

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

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Head: (95) Leisure and Cultural Services Department

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Programme: (1) Recreation and Sports

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Question:

It was mentioned in Programme (1) that the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) would continue to provide subvention to sea activity centres managed by 11 non-government organisations. It was, however, noted that the actual attendance at such sea activity centres had failed to meet the targets in the past 3 years. In this connection, please advise this Committee of:

- a. the amount of Government subvention provided to each of such sea activity centres and their respective number of users served over the past 5 years;
- b. the plans put in place by the Government to assist the relevant organisations in boosting the usage rates of their facilities, and whether it has drawn up a concrete implementation timetable, devised effectiveness indicators and established a review mechanism under which subvention is pegged to such indicators, in a bid to ensure optimal utilisation of resources.

Asked by: Hon FOK Kai-kong, Kenneth (LegCo internal reference no.: 17)

Reply:

- a. The Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) provides annual subvention to the 4 sea activity centres managed by non-government organisations, in a bid to provide more sea activities/camping services to members of the public. The amount of subvention provided to the 4 sea activity centres and their respective attendance over the past 5 years are tabulated below:

(i) Subvention provided to sea activity centres

Name of sea activity centre managed by non-government organisations	2019-20 (\$'000)	2020-21 (\$'000)	2021-22 (\$'000)	2022-23 (\$'000)	2023-24 (\$'000)
The Hong Kong Girl Guides Association – Leung Sing Tak Sea Activities Training Centre	525	466	476	547	597
The Hong Kong Federation of Youth Groups – Tai Mei Tuk Outdoor Activities Centre	960	966	966	883	802
The Hong Kong Federation of Youth Groups – Jockey Club Stanley Outdoor Training Camp	1,001	996	971	1,004	983
Scout Association of Hong Kong – Pak Sha Wan Tam Wah Ching Sea Activity Centre	1,613	1,680	1,715	1,779	1,928

Note: The above subventions are provided by financial year.

(ii) Attendance at sea activity centres

Name of sea activity centre managed by non-government organisations	2019	2020 ⁽¹⁾	2021 ⁽¹⁾	2022 ⁽¹⁾	2023
The Hong Kong Girl Guides Association – Leung Sing Tak Sea Activities Training Centre	1 643	170	446	1 521	6 360
The Hong Kong Federation of Youth Groups – Tai Mei Tuk Outdoor Activities Centre	7 197	2 170	6 602 ⁽²⁾	4 878	7 841
The Hong Kong Federation of Youth Groups – Jockey Club Stanley Outdoor Training Camp ⁽³⁾	3 178	1 080	1 632	6 487	8 532

Name of sea activity centre managed by non-government organisations	2019	2020 ⁽¹⁾	2021 ⁽¹⁾	2022 ⁽¹⁾	2023
Scout Association of Hong Kong – Pak Sha Wan Tam Wah Ching Sea Activity Centre	27 137	3 233	10 299	3 249 ⁽⁴⁾	10 192

Notes:

- (1) The attendance at the sea activities centres has been significantly affected by the COVID-19 epidemic and the implementation of social distancing measures in the past few years.
 - (2) The attendance at the Hong Kong Federation of Youth Groups – Tai Mei Tuk Outdoor Activities Centre in 2021 was close to the normal level, which was mainly attributed to the hiring of the facilities therein by Windsurfing Association of Hong Kong, China for training of elite athletes.
 - (3) Services available at the Hong Kong Federation of Youth Groups – Jockey Club Stanley Outdoor Training Camp were partially affected by the redevelopment works between 2017 and 2022.
 - (4) Services available at the Scout Association of Hong Kong – Pak Sha Wan Tam Wah Ching Sea Activity Centre were partially affected by the major renovation works between July 2022 and July 2023.
- b. Subvented organisations are required to enter into agreements with the Government for each financial year, under which they must meet the obligations including target attendance and usage rates of facilities. Meanwhile, such organisations must submit quarterly statistical reports and annual financial reports issued by certified public accountants to the Government. The LCSD's staff will conduct regular inspections of their operations and services rendered, and hold periodic meetings with such organisations to monitor the use of the subvention. If the subvented organisations fail to fulfil the agreements or deliver the service to the Government's satisfaction, the Government reserves the rights to suspend, adjust, reduce or cancel, in full or in part, the subvention provided to the subvented organisations in question, or, alternatively, seek full or partial return of subvention, so as to ensure the best use of public money.

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