

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 3586)

Head: (95) Leisure and Cultural Services Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not specified

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 last year's Budget that a total of \$20 billion would be earmarked to provide better community and sports facilities for public use by launching 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. Please inform this Committee of:

- 1) the details, expected completion date and expenditure involved for each of the projects expected to commence in 2018-19.
- 2) the details, expected completion date and expenditure involved for each of the projects scheduled to commence in the coming 3 years.

Asked by: Hon WU Chi-wai (Member Question No. (LegCo use): 134)

Reply:

- (a) According to Rule 49 of the Finance Committee Procedures, special meetings of the Finance Committee are convened to examine the annual Estimates of Expenditure prepared by the Government in support of the Appropriation Bill.
- (b) Expenditure charged to the Capital Works Reserve Fund do not form part of the Appropriation Bill. As such, questions relating to expenditure under the Fund are not relevant to the examination of the Estimates of Expenditure or the Appropriation Bill.

The Government has earmarked a total of \$20 billion in 2017 to launch 26 projects in the coming 5 years to develop new or improve existing sports and recreation facilities in different districts. The 26 projects and the major facilities to be provided therein are set out in paragraph 219 of the Policy Address announced in January 2017. We have consulted/are planning to consult the relevant Legislative Council (LegCo) panels and seek the funding approval of the Finance Committee (FC) for the following 10 projects in 2017-18 legislative year –

Project	Major Facilities	Tentative Start Date	Tentative Completion Date	Estimated Expenditure (\$M) (Note)
1. Avenue Park at Kai Tak	Including an outdoor basketball court and open space	2018	2020	321.9
2. Improvement of Hoi Bun Road Park and Adjacent Area, Kwun Tong	Including a 5-a-side football pitch and open space	2018	2021	186.7
3. Open Space at Sze Mei Street, San Po Kong	Including a 7-a-side football pitch, 4 outdoor basketball courts and open space	2019	2021	311.4
4. Open Space in Area 6, Tai Po	Including 2 outdoor basketball courts and open space	2018	2020	93.8
5. Open Space in Area 47 and 48, North District	Open space	2018	2020	123.7
6. Provision of Heated Pool at the Morse Park Swimming Pool Complex, Wong Tai Sin	Redevelopment of an outdoor swimming pool into a heated pool	2018	2022	576.5
7. Redevelopment of Yuen Long Stadium	Including 1 sports ground	2018	2021	54.5
8. Station Square at Kai Tak	Including 2 lawn bowling greens, 1 cycling ground and open space	2018	2022	1,651.5
9. Swimming Pool Complex and Open Space in Area 107, Tin Shui Wai	Including 1 swimming pool complex and open space	2018	2022	1,336.0
10. Waterfront Promenade adjacent to the Hong Kong Children's Hospital	Open space	2018	2020	82.2

Note: The tentative start date, completion date and estimated expenditure are based on the assumption that FC's funding approval is given in the first half of 2018. Details will be updated when we seek FC's funding approval on these projects.

As regards the remaining 16 projects, they are at different planning stages. The estimated capital and recurrent cost of the projects are being worked out. We will provide details when we consult the relevant LegCo panels and seek the funding approval of the FC on these projects.