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Question:

Regarding "Inclusive Parks for Animals" and "Pet Gardens", please advise this Committee:

1. What are the expenditures and estimates for promoting "Inclusive Parks for Animals" and "Pet Gardens" in various districts for 2018-19 and 2019-20?
2. How does the Government plan to promote the construction of more "Inclusive Parks for Animals"? Will there be plans to provide more animal-friendly spaces, such as considering opening up harbourfront areas and newly developed harbourfront areas in various districts for access by animals?
3. Please list in tabulated form the expenditure for replacement of facilities for various pet gardens, the major items on which the expenditure was incurred, and the usage rates of the venues in the past 3 financial years.

Asked by: Hon Kwong Chun-yu (LegCo internal reference no.: 72)

Reply:

1. & 2. The Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) launched a trial scheme of "Inclusive Parks for Pets" (the trial scheme) in 6 selected parks in January 2019. LCSD will review the effectiveness of the trial scheme 1 year after its implementation with a view to considering whether to provide "Inclusive Park for Pets" in more districts. As the implementation of the trial scheme is carried out as part of the ongoing work by utilising existing resources and manpower, the Department does not have separate figures on the expenditure involved.
3. Most of the pet gardens managed by LCSD are open to the public throughout the day. LCSD does not maintain records on usage rates. As refurbishment and repair of the facilities in pet gardens managed by LCSD is undertaken by works department, LCSD does not have the details on expenditures involved.