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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:

It was announced in the 2017 Policy Address that the Government would implement a five-year plan to launch 26 projects for sports and recreation facilities, of which 4 would involve developing new or improving existing swimming pool complexes. Will the Government inform this Committee of the following:

- 1) The work progress of the 4 projects in 2017-18;
- 2) The work progress of the 4 projects in 2018-19, and their expected dates of commencement and completion.

Asked by: Hon WU Chi-wai (Member Question No. (LegCo use): 137)

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.

Among the 4 projects involving new or improved swimming pool complexes, we are planning to consult Legislative Council Panel on Home Affairs and seek the funding approval of the Finance Committee (FC) for 2 projects, namely the provision of a heated pool at the Morse Park Swimming Pool Complex and the development of a new swimming pool complex in Area 107, Tin Shui Wai, in the 2018-19 financial year. Subject to FC's funding approval in the first half of 2018, works on both projects will commence in 2018 for completion in 2022.

As regards the remaining 2 projects on the provision of heated pool at the Pao Yue Kong Swimming Pool Complex and redevelopment of Kowloon Tsai Swimming Pool Complex, they are at different planning stages. The estimated cost and work schedules of the

projects are being worked out. We will provide details when we consult the Legislative Council Panel on Home Affairs and seek FC's funding approval on these projects.

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