

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

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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:

As indicated in the Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2017-18 in the Controlling Officer's Report for 2017-18, the Government will implement a Five-year Plan to provide additional sports and recreational facilities to meet the needs of the general public and support development of sports in Hong Kong. In this connection, will the Government inform this Committee of the following:

It is stated in the Chief Executive's 2010-11 Policy Address that the Leisure and Cultural Services Department will identify suitable sites for new pet parks to cater for the needs of dog owners. Will the Government consider using some of the above recreational facilities in light of this objective? If so, what are the details? If not, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Mei-fun, Priscilla (Member Question No. 30)

Reply:

Since the 2010-11 Policy Address, the number of pet gardens provided within facilities managed by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) has increased from 19 to 42. As regards the sports and recreation facilities in the Five-Year Plan, we are planning to consult the relevant LegCo Panels and seek the funding approval of the Finance Committee for 5 projects in 2017-18. Of these 5 projects, the Open Space project at Sze Mei Street, San Po Kong will include the provision of a pet garden. LCSD will continue to identify suitable sites for new pet gardens in consultation with local residents and the District Council.

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