

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

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Head: (95) Leisure and Cultural Services Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (4) Performing Arts

Controlling Officer: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services (Vincent LIU)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

The Concessionary Rates for Non-profit Organisations Scheme (Scheme) under the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) offers concessionary rates to applicants that meet the prescribed criteria. Will the Government inform this Committee of the following:

- The number of cases handled under the Scheme and the number of beneficiary organisations in each of the past 3 years; and
- Does the LCSD operate other similar schemes which provide subsidies or sponsorship of performance fees to organisations? If so, please state the number of cases handled under such schemes and the number of beneficiary organisations in each of the past 3 years.

Asked by: Hon IP LAU Suk-ye, Regina (LegCo internal reference no.: 54)

Reply:

The number of bookings and the number of beneficiary organisations under the Concessionary Rates for Non-profit Organisations Scheme of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) for the period between 2018-19 and 2020-21 are set out below:

Concessionary Rates for Non-profit Organisations Scheme	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21⁽¹⁾ (Estimated)
Number of bookings	4 051	3 134	1 488
Number of beneficiary organisations	2 898	2 367	1 009

Note

(1) Some bookings were cancelled/postponed due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

In addition, 11 regional/district performing arts venues under the LCSD, viz. Sheung Wan Civic Centre, Sai Wan Ho Civic Centre, Ko Shan Theatre, Ngau Chi Wan Civic Centre, Sha Tin Town Hall, Tai Po Civic Centre, North District Town Hall, Kwai Tsing Theatre, Tsuen Wan Town Hall, Tuen Mun Town Hall and Yuen Long Theatre, are open to applications for

District Arts and Cultural Activities Venue Sponsorship from respective non-profit making district cultural and arts organisations. Details of the scheme for the past 3 years are set out below:

District Arts and Cultural Activities Venue Sponsorship	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21⁽²⁾ (Estimated)
Number of programmes/activities	269	236	150
Number of organisations sponsored	86	76	48

Note

(2) Some programmes/activities were cancelled/postponed due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

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