(i) The Cantonese Opera Advancement Association	1,982,500	335,000	1,000,000	3,317,500
		(ii) Hong Kong Children's Arts Alliance	837,000	67,000	1,000,000	1,904,000
7.	North District Town Hall	Harmonic Theatre	293,380	11,390	900,000	1,204,770
8.	Tuen Mun Town Hall	Spring-Time Chinese Opera & Hon Fung Creative Chinese Opera	1,175,000	102,200	1,000,000	2,277,200
9.	Yuen Long Theatre	Y-Space	482,000	2,000	972,600	1,456,600
(B) Sub-Total :			8,784,580	902,732	9,986,693	19,674,005

Annex B to Reply Serial No. HAB311

- Note 1: To avoid hidden subsidy, Venue Partners receiving funding support from HAB have to pay rental in using Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) venues. The funding in 2010-11 includes both the amount of hire charges in using LCSD venues and the amount of VPS-related activities and staff cost. These Venue Partners also receive subventions from HAB for their core productions, outreach activities and publicity efforts, etc. which may be held in the partnering venues.
- Note 2: The funding support does not include the costs involved in providing work space and publicity support to the Venue Partners.
- Note 3: Notional hire/URBTIX charge denotes charges incurred by the Venue Partner for free use of hiring units at the partnering venue as well as ticketing services.

Venue Partnership Scheme (VPS) - Level of Activities, Attendance and Average Cost Per Audience (2010-11)**A) Venue Partners with Funding Support from Home Affairs Bureau (HAB) [Note 1]**

Venue	Venue Partner	Level of Activities and Attendance : 2010-11 (Estimated)			
		No. of Ticketed Stage Performances (a)	No. of Educational / Promotional / Audience Building Activities (Charged or Free) (b)	Total No. of Performances / Activities (a)+(b)	Total Attendance
1. Hong Kong Cultural Centre	(i) Hong Kong Philharmonic Orchestra	58	67	125	137 729
	(ii) Hong Kong Chinese Orchestra	27	24	51	69 002
	(iii) Hong Kong Ballet	39	28	67	99 744
	(iv) Zuni Icosahedron	33	17	50	51 657
2. Hong Kong City Hall	(i) Hong Kong Sinfonietta	25	11	36	30 106
	(ii) Hong Kong Repertory Theatre	58	44	102	36 310
3. Kwai Tsing Theatre	Chung Ying Theatre Company	32	53	85	20 900
4. Tsuen Wan Town Hall	Hong Kong Dance Company	3	28	31	8 210
5. Yuen Long Theatre	Chung Ying Theatre Company	6	40	46	5 200
Sub-Total (A) :		281	312	593	458 858

Venue Partnership Scheme (VPS) - Level of Activities, Attendance and Average Cost Per Audience (2010-11)**B) Venue Partners with Funding Support from the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) [Note 2]**

Venue	Venue Partner	Level of Activities, Attendance and Average Cost Per Audience : 2010-11 (Estimated)						
		No. of Ticketed Stage Performances (a)	No. of Educational / Promotional / Audience Building Activities (Charged or Free) (b)	Total No. of Performances / Activities (a)+(b)	Total Cost (Programme Fee & Notional Hire/ Ticketing Charges) (\$)	Total Attendance	Average Cost Per Audience (\$) (Note 3)	
1.	Sheung Wan Civic Centre	Perry Chiu Experimental Theatre	62	8	70	1,810,045	21 410	85
2.	Sai Wan Ho Civic Centre	The Absolutely Fabulous Theatre Connection	8	36	44	1,390,400	15 300	91
3.	Ngau Chi Wan Civic Centre	(i) E-Side Dance Company	18	26	44	1,242,739	6 019	206
		(ii) Whole Theatre	64	9	73	2,070,103	10 134	204
4.	Kwai Tsing Theatre	W Theatre Company and Wind Mill Grass Theatre	19	12	31	1,390,500	15 245	91
5.	Tsuen Wan Town Hall	Ming Ri Institution for Arts Education	45	89	134	1,610,148	15 870	101
6.	Sha Tin Town Hall	(i) The Cantonese Opera Advancement Association	62	16	78	3,317,500	58 000	57
		(ii) Hong Kong Children's Arts Alliance	37	32	69	1,904,000	12 500	152
7.	North District Town Hall	Harmonic Theatre	8	31	39	1,204,770	6 500	185
8.	Tuen Mun Town Hall	Spring-Time Chinese Opera and Hon Fung Chinese Opera	28	30	58	2,277,200	18 100	126
9.	Yuen Long Theatre	Y-Space	1	33	34	1,456,600	7 400	197
Sub-Total (B) :			352	322	674	19,674,005	186 478	106
Total for (A) + (B) :			633	634	1 267	[Note 1]	645 336	[Note 1]

Note 1: It is not feasible to derive the average cost per audience for activities of the Venue Partners subvented by HAB, since the activities held at the partnering venues include not only VPS-related activities, but also their core productions.

Note 2: These Venue Partners receive support from the LCSD direct on free use of venue and ticketing services, plus annual funding support (up to \$1 million per group/consortium) on programme production.

Note 3: The average cost per audience is computed basing on the funding dispensed by LCSD in support of the Venue Partners' programmes and does not include other funding secured by the Venue Partners themselves, if any.

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Reply Serial No.

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

HAB312

Question Serial No.

2080

Head : 95 – Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Subhead :

Programme : (4) Performing Arts

Controlling Officer : Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

Regarding the auditoria/arena of civic centres under the Leisure and Cultural Services Department, will the Government provide this Committee with the following information:

- (a) the year of construction of each of the auditoria/arena of civic centres in the 18 districts and their usage rates in the past five years (i.e. from 2006-07 to 2010-11); and
- (b) the types of activities (e.g. performance, exhibition, publication, educational activity, community or promotion programme) held in each of the auditoria/arena of civic centres in the past five years (i.e. from 2006-07 to 2010-11)?

Asked by : Hon. LEE Wing-tat

Reply :

The usage rates by types of activities held at the 15 performance venues managed by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) in the past five years from 2006-07 to 2010-11, and their opening years are set out in the Annex.

Signature _____

Name in block letters Mrs. BETTY FUNG

Post Title Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Date 16 March 2011

Usage of 15 LCSD Performance Venues (2006-07 to 2010-11)

Venue ^(Note 1) (Opening Year)	Daily Usage Rate																			
	2006-07 (Actual)				2007-08 (Actual)				2008-09 (Actual)				2009-10 (Actual)				2010-11 (Estimated)			
	Perfs./ Arts Activities (Note 2)	Arts- related Exh.	Non-arts- related Activities (Note 3)	Overall	Perfs./ Arts Activities (Note 2)	Arts- related Exh.	Non-arts- related Activities (Note 3)	Overall	Perfs./ Arts Activities (Note 2)	Arts- related Exh.	Non-arts- related Activities (Note 3)	Overall	Perfs./ Arts Activities (Note 2)	Arts- related Exh.	Non-arts- related Activities (Note 3)	Overall	Perfs./ Arts Activities (Note 2)	Arts- related Exh.	Non-arts- related Activities (Note 3)	Overall
1. Hong Kong City Hall (1962)																				
- Concert Hall	97%	-	3%	100%	97%	-	1%	98%	96%	-	3%	99%	96%	-	3%	99%	96%	-	2%	98%
- Theatre	96%	-	1%	97%	98%	-	2%	100%	97%	-	2%	99%	99%	-	0%	99%	98%	-	1%	99%
- Exhibition Hall	0%	85%	11%	96%	4%	76%	14%	94%	0%	58%	21%	79%	0%	78%	4%	82%	1%	79%	8%	88%
- Exhibition Gallery	0%	85%	3%	88%	0%	84%	0%	84%	0%	87%	1%	88%	0%	69%	2%	71%	0%	73%	0%	73%
2. Hong Kong Cultural Centre (1989)																				
- Concert Hall	97%	-	3%	100%	97%	-	3%	100%	100%	-	0%	100%	100%	-	0%	100%	98%	-	1%	99%
- Grand Theatre	100%	-	0%	100%	100%	-	0%	100%	100%	-	0%	100%	100%	-	0%	100%	100%	-	0%	100%
- Studio Theatre	99%	-	1%	100%	100%	-	0%	100%	100%	-	0%	100%	100%	-	0%	100%	99%	-	0%	99%
- Exhibition Gallery	0%	72%	15%	87%	0%	78%	5%	83%	0%	70%	0%	70%	0%	87%	0%	87%	0%	66%	5%	71%
3. Hong Kong Coliseum (1983)																				
- Arena	80%	-	19%	99%	97%	-	2%	99%	88%	-	12%	100%	84%	-	15%	99%	93%	-	7%	100%
4. Queen Elizabeth Stadium (1980)																				
- Arena	30%	-	61%	91%	21%	-	74%	95%	28%	-	62%	90%	36%	-	54%	90%	30%	-	62%	92%
5. Ko Shan Theatre (1983)																				
- Theatre	96%	-	3%	99%	96%	-	1%	97%	96%	-	1%	97%	98%	-	0%	98%	94%	-	2%	96%
6. Ngau Chi Wan Civic Centre (1987)																				
- Theatre	77%	-	9%	86%	85%	-	9%	94%	81%	-	9%	90%	82%	-	10%	92%	91%	-	5%	96%
7. Sai Wan Ho Civic Centre (1990)																				
- Theatre	90%	-	10%	100%	95%	-	4%	99%	96%	-	3%	99%	97%	-	2%	99%	96%	-	3%	99%
8. Sheung Wan Civic Centre (1988)																				
- Theatre	76%	-	15%	91%	83%	-	14%	97%	81%	-	12%	93%	93%	-	3%	96%	92%	-	5%	97%
- Exhibition Hall	47%	26%	6%	79%	25%	29%	17%	71%	32%	24%	11%	67%	39%	21%	10%	70%	38%	21%	11%	70%

