

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

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Head: (95) Leisure and Cultural Services Department

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Programme: (1) Recreation and Sports

Controlling Officer: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services (Ms Michelle LI)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

Regarding the project on Kai Tak Avenue Park, will the Government inform this Committee:

- (1) of the works expenditure involved for 2015-16;
- (2) of the estimated works expenditure involved for 2016-17; and
- (3) whether the project will be upgraded to Category A as soon as possible given the lack of public open space in the Kai Tak area at present? If so, what is the timetable? If not, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Dr Hon Helena WONG Pik-wan (Member Question No. 50)

Reply:

According to Rule 49 of the Finance Committee Procedures, special meetings of the Finance Committee are convened to examine the annual Estimates of Expenditure prepared by the Government in support of the Appropriation Bill.

Expenditure charged to the Capital Works Reserve Fund do **not** form part of the Appropriation Bill. As such, questions relating to expenditure under the Fund are **not** relevant to the examination of the Estimates of Expenditure or the Appropriation Bill.

An area of 3.2 hectares in the vicinity of Kai Ching Estate and Tak Long Estate of the Kai Tak Development is earmarked for the development of a park in phases. Design of phase 1 covering an area of about 1.6 hectares has been completed and consultation with the Kowloon City District Council and the Task Force on Kai Tak Harbourfront Development of the Harbourfront Commission was conducted between 2010 and 2013. The project details, including the project cost and works programme, are being worked out under the established mechanism of the public works programme.

