

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

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Question:

Please set out in a table the numbers of new parks built in the territory in the past three years, their locations and the various expenditure items for providing the leisure facilities. What are the ratios of number of new parks and leisure facilities to population in the districts concerned? Does the Government have any plans to build new parks in 2016-17? If so, what are their locations, manpower arrangements and detailed expenditures?

Asked by: Dr Hon KWOK Ka-ki (Member Question No. 589)

Reply:

The Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) manages parks, gardens, playgrounds and sitting-out areas to provide open space to meet both the active and passive recreational needs of the public. The 7 new parks built in the past 3 years in respective districts are set out at **Annex**.

In 2016-17, an open space project at Hing Wah Street West in Sham Shui Po is under construction. The approved estimate of the project is about \$122 million.

The current provision of open space (including parks) is sufficient to meet the Hong Kong Planning Standards and Guidelines at the territory-wide and district levels. In planning new facilities, the LCSD makes reference to not only the population ratio but also other factors such as the policy objectives for sports development, utilisation rates of existing facilities, demographic changes, the advice of District Councils and site availability.

**List of Parks Newly Provided by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department from 2013 to 2015**

| District     | Parks completed in                   | Location                        | Project Estimates for the Park | Number of parks in district |
|--------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Sai Kung     | Tong Ming Street Park (2013)         | Tong Ming Street, Tseung Kwan O | (Note 1)                       | 8                           |
|              | Hong Kong Velodrome Park (2014)      | Po Hong Road, Tseung Kwan O     | (Note 2)                       |                             |
|              | Tseung Kwan O Waterfront Park (2014) | Chui Ling Road, Tseung Kwan O   | (Note 2)                       |                             |
| Kowloon City | Kai Tak Cruise Terminal Park (2013)  | Shing Fung Road, Kai Tak        | (Note 2)                       | 14                          |
|              | Kai Tak Runway Park (2014)           | Shing Fung Road, Kai Tak        | \$169.7 million                |                             |
| Yuen Long    | Tin Yip Road Park (2014)             | Tin Yip Road, Tin Shui Wai      | (Note 2)                       | 8                           |
| Kwun Tong    | Kwun Tong Promenade (stage 2) (2015) | Hoi Bun Road, Kwun Tong         | \$250.7 million                | 12                          |

Note 1: The project was wholly built by MTRC, no project estimate is available.

Note 2: The project involved other facilities. No breakdown for the project estimates of the park is available.

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