Usage of 15 LCSD Performance Venues (2006-07 to 2010-11)

Venue (Note 1) (Opening Year)	Daily Usage Rate																			
	2006-07 (Actual)				2007-08 (Actual)				2008-09 (Actual)				2009-10 (Actual)				2010-11 (Estimated)			
	Perfs./ Arts Activities (Note 2)	Arts- related Exh.	Non-arts- related Activities (Note 3)	Overall	Perfs./ Arts Activities (Note 2)	Arts- related Exh.	Non-arts- related Activities (Note 3)	Overall	Perfs./ Arts Activities (Note 2)	Arts- related Exh.	Non-arts- related Activities (Note 3)	Overall	Perfs./ Arts Activities (Note 2)	Arts- related Exh.	Non-arts- related Activities (Note 3)	Overall	Perfs./ Arts Activities (Note 2)	Arts- related Exh.	Non-arts- related Activities (Note 3)	Overall
9. Tsuen Wan Town Hall (1980)																				
- Auditorium	73%	-	18%	91%	78%	-	13%	91%	69%	-	20%	89%	80%	-	15%	95%	82%	-	15%	97%
- Exhibition Gallery	29%	29%	9%	67%	21%	28%	14%	63%	26%	34%	15%	75%	43%	21%	14%	78%	55%	17%	14%	86%
10. Tuen Mun Town Hall (1987)																				
- Auditorium	75%	-	5%	80%	66%	-	11%	77%	70%	-	12%	82%	85%	-	6%	91%	83%	-	8%	91%
- Exhibition Gallery	16%	19%	23%	58%	8%	10%	33%	51%	18%	39%	23%	80%	6%	39%	25%	70%	7%	28%	25%	60%
11. North District Town Hall (1982)																				
- Auditorium	45%	-	15%	60%	40%	-	19%	59%	49%	-	20%	69%	56%	-	15%	71%	54%	-	14%	68%
12. Tai Po Civic Centre (1985)																				
- Auditorium (Note 4)	43%	-	52%	95%	39%	-	53%	92%	38%	-	54%	92%	29%	-	62%	91%	35%	-	57%	92%
13. Sha Tin Town Hall (1987)																				
- Auditorium	88%	-	9%	97%	92%	-	5%	97%	93%	-	4%	97%	88%	-	5%	93%	91%	-	7%	98%
- Exhibition Gallery	12%	40%	21%	73%	10%	51%	21%	82%	14%	26%	22%	62%	12%	48%	13%	73%	18%	39%	24%	81%
14. Kwai Tsing Theatre (1999)																				
- Auditorium	95%	-	4%	99%	94%	-	4%	98%	98%	-	1%	99%	94%	-	4%	98%	94%	-	5%	99%
15. Yuen Long Theatre (2000)																				
- Auditorium	54%	-	21%	75%	58%	-	16%	74%	61%	-	19%	80%	74%	-	11%	85%	76%	-	12%	88%

Note 1: Including major auditoria/arena and exhibition facilities of the 15 LCSD performance venues, but not other facilities such as cultural activities halls/lecture halls.

Note 2: Arts-related usage includes performances, educational /audience & community building activities, etc.

Note 3: Non-arts-related usage includes meetings, lectures, conferences, workshops, ceremonies and sports events at Hong Kong Coliseum and Queen Elizabeth Stadium.

Note 4: The use of Tai Po Civic Centre Auditorium is shared between LCSD as a civic centre and the Tai Po Government Secondary School as a school hall, hence the high percentage of non-arts-related activities.

Perfs : Performances

Exh : Exhibitions

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

Reply Serial No.

HAB313

Question Serial No.

2081

Head : 95 – Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Subhead :

Programme : (4) Performing Arts

Controlling Officer : Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

Regarding the Urban Ticketing System (URBTIX) outlets, will the Government inform this Committee:

- (a) of the manpower and operating expenditure of each outlet; and
- (b) whether the Government will consider extending the opening hours of the outlets to cater for the needs of the working population? If so, what will be the provision and manpower resources earmarked by the Government? If not, what are the reasons?

Asked by : Hon. LEE Wing-tat

Reply :

- (a) The Department strives to provide convenient access for members of the public to purchase tickets through the following channels of sales:
 - (i) 24-hour ticketing services via the Internet;
 - (ii) credit card telephone booking (available from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. daily); or
 - (iii) any of the 42 URBTIX outlets throughout the territory during their opening hours.

Among the 42 outlets, 15 are located at 15 performance venues managed by the Department. Of these 15 outlets, eight of them remain open till half-an hour after an evening performance at the venue commences and the remaining seven at major venues with high patronage operate till 9:30 p.m. daily to serve patrons during the intermission of performances. A total of 40 full time and 19 part-time staff are working in shift at these 15 outlets. As the ticketing system, sales terminals and dataline cost are borne by the service provider, Cityline (HK) Ltd under contractual terms, the main operating expenditure of these 15 outlets is staff cost which is estimated at \$6.6 million per annum (details on individual outlets are at the Annex). The other 27 outlets are operated by non-government agents on contractual basis for providing ticketing services to the public during their office/shop's opening hours of which the closing time ranges from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. The respective agents are responsible for providing manpower and bearing all expenses related to the operation of these outlets.

- (b) The various channels of sales as mentioned above are providing the general public a convenient access to ticketing service. The Department has no plan to extend the opening hours of the outlets under its management at present. However, the Department will monitor the position closely and will continue to explore further service improvements in meeting the changing needs of the public.

Signature _____

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Post Title Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Date _____ 17 March 2011 _____

**Manpower and Operating Expenditure
of Urban Ticketing System (URBTIX) Outlets Located at
15 Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) Performance Venues**

URBTIX outlets located at 15 LCSD performance venues	No. of Full time staff	No. of Part-time staff	Estimated Annual Staff Cost ^{Note 1}
Hong Kong Cultural Centre	7	2	\$1,179,000
Hong Kong City Hall	5	8	\$948,000
Queen Elizabeth Stadium	1	-	\$186,000
Hong Kong Coliseum	1	-	\$186,000
Sai Wan Ho Civic Centre	1	-	\$186,000
Sheung Wan Civic Centre	1	-	\$117,000
Ngau Chi Wan Civic Centre	1	-	\$117,000
Ko Shan Theatre	1	-	\$186,000
Sha Tin Town Hall , Tai Po Civic Centre & North District Town Hall ^{Note 2}	7	9	\$1,290,000
Tuen Mun Town Hall	4	-	\$594,000
Yuen Long Theatre	3	-	\$430,000
Kwai Tsing Theatre	5	-	\$743,000
Tsuen Wan Town Hall	3	-	\$446,000
Total	40	19	\$6,608,000

Note 1: As the ticketing system, hardware and dataline cost are borne by the service provider, Cityline (HK) Ltd, the main operating expenditure of outlets is staff cost.

