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Question:

Please provide the timetables for consultation, tender exercise and works on the demolition of Wan Chai Sports Ground, redevelopment of Hong Kong Stadium and development of Kai Tak Sports Park.

Asked by: Hon LAW Kwun-chung, Nathan (Member Question No. 75)

Reply:

The Government consulted the Legislative Council Panel on Home Affairs on the Kai Tak Sports Park (KTSP) project on 27 February 2017 and received Members' support. The Government plans to make a submission to the Public Works Subcommittee and seek funding approval from the Finance Committee (FC) for the construction of the KTSP in the second quarter of this year. Subject to the approval of the FC, the Government will launch the tender exercise later this year. The construction works are expected to commence in 2018 for completion in 2022.

As the main stadium of the KTSP will have a seating capacity of 50 000, the Government needs to consider the future role of the 40 000-seat Hong Kong Stadium. The Government plans to conduct a technical feasibility study on its redevelopment, including the feasibility of changing it to a public sports ground equipped with an athletics track and reducing the existing seating capacity. The Government will complete the technical feasibility study in the coming 5 years (i.e. before 2022) and consult the District Council(s) concerned, sports sector and other stakeholders.

As regards the Wan Chai Sports Ground (WCSG), the Hong Kong Trade Development Council plans to conduct a feasibility study on the proposal to use WCSG for comprehensive development. The Government will continue to listen to the views of relevant stakeholders and carry out consultation. The Government will take into account findings of the feasibility study and views collected in considering the way forward.