

## **LCQ 17: Promoting development of cultural and creative industries**

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Following is a question by the Hon Frederick Fung and a written reply by the Secretary for Home Affairs, Dr Patrick Ho, in the Legislative Council today (May 25):

### *Question:*

The former Chief Executive stated in the 2005 Policy Address that the Administration would establish a consultative framework for cultural and creative industries as soon as possible, and "will work together to study the vision for development, direction, and organisational structure to see how we may deploy our advantages, consolidate resources and pursue key areas". In this connection, will the Government inform this Council whether:

(a) the establishment of a consultative framework for cultural and creative industries has been affected by the departure of the Chief Executive; if not, of the progress of the work in this respect, and the date of its establishment and the mode of operation to be adopted; and

(b) it will consider reorganising the government structure when studying "the vision for development, direction, and organisational structure" by, for example, setting up, with reference to the experience of Taiwan or some European countries, a high-level cultural council, so that it will take more account of cultural factors and attach greater importance to promoting the development of cultural industries in the course of policy formulation and implementation?

### *Reply:*

Madam President,

The former Chief Executive stated in the 2005 Policy Address that the Government would establish, as soon as possible, a consultative framework for cultural and creative industries so that relevant representatives from these industries including outstanding personalities from outside Hong Kong could participate, and that the Government would work with these people to study the vision for

development, direction, and organisational structure to see how we might deploy our advantages, consolidate resources and pursue key areas. My reply to the question raised by the Hon Frederick Fung is as follows:

(a) The Government is studying the establishment of a consultative framework for cultural and creative industries. It is expected that a set of feasible proposals will be completed within the third quarter of this year. The new Chief Executive will be consulted before the proposals are taken forward.

(b) The Government will work with relevant representatives from the cultural and creative sector including outstanding personalities from outside Hong Kong to study the vision for development, direction, and organisational structure for these industries in Hong Kong. Detailed proposals will be mapped out after completion of the study. The Government will take account of the cultural elements and place emphasis on the promotion of development of cultural and creative industries in the course of policy formulation and implementation.

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