Note 2: No breakdown on individual outlets is available.

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

Reply Serial No.

HAB314

Question Serial No.

3089

Head : 95 – Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Subhead :

Programme : (3) Heritage and Museums
(4) Performing Arts
(5) Public Libraries

Controlling Officer : Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

Regarding the development of local arts and culture, will the Government inform this Committee of the total expenditures, staffing expenses and operational expenses in respect of arts and culture, direct financial support to artists, expenses on arts projects and expenses on arts and cultural programmes incurred by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department, as well as the respective percentages of these expenses against its total annual provision in each of the past three years (i.e. from 2008-09 to 2010-11)?

Asked by : Hon. LEE Wing-tat

Reply :

The Cultural Services (CS) Branch of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) is responsible for the management of performance venues, museums and public libraries as well as the provision of cultural services through various means including organisation of exhibitions and performing arts programmes, provision of support for artists and cultural workers and provision of subvention to the Hong Kong Arts Festival Society, etc.

The total recurrent expenditure of the CS Branch (excluding the Antiquities and Monuments Office (AMO) whose policy responsibility is under the Development Bureau) from 2008-09 to 2010-11, with a breakdown on administration and programme expenses is as follows:

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

Reply Serial No.

HAB315

Question Serial No.

0365

Head : 95 – Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Subhead :

Programme : (1) Recreation and Sports

Controlling Officer : Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

- (a) What is the detailed estimated expenditure for the 3rd Hong Kong Games to be held in May 2011?
- (b) By making reference to the figures of the previous two Hong Kong Games, what is the expected number of participants for this year's Games?
- (c) With less than three months to go before the Games, what publicity programmes will be launched by the Administration to encourage the participation of the whole community?
- (d) There are comments that the previous two Hong Kong Games have failed to stimulate a strong response and promote "Sport for All". In this connection, what measures will be taken by the Organising Committee this year?

Asked by : Hon. LEUNG LAU Yau-fun, Sophie

Reply :

- (a) The estimated budget for the 3rd Hong Kong Games (HKG) is about \$23 million. The estimated expenditure, part of which will be funded by sponsorship, will cover the organisation of sports competitions, financial support to the 18 district teams for pre-games training, publicity, community

involvement programmes and ceremonies. A breakdown of the estimated expenditure is as follows:

		Estimated Expenditure (\$ million)
i.	Organisation of Competitions and Exchange Programmes	2.6
ii.	Financial Support to 18 District Teams, including the organisation of selection competitions, training for athletes and publicity at district level	8.2
iii.	Publicity and Community Involvement Activities	8.4
iv.	Opening and Closing Ceremonies	3.8

(b) The inaugural HKG held in 2007 saw over 1 280 athletes taking part in four sports competitions and over 100 000 members of the public participating in 12 publicity and community involvement programmes. The 2nd HKG held in 2009 attracted over 2 300 athletes from 18 districts to compete in six sports competitions and over 160 000 members of the public to participate in 13 publicity and community involvement programmes. The 3rd HKG will have eight events, and the Department expects that more than 3 000 athletes from 18 districts will compete in these sports, namely athletics, badminton, basketball, table tennis, swimming, tennis, futsal and volleyball. The Department also expects over 170 000 members of the public to participate in 17 publicity and community involvement programmes.

(c) & (d) To publicise the 3rd HKG, the Department has held and will continue to hold promotional and community involvement activities in the run-up to and during the Games. The “18 Districts’ Pledging Ceremony” was held on 25 February 2011 during which ten HKG ambassadors were appointed and a series of community involvement activities were launched. These activities will enable members of the public to participate in and support the HKG in different ways.

To arouse greater public awareness and encourage more people to take part in the HKG, the Department has increased the scale of the HKG by increasing the number of sports competitions as explained above as well as stepped up the publicity and community involvement activities. In addition to displaying bunting, banners and posters in 18 districts, creating a dedicated webpage, issuing press releases, placing advertisements in newspapers and disseminating information on the HKG through different media channels, the Department is also launching new publicity initiatives to

arouse public attention. These include the production of a theme song for the HKG and two Announcements of Public Interest; the placing of advertisements on buses, trains, MTR stations and billboards at the entrances of the cross-harbour tunnel in Wanchai and Hunghom. A grand opening ceremony and a closing ceremony will be held on 14 May and 5 June respectively to enable participation by the general public and to mark the opening and closing of this event.

Signature _____

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Post Title Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Date 18 March 2011

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

Reply Serial No.

HAB316

Question Serial No.

0734

Head : 95 – Leisure and Cultural Services Department Subhead : 000 Operational expenses

Programme :

Controlling Officer : Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

The Leisure and Cultural Services Department will create 278 non-directorate posts to meet operational needs in 2011-12. Please provide the following information on the posts to be deleted and created by Programme:

- (a) the distribution of the 278 new posts by rank, function and Programme;
- (b) the number of staff filling the respective vacancies in 2011-12 and the total expenditure involved by rank, function and Programme;
- (c) the establishment and strength of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department in 2010-11 by rank; and
- (d) the number of non-civil service contract staff employed by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department in 2010-11 by rank.

Asked by : Hon. LI Fung-ying

Reply :

(a) & (b)

The Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) plans to create 278 new non-directorate posts to run new leisure and cultural facilities such as sports centres, parks, a swimming pool, and a public library, as well as to enhance the existing leisure, cultural and support services. These posts cover 14 different grades, viz. Leisure Services Manager, Amenities Assistant, Librarian, Manager (Cultural Services), Technical Officer (Cultural Services), Executive Officer, Analyst/Programmer, Accounting Officer, Supplies Officer, Clerical Officer, Clerical Assistant, Senior Artisan, Artisan and Workman I.

Civil service staff will be deployed to fill the 278 posts upon creation. The estimated salary provision for these 278 new posts in 2011-12 is \$59.5 million. A breakdown of the number of posts and the estimated salary provision per annum by Programme is set out below:

Programme	Net increase in Posts	Estimated Salary Provision Per Annum (\$ million)
(1) Recreation and Sports	173	33.7
(2) Horticulture and Amenities	9	1.9
(3) Heritage and Museums	30	5.9
(4) Performing Arts	3	2.2
(5) Public Libraries	63	15.8
Total:	278	59.5

(c) As at 1 March 2011, the establishment and strength of LCSD were 8 059 and 7 444 respectively.

These posts and staff cover different departmental grades and ranks (including Leisure Services Manager, Amenities Assistant, Curator, Librarian, Manager (Cultural Services), Technical Officer (Cultural Services) and Cultural Services Assistant) as well as various general and common grades (including Accounting Officer, Administrative Officer, Analyst/Programmer, Executive Officer, Information Officer, Maintenance Surveyor, Management Services Officer, Official Languages Officer, Statistical Officer, Statistician, Structural Engineer,

Supplies Officer, Training Officer, Transport Services Officer, Treasury Accountant, Veterinary Officer, Calligraphist, Clerical Assistant, Clerical Officer, Clerk of Works, Computer Operator, Confidential Assistant, Special Driver, Motor Driver, Office Assistant, Personal Secretary, Supervisor of Typing Services, Supplies Assistant, Supplies Attendant, Supplies Supervisor, Typist, Veterinary Laboratory Technician, Senior Artisan, Artisan, Laboratory Technician, Photographer, Property Attendant, Workman I and Workman II).

- (d) As at 1 March 2011, there were 1 214 non-civil service contract staff in the Department. They are mainly responsible for providing support services in leisure and cultural venues as well as offices, including general administrative support, frontline and customer services, technical support and information technology services.

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Post Title Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Date 17 March 2011

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

Reply Serial No.

HAB317

Question Serial No.

