

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

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Question:

Please list in a table the locations and numbers of the gardens newly provided by the Government in the territory in the past three years as well as the respective expenditures on the cultivation and acquisition of vegetation. What are the ratios of the newly provided gardens to the population in their respective districts? Does the Government have any plans to provide new gardens in 2016-17? If so, what are the locations, manpower arrangements and details of expenditures involved?

Asked by: Dr Hon KWOK Ka-ki (Member Question No. 598)

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. There were 9 new gardens and sitting-out areas in the past 3 years. The numbers of gardens in respective districts are set out at **Annex I**.

As the cultivation of vegetation and horticultural maintenance is an integral part of the management of the venues managed by the LCSD, breakdown figures on such work are not available.

The list of new gardens under development in 2016-17 is set out at **Annex II**.

The current provision of open space (including gardens and sitting-out areas) is sufficient to meet the Hong Kong Planning Standards and Guidelines at the territory-wide and district levels.

Annex I to Reply Serial No. HAB496

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

District	Name	No. of gardens managed by the LCSD in the district
Hong Kong		
Central & Western	1 Mount Davis Service Reservoir Temporary Garden	32
Eastern	2 Fu Hong Street Pet Garden	18
Kowloon		
Kowloon City	3 Chung Yee Street Garden	29
Sham Shui Po	4 Butterfly Valley Road Pet Garden	17
New Territories		
Kwai Tsing	5 Tai Ha Street Garden	23
	6 Wah King Hill Road Garden	
Sai Kung	7 Fuk Man Garden	24
Sha Tin	8 On Muk Street Garden	29
Tuen Mun	9 Lam Tei Pet Garden	16

List of New Gardens and Sitting-out Areas under Development

District	Project Title/ Location	Estimated Expenditure in 2016-17 (\$ million)
Hong Kong		
Eastern	1 Construction of a sitting-out area adjacent to Heng Fa Chuen Block 30	0.2
	2 Construction of Pet Garden in Sheung On Street, Chai Wan	3.5
Southern	3 Construction of a sitting-out area near Consort Rise at Victoria Road	0.2
	4 Construction of a sitting-out area nearby Sea Shore of Shum Wan	0.1
	5 Construction of a sitting-out area at the roof of Pok Fu Lam No. 3 Water Service Reservoir behind Chi Fu Fa Yuen	0.1
	6 Construction of a sitting-out area with grass at the roof of Victoria Road Fresh Water Service Reservoir at Sassoon Road	0.1
Kowloon		
Kwun Tong	7 Development of an open space at Wang Kwong Road near Richland Garden	5.7
Yau Tsim Mong	8 Provision of a Pet Garden and a Model Car Play Area underneath the Flyover at Ferry Street	4.5
New Territories		
North	9 Olympic Equestrian Events Garden	1.8
	10 Sitting-out area at Cheung Lek Village, Sheung Shui	2.0
Sha Tin	11 Construction of a sitting-out area in Area 4C, Tai Wai	2.5
	12 Development of an open space near Holford Gardens	1.2
	13 Construction of a sitting-out area in Area 14B, Tai Wai	3.5
Tai Po	14 Provision of a sitting-out area in Lung Mei Village, Ting Kok Road, Tai Po	0.1
	15 Construction of a Sitting-out Area in Tung Tsz Shan Road, Shuen Wan, Tai Po	0.8
	16 Provision of a Sitting-out Area in Yue Kok Tsuen	3.5
	17 Development of an open space at Nam Wan Road near Kwong Fuk Estate, Tai Po	1.6
Yuen Long	18 Hung Tak Road Sitting-out Area No. 2	3.0
	19 Construction of a sitting-out area adjoining Pat Heung Pat Lau, Pat Heung Road	0.5
	20 Construction of a sitting-out area at Shui Tau Road, Kam Tin	0.5