

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****HAB204****(Question Serial No. 1718)**Head: (95) Leisure and Cultural Services DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): (-) Not SpecifiedProgramme: (1) Recreation and SportsControlling Officer: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services (Ms Michelle LI)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home AffairsQuestion:

It is stated in the Policy Address that the Government will spend a total of \$20 billion in the coming 5 years to launch 26 projects to develop new or improve existing sports and recreation facilities. The facilities planned to be developed or enhanced include 2 sports grounds, 9 football pitches, 1 sports centre, 4 swimming pool complexes, 2 lawn bowling greens, 1 cycling ground, 4 tennis courts, 11 outdoor basketball courts and 20 open spaces. Please provide the expenditures and staff deployment of the respective projects in detail. When is the consultation exercise expected to be conducted and when are the projects expected to complete?

Asked by: Hon LAU Kwok-fan (Member Question No. 44)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 Government plans to consult the relevant LegCo Panels and seek the funding approval of the Finance Committee for the following 5 projects in 2017-18 –

<b>Project Title</b>	<b>Major Facilities</b>	<b>Tentative Start Date</b>	<b>Tentative Completion Date</b>
1. Waterfront Promenade adjacent to the Hong Kong Children's Hospital	Open space	2017	2019
2. Improvement of Hoi Bun Road Park and Adjacent Area, Kwun Tong	Including 1 football pitch and open space	2017	2020
3. Sports Ground and Open Space in Area 16, Tuen Mun – Pre-construction works	Including 1 sports ground, 1 football pitch and open space	2017	2020

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4. Avenue Park at Kai Tak	Including 1 outdoor basketball court and open space	2018	2020
5. Open space at Sze Mei Street, San Po Kong	Including 1 football pitch, 4 outdoor basketball courts and open space	2018	2021

Details on the manpower requirements and the estimated cost of the projects and the cashflow expenditure in 2017-18 are being worked out.

As regards the remaining 21 projects, they are at different planning stages. While we have already consulted the District Councils (DCs) on 19 projects, we will finalise the details of the remaining 2 projects and consult the relevant DCs when ready. We aim to consult the relevant LegCo Panels and seek the funding approval of the Finance Committee within the coming 5 years.

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