2371

Head : 95 – Leisure and Cultural Services Department Subhead : 000 Operational expenses

Programme :

Controlling Officer : Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

The Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) will create 278 non-directorate posts in 2011-12. In this connection, please provide the following information:

- (a) the distribution of the posts to be deleted and created by rank, function and Programme;
- (b) the establishment and strength of LCSD in 2010-11 by rank;
- (c) the number of non-civil service contract staff employed by LCSD in 2010-11 by rank;
- (d) the total expenditure involved in 2010-11 and the estimated total expenditure for 2011-12 for employment of non-civil service contract staff, agency workers, and outsourced services.

Asked by : Hon. LI Fung-ying

Reply :

- (a) The Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) plans to create 278 new non-directorate posts to run new leisure and cultural facilities such as sports centres, parks, a swimming pool and a public library, as well as to enhance the existing leisure, cultural and support services. These posts cover 14 different grades, viz. Leisure Services Manager, Amenities Assistant, Librarian, Manager (Cultural Services), Technical Officer (Cultural Services), Executive Officer, Analyst/Programmer, Accounting Officer, Supplies Officer, Clerical Officer, Clerical Assistant, Senior Artisan, Artisan and Workman I.

A breakdown of the number of posts to be created and deleted by Programme is set out below:

Programme	Creation (a)	Deletion (b)	Net increase in posts (c) = (a) – (b)
(1) Recreation and Sports	180	7	173
(2) Horticulture and Amenities	10	1	9
(3) Heritage and Museums	30	0	30
(4) Performing Arts	6	3	3
(5) Public Libraries	63	0	63
Total:	289	11	278

- (b) As at 1 March 2011, the establishment and strength of LCSD were 8 059 and 7 444 respectively.

These posts and staff cover different departmental grades and ranks (including Leisure Services Manager, Amenities Assistant, Curator, Librarian, Manager (Cultural Services), Technical Officer (Cultural Services) and Cultural Services Assistant), as well as various general and common grades (including Accounting Officer, Administrative Officer, Analyst/Programmer, Executive Officer, Information Officer, Maintenance Surveyor, Management Services Officer, Official Languages Officer, Statistical Officer, Statistician, Structural Engineer, Supplies Officer, Training Officer, Transport Services Officer, Treasury Accountant, Veterinary Officer, Calligraphist, Clerical Assistant, Clerical Officer, Clerk of Works, Computer Operator, Confidential Assistant, Special Driver, Motor Driver, Office Assistant, Personal Secretary, Supervisor of Typing Services, Supplies Assistant, Supplies Attendant, Supplies Supervisor, Typist, Veterinary Laboratory Technician, Senior Artisan, Artisan, Laboratory Technician, Photographer, Property Attendant, Workman I and Workman II).

- (c) As at 1 March 2011, there were 1 214 non-civil service contract staff in the Department. They are mainly responsible for providing support services in leisure and cultural venues as well as offices, including general administrative support, frontline and customer services, technical support and information technology services.

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

Reply Serial No.

HAB318

Question Serial No.

1653

Head : 95 – Leisure and Cultural Services Department Subhead : 000 Operational expenses

Programme :

Controlling Officer : Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

In 2011-12, the Leisure and Cultural Services Department will increase 278 non-directorate posts. What are the justifications for such an increase? What is the actual expenditure involved? Please also provide a breakdown for the 278 posts including their ranks and salaries, and the distribution of these posts.

Asked by : Hon. SHEK Lai-him, Abraham

Reply :

The Leisure and Cultural Services Department plans to create 278 new non-directorate posts to run new leisure and cultural facilities such as sports centres, parks, a swimming pool, and a public library, as well as to enhance the existing leisure, cultural and support services. The estimated salary provision for these 278 new posts in 2011-12 is \$59.5 million. These posts cover 14 different grades, viz. Leisure Services Manager, Amenities Assistant, Librarian, Manager (Cultural Services), Technical Officer (Cultural Services), Executive Officer, Analyst/Programmer, Accounting Officer, Supplies Officer, Clerical Officer, Clerical Assistant, Senior Artisan, Artisan and Workman I.

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

Reply Serial No.

HAB319

Question Serial No.

3206

Head : 95 – Leisure and Cultural Subhead :
Services Department

Programme :

Controlling Officer : Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

Regarding the estimates of expenditure for the information technology management unit of the Department:

- a. What is the estimated expenditure in 2011-12? What is the rate of change as compared with the actual expenditure in 2010-11? What is(are) the reason(s) for the above rate of change in expenditure?
- b. What specific projects are included in the Estimates of Expenditure 2011-12? Which of them are on-going projects and new projects? What are the number of staff, the costs and the implementation timetable of each project? Of the staff involved for each project, how many of them are civil servants, non-civil service contract staff and staff of outsourced service providers?
- c. Has the Administration earmarked any provision for the promotion of e-engagement as well as opening up of public sector information? If so, what are the specific contents (including project names, details, manpower and costs involved, and implementation timetable)? If not, what is(are) the reason(s) and will the Administration consider carrying out such measures in the future?
- d. What are the permanent establishment, existing number of staff and vacancies of ITMUs? Will there be any increase in manpower in the coming year? If so, what is the estimated number of additional posts and the ranks involved? Are these

posts permanent in nature? Will candidates for these posts be appointed on civil service terms of appointment? If not, what is(are) the reason(s) for that?

- e. Has the effectiveness of ITMUs been reviewed comprehensively? If so, what are the results of the review and the specific improvement measures involved? If not, what is(are) the reason(s) and will such review be carried out in the future?

Asked by : Hon. TAM Wai-ho, Samson

Reply :

- a. The estimated expenditure of the Information Technology Office (ITO) of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) for 2011-12 is \$67.4 million. Comparing with the actual expenditure of \$76.4 million in 2010-11, there is a decrease of 11.8%. The decrease is mainly due to a large scale replacement exercise for obsolete hardware/software conducted in 2010-11 which will not recur in 2011-12.
- b. The expenditure of ITO for 2011-12 is to support the on-going operation and maintenance of hardware, software and application; and minor application enhancements for the IT systems in LCSD. Details of expenditure are as follows:

Responsibility Areas	Estimated Expenditure in 2011-12 (\$ million)	Manpower Requirement in 2011-12		
		No. of Civil Service Posts	No. of Contract Staff	No. of Staff of Outsourced Service Providers
Support of business systems	5.415	8	29	12
Support and operation of IT infrastructure and system environment	17.672	20	12	12
IT strategy, planning, management and administrative support	1.997	9	2	1

In addition, projects in 2011-12 funded under the Capital Works Reserve Fund Head 710 – Computerisation Subhead A023VA and A043VA are listed below:

Projects	Estimated Expenditure in 2011-12 (\$ million)	Manpower Requirement in 2011-12			Implementation Schedule
		No. of Civil Service Posts	No. of Contract Staff	No. of Staff of Outsourced Service Providers	
A023VA - Replacement of Library Automation System for the Hong Kong Public Libraries	110.000	0	1	4	2nd Quarter 2013
A043VA - Major upgrade of Multimedia Information System for the Hong Kong Public Libraries	2.694	0	1	3	3rd Quarter 2013

- c. LCSD does not have any e-engagement initiatives currently under planning, nor does it have plans to open up more public sector information for the time being. Nevertheless, LCSD will keep the matter under review and take forward initiatives where necessary.
- d. The projected permanent establishment of ITO for 2011-12 is 37 posts. As at 1 March 2011, the Office has 31 civil service staff and civil servants will be deployed to fill the vacancies. LCSD will review the need to create new civil service posts subject to service requirement and availability of resources.

- e. The work of ITO and plan for new IT projects/initiatives in the Department together with the resources provisions/requirements are regularly reviewed by the senior management of the Department. In general, under the charge of ITO, the operation of IT systems as well as the planning and implementation of new IT projects/initiatives meet the requirements and expectations of the Department.

Signature _____

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Post Title Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Date 17 March 2011

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

Reply Serial No.

HAB320

Question Serial No.

0782

Head : 95 – Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Subhead :

Programme : (1) Recreation and Sports

Controlling Officer : Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

With regard to “continue to enhance utilisation of existing sports facilities”, please provide the following information:

- (a) How will the Administration enhance utilisation of the facilities? What are the relevant details?
- (b) What is the estimated expenditure involved?
- (c) Will it cover the maintenance and improvement of facilities? If so, what are the details? What is the expenditure involved?
- (d) Please list by district the utilisation rates of sports facilities or venues under the Leisure and Cultural Services Department in the past five years (i.e. from 2006 to 2010).

