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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:

It is mentioned in the Budget Speech that the Government plans to earmark a total of \$20 billion for sports development as announced in the Policy Address. To provide better community and sports facilities for public use, the Government will launch 26 projects in the coming 5 years to develop new or improve existing sports and recreation facilities in different districts. These include sports grounds, sports centres, football pitches, swimming pools, cycling grounds, tennis courts and open spaces. In connection with the manpower and expenditure involved in the development and improvement projects, will the Government inform this Committee of:

1. Whether additional manpower and recurrent expenditure will be required for operating the facilities of the development and improvement projects mentioned above. If so, what will be the manpower and expenditure involved?
2. If it is anticipated that additional recurrent expenditure will be required for operating the newly developed/improved/extended facilities in future, how will the Government ensure that sufficient provisions will be provided to meet the expenditures?

Asked by: Hon CHAN Pierre (Member Question No. 34)

Reply:

The Government has earmarked a total of \$20 billion to launch 26 projects in the coming 5 years to develop new or improve existing sports and recreation facilities in different districts. The manpower requirements, estimated capital and recurrent costs of the projects are being worked out. Additional resources will be sought under the established mechanism. We will consult the relevant LegCo Panels and seek the funding approval of the Finance Committee when such information is available.