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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

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Question:

The Leisure and Cultural Services Department expects that the number of major parks in the coming year will remain the same as that in the last 2 years. In this connection, please inform this Committee of the following:

1. How is the progress of the plan to open Kwai Chung Park? Will the Government consider opening it within this year? If so, what are the details? If not, what are the reasons?
2. What are the expenditures for the repair, maintenance and management of Kwai Chung Park over the past 5 years?
3. The location of the parts currently opened to the public within Kwai Chung Park, and the areas, hirer organisations, hire period, hire charges, opening hours and usage rate.

Asked by: Hon KWOK Ka-ki (Member Question No. (LegCo use): 313)

Reply:

1. The proposed Kwai Chung Park is one of the 26 sports and recreation projects to be launched in the coming five years as announced in the Policy Address in January 2017. The Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) has been working closely with stakeholders including the Kwai Tsing District Council (KwTDC) in planning for the project. After obtaining the support of the KwTDC on the proposed revised project scope in September 2017, LCSD is now actively following up on the planning details.
2. The proposed Kwai Chung Park is located within the restored Gin Drinkers Bay Landfill site with aftercare works being carried out by a contractor engaged by the Environmental Protection Department (EPD). The contractor is responsible for carrying out aftercare works for 4 restored landfills, namely the Gin Drinkers Bay Landfill, Siu Lang Shui Landfill, Ngau Tam Mei Landfill and Ma Tso Lung Landfill under the same contract. EPD does not have separate breakdown on the operating

expenses involved in individual landfills.

3. In order to put the Kwai Chung Park into gainful use as early as practicable, part of the site has been allocated to the Cycling Association of Hong Kong, China for developing a BMX Park whilst another part has been allocated to Cricket Hong Kong (formerly known as the Hong Kong Cricket Association) for developing cricket grounds. Details are as follows –

Details	Sports Facilities	
Current Use	BMX Park	Cricket Ground
Location in the Kwai Chung Park	Platform at the south-western part	Platform at the northern part
Size (hectares)	3.9	4.5
Licensee	The Cycling Association of Hong Kong, China Limited	Cricket Hong Kong Limited
Duration of licence	21 years	3 years
Licence period	2008 - 2029	2016 - 2019
Yearly rent	\$1.0	\$1.0
Number of users in 2017	8 466	Not Applicable <sup>(Note 1)</sup>
Opening hours	(Note 2)	Not Applicable <sup>(Note 1)</sup>

Note 1: Construction of the temporary cricket grounds is expected to be completed in the third quarter of 2018. Upon commissioning, some time slots would also be available for booking by organisations such as schools, sports associations and district-based organisations for promoting and development of the sport of cricket, particularly at the community level.

Note 2: The opening hours of BMX Park are as follows -

Monday (including Public Holiday):	Close for maintenance
Tuesday and Thursday:	2 pm to 6 pm
Wednesday and Friday:	2 pm to 9 pm
Saturday, Sunday and Public Holiday:	9 am to 6 pm

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