Asked by : Hon. WONG Kwok-hing

Reply :

To increase the utilisation of sports facilities, especially during non-peak hours, the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) will continue to allow free use of selected sports facilities by schools, subvented non-government organisations, national

Usage of Sports Centres (Arena) in Past Five Years (from 2006 - 2010)

District	Average Usage Rate (%)				
	2006	2007	2008 [@]	2009	2010
Hong Kong					
Eastern	83%	85%	91%	89%	88%
Southern	65%	64%	74%	70%	69%
Central and Western	75%	78%	83%	81%	79%
Wan Chai	89%	85%	89%	88%	86%
Kowloon					
Yau Tsim Mong	78%	80%	84%	83%	82%
Sham Shui Po	71%	71%	81%	78%	78%
Kowloon City	73%	74%	79%	78%	76%
Wong Tai Sin	70%	72%	78%	76%	75%
Kwun Tong	69%	73%	79%	76%	75%
New Territories					
Islands	43%	44%	56%	49%	54%
Kwai Tsing	75%	78%	82%	81%	79%
Tsuen Wan	80%	80%	85%	83%	83%
Tuen Mun	73%	78%	82%	80%	79%
Yuen Long	82%	80%	81%	82%	82%
Sha Tin	85%	90%	93%	91%	87%
Tai Po	80%	82%	82%	83%	80%
North	81%	82%	86%	85%	82%
Sai Kung	79%	79%	84%	81%	81%
TOTAL	75%	77%	80%	79%	78%

Remarks

- @ The increase in usage in 2008 was due to the free use of leisure facilities from July to September 2008 under the "Free Admission Scheme".

Usage of Sports Grounds in Past Five Years (from 2006 - 2010)

District	Average Usage Rate (%)				
	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
Hong Kong					
Eastern	79%	91%	100%	100%	100%
Southern	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Wan Chai	91%	93%	91%	95%	90%
Kowloon					
Sham Shui Po	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Kowloon City	100%	100%	100%	97%	100%
Wong Tai Sin	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Kwun Tong	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
New Territories					
Islands	93%	92%	93%	93%	93%
Kwai Tsing	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Tsuen Wan	98%	99%	99%	100%	100%
Tuen Mun	97%	98%	98%	98%	100%
Yuen Long	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Sha Tin	92%	94%	93%	94%	98%
Tai Po	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
North	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Sai Kung	86%	87%	86%	86%	91%
TOTAL	95%	96%	97%	98%	98%

Usage of Artificial Turf Soccer Pitches in Past Five Years (from 2006 - 2010)

District	Average Usage Rate (%)				
	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
Hong Kong					
Eastern	93%	89%	85%	86%	83%
Southern *	-	67%	71%	74%	73%
Central and Western #	-	-	-	-	81%
Wan Chai	86%	75%	79%	74%	68%
Kowloon					
Yau Tsim Mong	85%	83%	84%	88%	88%
Kowloon City	88%	83%	82%	81%	78%
Wong Tai Sin	76%	76%	71%	70%	68%
Kwun Tong	82%	80%	78%	76%	77%
New Territories					
Islands	71%	74%	72%	76%	78%
Kwai Tsing ^	-	-	-	-	70%
Tuen Mun	61%	56%	54%	56%	57%
Sha Tin	72%	73%	72%	70%	71%
Tai Po	74%	75%	69%	69%	64%
North	86%	86%	83%	81%	80%
Sai Kung	60%	59%	61%	55%	56%
TOTAL @	77%	77%	75%	75%	73%

Remarks

- * The natural grass soccer pitch in Wong Chuk Hang Recreation Ground was converted into an artificial turf soccer pitch in 2006.
- # The artificial turf soccer pitch in Sun Yat Sen Memorial Park was open for the public use in November 2010.
- ^ The artificial turf soccer pitch in Tsing Yi Northeast Park was open for the public use in June 2010.
- @ There was a decrease in the overall usage of artificial turf soccer pitches in recent years as more artificial turf soccer pitches are provided (nine pitches) to meet the strong public demand. As a result of the much larger number of sessions available for hiring including those during non-peak hours, the overall average usage rate was decreased. Nevertheless, the usage rate of artificial turf soccer pitches at peak hours was about 95% in 2010 which reflected a strong public demand for such facilities, and the total used hours for the facility has increased steadily from 77 078 hours in 2009 to 84 094 hours in 2010.

Usage of Tennis Courts in Past Five Years (from 2006 - 2010)

District	Average Usage Rate (%)				
	2006	2007	2008 @	2009	2010
Hong Kong					
Eastern	72%	73%	81%	76%	74%
Southern	65%	67%	73%	77%	72%
Wan Chai	74%	74%	81%	79%	78%
Kowloon					
Yau Tsim Mong	48%	54%	67%	65%	63%
Sham Shui Po	45%	50%	65%	60%	57%
Kowloon City	50%	53%	62%	59%	61%
Wong Tai Sin	39%	43%	60%	57%	53%
Kwun Tong	38%	41%	59%	53%	53%
New Territories					
Islands	22%	18%	28%	22%	17%
Kwai Tsing	31%	35%	45%	44%	43%
Tsuen Wan	33%	35%	48%	47%	46%
Tuen Mun	25%	28%	48%	33%	36%
Yuen Long	34%	38%	55%	43%	44%
Sha Tin	41%	45%	55%	56%	57%
Tai Po	45%	47%	57%	57%	59%
North	39%	40%	53%	46%	47%
Sai Kung	43%	47%	63%	57%	54%
TOTAL	43%	51%	63%	58%	58%

Remarks

@ The increase in usage in 2008 was due to the free use of leisure facilities from July to September 2008 under the "Free Admission Scheme".

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

Reply Serial No.

HAB321

Question Serial No.

0783

Head : 95 – Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Subhead :

Programme : (5) Public Libraries

Controlling Officer : Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

Regarding the scheme to “provide book-drop facilities at three major Mass Transit Railway (MTR) interchange stations on a trial basis”, please provide the following information:

- (a) What are the details of the trial scheme? How will the Administration effectively promote the utilisation of the service?
- (b) What is the expenditure involved?
- (c) Are there any targets against which the effectiveness of the scheme can be assessed?
- (d) What is the duration of the scheme? When will the Administration review the scheme and how will the effectiveness of the scheme be assessed?
- (e) Given that the scheme, which only involves three MTR stations, namely Central, Kowloon Tong and Nam Cheong, is too small in scale, will the Administration consider expanding the scheme by providing book drops at more stations, such as Tsing Yi Station on the Tung Chung Line and major interchange stations of the Light Rail Line and the West Rail Line?

Asked by : Hon. WONG Kwok-hing

Reply :

- (a) The Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) plans to provide book-drop facilities at three major MTR interchange stations, namely Central, Kowloon Tong and Nam Cheong on a trial basis starting from the fourth quarter of 2011. The Department will widely publicise the new service to the public through various channels including displaying posters at all public libraries, distributing e-news or posters to schools and non-government organisations, as well as making announcements through the media, and on the library website.
- (b) The scheme will incur an estimated expenditure of about \$5 million per annum for hiring logistics services for collecting, checking in, sorting and delivering the returned books back to the libraries.
- (c) The scheme aims to bring in enhanced library services by offering greater convenience for the general public to return borrowed library materials through the book-drops at the three major MTR interchange stations, thereby encouraging them to make fuller use of library services and to promote the culture of reading. In assessing the effectiveness of the scheme, the Department will take into account various factors including the utilisation rates of the MTR book-drop service, the borrowing rates at libraries, as well as customer feedback and the resources incurred for the trial scheme.
- (d) The trial scheme will last for one year. A review will be conducted to assess the public response to and effectiveness of the scheme, as well as the manpower and financial implications for long term implementation, based on which LCSD will decide whether to continue with the scheme or to extend it to other major MTR interchange stations.
- (e) The three MTR stations chosen for the trial scheme are major interchange stations with heavy passenger traffic which would provide useful data for assessing the effectiveness and public response to the scheme. There is no plan to extend the trial scheme to other stations before the review is completed.

