

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:

Regarding the management of recreation and sports facilities, will the Government inform this Committee of the details about the partial closures of public swimming pools and beaches, broken down by district, individual public swimming pool and beach, reason and number of closures for each month in the past 3 years?

Asked by: Hon HO Kai-ming (Member Question No. (LegCo use): 43)

Reply:

The Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) provides lifeguard services at 38 gazetted beaches and 44 public swimming pools. Generally speaking, gazetted beaches are open to the public at all times although red flags and warning signals are hoisted on safety grounds when necessary. Public swimming pools are available for use by members of the public during opening hours. Partial closure is implemented on a need basis due to scheduled or urgent maintenance, adverse weather affecting the outdoor pools, contingencies due to water contamination by pollutants as well as lifeguard manpower, etc. LCSD does not keep statistics on partial closure of public swimming pools by individual public swimming pool for each month.

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