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Head: (95) Leisure and Cultural Services Department

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Question:

- (1) Does the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) have any statistics on the amounts of sand loss from individual beaches under its management in 2015-16? If so, please list the amounts of sand loss from respective beaches.
- (2) Further to the above question, what remedial measures has the LCSD taken in response to the sand loss from the beaches? What are the expenditure and manpower involved?
- (3) Has the LCSD earmarked any resources for the above work in 2016-17? If so, what is the estimated expenditure involved?

Asked by: Dr Hon Kenneth CHAN Ka-lok (Member Question No. 405)

Reply:

- (1) Water currents, tides, waves and geographical environment may cause sand loss at beaches. For beaches which are more exposed to wind and waves, loss of sand is more apparent after typhoons or persistent rainstorms. Nevertheless, the sand washed away will normally be brought back to the beaches gradually by tidal action. The Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) does not have the figures on the amounts of sand loss from beaches in 2015-16.
- (2) In 2015-16, Golden Beach in Tuen Mun district was observed to have minor sand loss situation, and hence minor works were conducted by pushing the sand drifted onto neighbouring areas back to Golden Beach during winter months. The expenditure incurred was about \$1 million which was funded by the Tuen Mun District Council.
- (3) The LCSD has not earmarked any resources for the above work in 2016-17.