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

Reply Serial No.

HAB322

Question Serial No.

3150

Head : 95 – Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Subhead : 000 Operational Expenses

Programme :

Controlling Officer : Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

Regarding the employment of non-civil service contract (NCSC) staff, please provide information in the following format:

	2011-12	2010-11	2009-10	2008-09
Number of NCSC staff	()	()	()	()
Particulars of NCSC staff posts				
Expenditure on the salaries of NCSC staff	()	()	()	()
Distribution of monthly salary level of NCSC staff				
• \$30,001 or above	()	()	()	()
• \$16,001 - \$30,000	()	()	()	()
• \$8,001 - \$16,000	()	()	()	()
• \$6,501 - \$8,000	()	()	()	()
• \$5,001 - \$6,500	()	()	()	()
• \$5,000 or below	()	()	()	()
• Number of staff with monthly salary lower than \$5,824	()	()	()	()
• Number of staff with monthly salary between \$5,824 and \$6,500	()	()	()	()

Length of employment of NCSC staff				
• 5 years or above	()	()	()	()
• 3 - 5 years	()	()	()	()
• 1 - 3 years	()	()	()	()
• less than 1 year	()	()	()	()
Number of NCSC staff successfully turning into civil servants	()	()	()	()
Number of NCSC staff failing to turn into civil servants	()	()	()	()
NCSC staff as a percentage of the total number of staff in the department	()	()	()	()
Staff costs on NCSC staff as a percentage of the total staff costs in the department	()	()	()	()
Number of NCSC staff with remunerated meal break	()	()	()	()
Number of NCSC staff without remunerated meal break	()	()	()	()
Number of NCSC staff working 5 days a week	()	()	()	()
Number of NCSC staff working 6 days a week	()	()	()	()

Figures in () denote year-on-year changes

Asked by: Hon. WONG Kwok-hing

Reply :

Information on the employment of non-civil service contract (NCSC) staff by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) is set out below-

(a) Number and duties of NCSC Staff

No. of NCSC staff as at -		
<u>1.1.2011</u>	<u>1.1.2010</u>	<u>1.1.2009</u>
1 283 (-5.6%)	1 359 (+4.3%)	1 303

Figures in () denote year-on-year changes

In the past year, the number of NCSC staff employed by LCSD has decreased by 5.6%. The NCSC staff employed are mainly responsible for providing support services in leisure/cultural venues and offices, including general administrative support, frontline and customer services, technical support and information technology (IT) services.

(b) Staff cost of NCSC staff

	Financial Year		
	<u>2010-11</u> (Estimated)	<u>2009-10</u>	<u>2008-09</u>
Staff cost of NCSC staff	\$320.0 million (-2.1%)	\$327.0 million (+3.7%)	\$315.3 million
Percentage of staff cost of NCSC staff over total staff costs of LCSD	14.0% (-2.1%)	14.3% (0%)	14.3%

Figures in () denote year-on-year changes

(c) Distribution of monthly salary level of NCSC Staff

Monthly salary	No. of NCSC staff as at -		
	<u>1.1.2011</u>	<u>1.1.2010</u>	<u>1.1.2009</u>
\$30,000 or above	55 (-3.5%)	57 (+7.5%)	53
\$16,000 - \$29,999	241 (-6.6%)	258 (+13.2%)	228
\$8,001 - \$15,999	829 (-12.8%)	951 (-0.6%)	957
\$6,501 - \$8,000	54 (+25.6%)	43 (+26.5%)	34
\$5,824 - \$6,500	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0
Below \$5,824*	104 (+108.0%)	50 (+61.3%)	31
Total	1 283 (-5.6%)	1 359 (+4.3%)	1 303

Figures in () denote year-on-year change

* The staff with salaries below \$5,824 are all **youth trainees** employed on NCSC terms for six to 12 months to receive training on work in swimming pools and public libraries. These trainees currently receive a monthly allowance of \$4,000.

The majority of the NCSC staff (88%) receive monthly salaries above \$8,000, with 23% of them receiving salaries above \$16,000. The 50-odd NCSC staff receiving salaries from \$6,501 to \$8,000 are mainly workmen and junior clerks whose monthly salaries are no less than \$7,600.

In view of the impending implementation of the Minimum Wage Ordinance, the Department will review the wages of its NCSC staff and, if necessary, make appropriate adjustments to their salaries to ensure full compliance with the requirements of the Ordinance.

(d) Length of employment of NCSC staff in years

	No. of NCSC staff as at -		
	<u>1.1.2011</u>	<u>1.1.2010</u>	<u>1.1.2009</u>
5 years or above	644 (+7.2%)	601 (-21.3%)	764
3 years to less than 5 years	110 (-42.1%)	190 (+22.6%)	155
1 year to less than 3 years	284 (+37.9%)	206 (+19.1%)	173
Less than 1 year	245 (-32.3%)	362 (+71.6%)	211
Total	1 283 (-5.6%)	1 359 (+4.3%)	1 303

Figures in () denote year-on-year changes

The majority of the NCSC staff who have worked for five years or more in LCSD are employed by public libraries who will be gradually replaced by civil servants following the phased implementation of the new mode of delivery of frontline and support services.

(e) Number of NCSC staff successfully turning into civil servants

It is the government's established policy to fill civil service vacancies through an open, fair and competitive recruitment process. In filling civil service openings through open recruitment, the Government welcomes all interested candidates who meet the relevant basic entry requirements to apply for the jobs, and compete on the basis of their overall merits. Generally speaking, NCSC staff who have met the basic entry requirements of the job and possess working experience relevant to the job should enjoy a competitive edge over other candidates in the selection process.

For the various civil service open recruitment exercises conducted by LCSD for departmental grades since June 2006, LCSD has received a total of 789 qualified applications from its NCSC staff. About 610 of the qualified NCSC candidates have been found suitable for appointment to the grades concerned, among whom some 510 have been offered appointment as civil servants as at 1 March 2011. Those who are found suitable for appointment but not yet offered civil service appointments are being

put on a waiting list and will be offered appointment as and when vacancies arise. Relevant figures are set out in the table below.

	Civil service open recruitment exercises for Departmental grades in LCSD conducted in [^] -				
	<u>2010</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2006</u>
No. of qualified applications from NCSC candidates	114	No recruitment exercise conducted	181	201	293
No. of NCSC candidates found suitable for appointment	85		138	164	219
No. of NCSC candidates who were offered civil service appointment (as at 1.3.2011)	62		129	138	182

[^] Recruitment exercises convened in 2011 have yet to be concluded.

(f) Percentage of NCSC staff over the total number of staff in the Department

Position as at -		
<u>1.1.2011</u>	<u>1.1.2010</u>	<u>1.1.2009</u>
14% (-6.7%)	15% (0%)	15%

Figures in () denote year-on-year change

(g) Meal breaks for NCSC staff

The working hours of the NCSC staff are determined with reference to those applicable to civil servants in comparable civil service ranks or comparable level of responsibilities in the Department. They are specified in the employment contracts either as gross working hours (including lunch hour) or net working hours (excluding lunch hour).

As at 1 January 2011, LCSD employed a total of 1 283 NCSC staff. The working hours of 1 143 staff (89%) are expressed in gross working hours and 140 staff (11%) in net working hours. The NCSC staff are remunerated on monthly basis and their terms of employment, including salary and other conditions of service, are covered under a remuneration package as a whole.

(h) Work pattern of NCSC staff

As at 1 January 2011, 497 (39%) of the 1 283 NCSC staff worked five days a week. The remaining 786 (61%) worked on a six-day week or other shift duty patterns having regard to the operational requirements of the venues/offices.

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Date _____ 17 March 2011 _____

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

HAB323

Question Serial No.

