

Hon Mrs Selina CHOW to ask on 14/06/06:

It has been reported that some amateur Chinese opera performers stage their performances at Tuen Mun Park from time to time and attract crowds of on-lookers. However, the noise from their loudspeakers causes nuisance to some nearby residents. Since the middle of last year, the Leisure and Cultural Services Department ("LCSD") has received a number of complaints about the noise from the performers' loudspeakers. On several occasions, when LCSD officers handled the complaints at the scene, conflicts with the performers and the on-lookers occurred. In this connection, will the Government inform this Council:

- of the total number of complaints received by LCSD since the middle of last year about the noise generated by the Chinese opera performers using loudspeakers at Tuen Mun Park; and how such complaints are normally handled;
- whether LCSD has conducted any on-site investigations and assessments at Tuen Mun Park in response to these complaints and look for other venues outside Tuen Mun Park for long-term use by the Chinese opera performers; and
- whether the gathering of Chinese opera performers and enthusiasts at Tuen Mun Park is due to the authorities' failure to provide sufficient and suitable venues in other parts of Tuen Mun that are convenient to these performances?

Public Officer to reply : **Secretary for Home Affairs**