

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

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Head: (95) Leisure and Cultural Services Department

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

Programme: (1) Recreation and Sports

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

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

It is stated under Programme (1) that the Department will actively promote “Sport for All” with a view to developing a strong sporting culture. Will the Government advise this Committee of the following:

- a. The estimated operating expenses will increase by 15.7% in 2022-23, with one of the reasons being “the transfer of funds from the Home Affairs Department for implementing the Community Involvement Programme”. In this connection, what are the details of such programme? What are the proportions of sports and recreation activities under the Programme? What are the estimated expenditures for those activities to be held across the 18 districts?
- b. The Department will organise programmes for elderly people and enhance programmes for people with disabilities. What are the details of and the estimated expenditures for such programmes?
- c. What are the details of the estimated expenditures for “Online Interactive Sports Training Programmes”? What is the capacity for each of the programmes?

Asked by: Hon FOK Kai-kong, Kenneth (LegCo internal reference no.: 2)

Reply:

- a. In 2022-23, the Home Affairs Department (HAD) and Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) will be tasked to finance the implementation of the Community Involvement Programme (CIP). The LCSD will as in the past organise district recreation and sports activities meeting varying needs, such as sports training courses, recreation activities and competitions, having regard to the views of the District Councils, district sports associations and community groups. To ensure prudent use of public money, the funding will be utilised in accordance with the established mechanism of the Government. The HAD will transfer a total of \$160 million to the LCSD for

implementing the CIP, \$139 million (86.9%) of which will be to fund the sports and recreation activities across the 18 districts, while the rest will be used for cultural activities. The estimated number of the district-based activities to be organised by the LCSD in 2022-23 is about 24 600 for around 1.56 million participants. Their details are as follows:

District	Estimated number of programme	Estimated number of participant	Estimated expenditure (\$m)
Central and Western	1 400	84 800	7.1
Southern	1 300	66 500	6.6
Yau Tsim Mong	1 500	94 000	7.8
Eastern	1 400	111 300	7.8
Wan Chai	1 100	55 500	6.3
Sham Shui Po	1 400	78 800	7.7
Wong Tai Sin	1 100	85 500	5.5
Kwun Tong	1 600	123 000	7.8
Kowloon City	1 200	88 700	6.8
Tai Po	1 000	76 500	5.5
Sha Tin	1 800	113 500	9.8
Sai Kung	1 600	109 000	8.9
Islands	1 000	50 500	10.8
Kwai Tsing	1 700	95 800	7.4
Tsuen Wan	1 100	68 800	6.2
North	1 300	71 500	8.1
Tuen Mun	1 400	88 800	8.8
Yuen Long	1 700	97 500	10.1
Total	24 600	1 560 000	139.0

- b. The LCSD strives to promote “Sport for All” to encourage people of different age groups and abilities, including the elderly and persons with disabilities, to take part in recreation

and sports activities to develop regular exercise habits. Every year the LCSD organises diversified recreation and sports activities for the elderly and persons with disabilities, including those related to swimming, hydro-fitness, body-mind stretch, Baduanjin, fitness exercise, multi-gym training, general gymnastics, tai chi, social dance, table tennis, gateball, residential camp activities and excursion. Such programmes are mostly conducted in the form of elementary training courses or play-in sessions, encouraging their wider participation in various activities. On another front, the LCSD organises outreach activities at elderly centres and rehabilitation centres with a view to helping the elderly and persons with disabilities achieve healthy bodies and minds. As regards enhancement of the programmes for persons with disabilities, the LCSD seeks, from time to time, consultation with respective national sports associations, while working with relevant groups to provide more programmes tailored to the persons with disabilities, in a bid to encourage their active participation in sport. The details of the recreation and sports activities for the elderly and persons with disabilities in 2022-23 are as follows:

Target	Estimated number of programme	Estimated number of participant	Estimated expenditure (\$m)
The elderly	5 500	586 000	13.5
The persons with disabilities	1 450	70 000	9.0

- c. The LCSD has launched “Online Interactive Sports Training Programmes” to provide an online platform for real-time interactive teaching by instructors. Members of the public may stay at home amid the pandemic to practise physical activities and establish a healthy lifestyle. In 2022-23, the LCSD will organise 90 “Online Interactive Sports Training Programmes”, offering 8 types of sports programmes, namely aerobic dance, fitness exercise, body-mind stretch, parent-child fitness, tai chi, fitness yoga, hip hop dance and go chess, for people of all ages. Each of these programmes will have an anticipated intake of 50 with a total of 4 500 participants, while the estimated expenditure is about \$5.67 million.

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