3151

Head : 95 – Leisure and Cultural Services Department Subhead : 000 Operational Expenses

Programme :

Controlling Officer : Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

On engaging "agency workers", please provide the following information:

	2011-12	2010-11	2009-10	2008-09
Number of contracts of engaging employment agencies	()	()	()	()
Contract sum paid to each employment agency	()	()	()	()
Total amount of commission paid to each employment agency	()	()	()	()
Length of contract for each employment agency	()	()	()	()
Number of agency workers	()	()	()	()
Details of the positions held by agency workers				
Monthly salary range of agency workers				
• \$30,001 or above	()	()	()	()
• \$16,001 - \$30,000	()	()	()	()
• \$8,001 - \$16,000	()	()	()	()
• \$6,501 - \$8,000	()	()	()	()
• \$5,001 - \$6,500	()	()	()	()
• \$5,000 or below	()	()	()	()
• number of workers with monthly salary below \$5,824	()	()	()	()
• number of workers with monthly salary between \$5,824 and \$6,500	()	()	()	()

	2011-12	2010-11	2009-10	2008-09
Length of service of agency workers				
• 5 years or longer	()	()	()	()
• 3 - 5 years	()	()	()	()
• 1 - 3 years	()	()	()	()
• less than 1 year	()	()	()	()
Percentage of agency workers in the total number of staff in the department	()	()	()	()
Percentage of amount paid to employment agencies in the total departmental staff cost	()	()	()	()
Number of workers with paid meal break	()	()	()	()
Number of workers without paid meal break	()	()	()	()
Number of workers on five-day weeks	()	()	()	()
Number of workers on six-day weeks	()	()	()	()

() denotes percentage of increase or decrease per year

Asked by : Hon. WONG Kwok-hing

Reply :

(a) Number of agency workers, agency contracts, length of agency contracts and duties of the agency workers

	Position as at -	
	<u>30.9.2010</u> ^{Note}	<u>30.9.2009</u> ^{Note}
No. of agency workers	314 (+5%)	299
No. of agency contracts	240 (+3%)	233
Length of agency contracts	2 to 24 months (88% with contract periods of 12 months or less)	2 to 24 months (85% with contract periods of 12 months or less)

Figures in () denote year-on-year changes

[*Note : As the use of agency staff is dictated by the operational needs of the venues and offices, information on the use of agency workers is thus kept by the individual venues / offices and there is no single division/section in the LCSD headquarters keeping the complete records of the engagement. The information provided in this reply was a snapshot of the situations taken by the Department on 30 September 2009 and 30 September 2010 respectively in response to surveys conducted by the Civil Service Bureau (CSB).]*

The agency workers were mainly engaged to assist in meeting urgent or unforeseen short-term service needs or unexpected surge in service demands, or service needs which entail irregular work pattern, including –

- (i) assisting in the organisation of short-term leisure and cultural programmes / projects, e.g. the New Vision Arts Festival, summer camps, exhibitions, etc.;
- (ii) providing stage management and technical support services in the performance venues;
- (iii) assisting in data collection and processing work, e.g. data verification and input, etc.; and
- (iv) filling short-term manpower gap pending the appointment of civil servants and / or Non-Civil Service Contract (NCSC) staff.

The agency contracts with longer service periods (more than 12 months) were signed before CSB issued the guidelines on the use of agency workers in April 2010. Since then, the contract duration of most new agency contracts entered into by the Department is nine months or less, except for tasks that entail irregular work pattern (such as the provision of stage management and support services for performance venues where agency workers are sourced from contracts of a longer duration to meet the fluctuating service demands of performance venues. These agency workers concerned are remunerated on an hourly basis.)

Apart from the above agency workers, LCSD has also engaged agency services to provide supplementary manpower support in respect of information technology (IT) and public library services.

(i) IT service

The Department has secured supplementary IT manpower through technical service providers engaged under a term contract centrally administered by the Office of the Government Chief Information Officer (hereafter referred to as “T-contract staff”). LCSD engaged 50 T-contract staff as at 30 September 2009 and 47 as at 30 September 2010 to assist in the development of computer systems and programmes or managing specific IT projects. This arrangement allows the Department to tap the latest market expertise in developing IT systems and programmes, and better manage their fluctuating IT manpower requirements. It also enables technology transfer between the

Department's IT staff and IT professionals in the private sector.

(ii) Public library service

The engagement of manpower from employment agencies (hereafter referred to as "service bureau staff") to supplement the provision of frontline service in public libraries dated back to the former Urban Council days. Service bureau staff assist the core workforce (comprising civil servants and NCSC staff) in the public libraries to deliver counter and customer services, sort and shelve library materials, perform patrol and other miscellaneous duties. The supplementary support services are provided on a man-hour basis, and are usually required during peak-demand periods, such as lunch hours, after-school hours, weekends and public holidays.

(b) Expenditure for engaging agency workers and commission paid to employment agencies

	<u>2010-11</u> (Estimated)	<u>2009-10</u>
Expenditure for engaging agency workers	\$36 million (+5.9%)	\$34 million
Percentage of expenditure for engaging agency workers over the total departmental staff cost	1.5% (0%)	1.5%

Figures in () denote year-on-year changes

In procuring employment agency services, LCSD has complied with the relevant Stores and Procurement Regulations, Financial Circulars and guidelines issued by CSB. These regulations and guidelines do not require the Department to specify the amount or the rate of commission payable to employment agencies. As such, the Department does not have information on the amount of commission paid to the employment agencies.

(c) Monthly salary range of agency workers

Prior to the issue of the guidelines on use of agency workers in April 2010, the Department did not keep records of the monthly salaries of the individual agency workers who are deployed to work in LCSD venues. After the issue of the guidelines on the use of agency workers by CSB, the Department requires all bidders to state the

wages they would pay to their employees when submitting quotations for the provision of agency service for LCSD. Hence, salary information of agency workers in respect of contracts signed before April 2010 was not available.

As at 30 September 2010, for the 72 workers of agencies engaged by LCSD in accordance with the requirements under the guidelines issued by CSB, 49 were paid on a monthly basis and the remaining 23 paid on an hourly basis as their services were called upon as and when required. Among the 49 agency workers remunerated on a monthly basis, 34 received salaries within the range of \$6,501 to \$8,000 (all received salaries of no less than \$7,183) and 15 received salaries ranging from \$8,001 to \$16,000.

(d) Length of service of agency workers

The mode of using agency workers is that the Department and an employment agency enter into a service contract under which the agency will supply manpower as and when the Department requires. As long as the Department's requirements are satisfied (e.g. in terms of the number of agency workers and the qualifications and/or experience required for agency workers), the employment agency may arrange any of their employees to work in the Department or arrange replacement agency workers during the contract period for different reasons. LCSD therefore does not keep information on the years of service of agency workers who are employees of the employment agencies.

(e) Percentage of agency workers over the total number of staff in the Department

Position as at -	
<u>30.9.2010</u>	<u>30.9.2009</u>
3% (0%)	3%

Figures in () denote year-on-year change

(f) Meal breaks for agency workers

The Department enters into service contracts with employment agencies for the supply of manpower to meet short-term service needs. The agency workers are employed by the employment agencies and the terms of employment, including paid/unpaid meal breaks, are determined under the employment agreement signed between the agencies and their employees under mutual agreement. The Department does not have information on this issue.

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

HAB324

Question Serial No.

3152

Head : 95 – Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Subhead : 000 Operational Expenses

Programme :

Controlling Officer : Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

On engaging “outsourced workers”, please provide the following information:

	2011-12	2010-11	2009-10	2008-09
Number of outsourced service contracts	()	()	()	()
Total amount paid to outsourced service providers	()	()	()	()
Length of contract for each outsourced service provider	()	()	()	()
Number of workers engaged through outsourced service providers	()	()	()	()
Details of the positions held by outsourced workers (e.g. customer service, property management, security, cleaning and information technology)				
Monthly salary range of outsourced workers				
• \$30,001 or above	()	()	()	()
• \$16,001 - \$30,000	()	()	()	()
• \$8,001 - \$16,000	()	()	()	()
• \$6,501 - \$8,000	()	()	()	()
• \$5,001 - \$6,500	()	()	()	()
• \$5,000 or below	()	()	()	()
• number of workers with salary below \$5,824	()	()	()	()

• number of workers with salary between \$5,824 and \$6,500	()	()	()	()
Length of service of outsourced workers				
• 5 years or longer	()	()	()	()
• 3 - 5 years	()	()	()	()
• 1 - 3 years	()	()	()	()
• less than 1 year	()	()	()	()
Percentage of outsourced workers in the total number of staff in the department	()	()	()	()
Percentage of amount paid to outsourced service providers in the total departmental staff cost	()	()	()	()
Number of workers with paid meal break	()	()	()	()
Number of workers without paid meal break	()	()	()	()
Number of workers on five-day week	()	()	()	()
Number of workers on six-day week	()	()	()	()

() denotes percentage of increase or decrease per year

Asked by: Hon. WONG Kwok-hing

Reply:

The requested information relating to the outsourced service contracts of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) is set out below:

	2011-12	2010-11	2009-10	2008-09
Number of outsourced service contracts	Not available	241 (-5%) [as at 28.2.2011]	253 (-2%) [as at 31.3.2010]	258 [as at 31.3.2009]
Total amount paid to outsourced service providers (in \$M) – (Note 1)	828 (+7%) (Estimate)	775 (+2%) (Revised Estimate)	758 (+8%) (Actual)	699 (Actual)
Length of contract for each outsourced service provider	2-3 years (Note 2)			
Number of workers engaged through outsourced service providers – (Note 3)	Not available	9 600 (-5%)	10 100 (+1%)	10 000

	2011-12	2010-11	2009-10	2008-09
Details of the positions held by outsourced workers (e.g. customer service, property management, security, cleaning and information technology)				
Cleansing	Not available	5 619 (-7%)	6 063 (-2%)	6 218
Security		2 310 (-1%)	2 327 (+6%)	2 185
Horticultural Maintenance		1 075 (-10%)	1 190 (+1%)	1 179
Venue Management		579 (+7%)	539 (+30%)	414
Number of outsourced workers whose monthly salary range are – (Note 4)				
• \$30,001 or above		0	0	0
• \$16,001 - \$30,000		0	0	0
• \$8,001 - \$16,000		36 (+6%)	34 (-8%)	37
• \$6,501 - \$8,000	Not available	2 213 (+187%)	771 (+25%)	618
• \$5,824 - \$6,500		703 (-68%)	2 220 (+32%)	1 686
• below \$5,824		6 631 (-6%)	7 031 (-7%)	7 580
Length of service of outsourced workers	Not available (Note 5)			
• 5 years or longer				
• 3 - 5 years				
• 1 - 3 years				
• less than 1 year				
Percentage of outsourced workers in the total number of staff in the department (Note 6)	Not available	104%	106%	108%
Percentage of amount paid to outsourced service providers in the total departmental staff cost	Not available	33.8%	33.2%	31.7%
Number of workers with paid meal break	Not available (Note 5)			
Number of workers without paid meal break				
Number of workers on five-day week	Not available (Note 5)			
Number of workers on six-day week				

() denotes percentage of increase or decrease per year

- Note (1) The expenditures are related to the major outsourced services in LCSD such as cleansing, security, horticultural maintenance and venue management.
- (2) The duration of the contracts is normally two to three years depending on the operational needs.
- (3) The number of workers (rounded to hundred) includes both full-time and part-time workers provided by outsourced contractors where the numbers of working posts to be manned by them are specified in the contracts.
- (4) The figures represent the number of workers under different committed wage range of LCSD outsourced services contracts in which the numbers of working posts to be manned by contractors have been specified.
- (5) Since LCSD is not the employer of the outsourced workers, it does not have the information requested.
- (6) The total number of staff in the department covers both civil servants and non-civil service contract staff employed by LCSD.

Signature _____

Name in block letters Mrs. BETTY FUNG

Post Title Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Date 18 March 2011

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

Reply Serial No.

HAB325

Question Serial No.

2418

Head : 95 – Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Subhead :

Programme : (1) Recreation and Sports

Controlling Officer : Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

Regarding the “3rd Hong Kong Games”, please provide the following information:

- a. What are the details of the Games? What is the expected number of participants?
- b. What are the estimated expenditures involved? Please provide a breakdown of all the expenditures.
- c. Please list the respective number of participants in the previous two Hong Kong Games and provide a breakdown of the expenditures involved.
- d. Has the Administrative set any indicators to assess the effectiveness of this project?

Asked by : Hon. WONG Kwok-kin

Reply :

- (a) The Hong Kong Games (HKG) is a biennial multi-sport event organised by the Sports Commission and co-ordinated by the Commission's Community Sports Committee. The 18 District Councils, the Sports Federation & Olympic Committee of Hong Kong, China, the relevant national sports associations and the Leisure and Cultural Services Department are the co-organisers. The objectives of the HKG are to provide people with more opportunities for sports participation at the district level exchanges and co-operation, and to encourage members of the public to participate in sport, thereby promoting the culture of "Sport for All". The HKG also aims to strengthen the public's sense of belonging to the districts they live in and at the same time promote friendship among the 18 districts. The 3rd HKG will be staged from 14 May to 5 June 2011 and will include eight sports events. The Department expects that more than 3 000 athletes from 18 districts will compete in the events, namely, athletics, badminton, basketball, table tennis, swimming, tennis, futsal and volleyball; and that over 170 000 members of the public will participate in publicity and community involvement programmes.
- (b) The estimated expenditure for the 3rd Hong Kong Games is about \$23 million, part of which will be funded by sponsorship. This expenditure will cover the organisation of sports competitions, financial support to the 18 district teams for pre-games training, publicity, community involvement programmes and ceremonies. A breakdown of the estimated expenditure is as follows:

	Items	Estimated Expenditure (\$ million)
i.	Organisation of Competitions and Exchange Programmes	2.6
ii.	Financial Support to 18 District Teams, including the organisation of selection competitions, training for athletes and publicity at district level	8.2
iii.	Publicity and Community Involvement Activities	8.4
iv.	Opening and Closing Ceremonies	3.8

- (c) The inaugural HKG held in 2007 saw over 1 280 athletes competing in four sports events and over 100 000 members of the public participating in 12 publicity and community involvement programmes. The 2nd HKG held in 2009 attracted over 2 300 athletes from 18 districts to compete in six sports events, and over 160 000 members of the public participated in 13 publicity and community involvement programmes. Breakdowns of the expenditure of the 1st and 2nd HKG are as follows:

	Items	Actual Expenditure (\$ million)	
		1st HKG	2nd HKG
i.	Organisation of Competitions and Exchange Programmes	1.0	1.2
ii.	Financial Support to 18 District Teams, including the organisation of selection competitions, training for athletes and publicity at district level	1.8	3.2
iii.	Publicity and Community Involvement Activities	2.3	3.0
iv.	Opening and Closing Ceremonies	3.9	2.6
	Total	9.0	10.0

- (d) The Organising Committee (OC) of each HKG conducts a post-games evaluation to assess the effectiveness of the HKG and suggest improvements for the next HKG. In addition, stakeholders will be invited to give views on the various aspects of the HKG, including the sports events, methods of selecting athletes, competition format, training of athletes and publicity arrangements. The evaluation of the 1st and 2nd HKGs concluded that the HKG should be positioned as an anchor event for the promotion of “Sport for All” in Hong Kong, and that the HKG provides an effective platform for developing a sporting culture in the community as well as promoting a strong district identity. With the experience gained from the first two HKGs, the OC of the 3rd HKG has decided to enhance the scale of the HKG by increasing the number of sports events to eight (including

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INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

Reply Serial No.

HAB326

Question Serial No.

2419

Head : 95 – Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Subhead :

Programme : (4) Performing Arts

Controlling Officer : Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Home Affairs

Question :

Regarding the wide range of local and overseas cultural and entertainment programmes organised by the Administration in 2010, please provide the following information:

- a. Will the Administration continue to organise various local and overseas cultural and entertainment programmes in 2011? If so, what are the details?
- b. What items will be included in the cultural and entertainment programmes being planned? What are the estimated expenditures involved?
- c. Will the Administration consider providing additional venues for large-scale outdoor performances so as to attract more overseas arts and performing groups to perform in Hong Kong?

Asked by : Hon. WONG Kwok-kin

Reply :

- (a) The Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) strives to fulfil its commitment in providing quality cultural programmes to the community and will continue to organise a wide range of local and overseas cultural and entertainment programmes in 2011-12. The rich, diverse and innovative programmes, featuring internationally renowned and talented local artists, will include concerts and theatrical productions, thematic programme series and arts festivals, traditional

