

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

HAB112

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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 (Vincent LIU)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

Regarding the management of recreation and sports facilities, will the Government inform this Committee of the following:

- a. The annual expenditures and manpower involved in the management of public swimming pool complexes under the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD), with a breakdown by rank and grade.
- b. The respective numbers of complete or partial closure of public swimming pool complexes under the LCSD in each month over the past 3 years, with a breakdown by District Council (DC) district, public swimming pool complex and reason for closure (e.g. full or partial closure due to inadequate lifeguards).

Asked by: Hon HO Kai-ming (LegCo internal reference no.: 16)

Reply:

- a. The establishment of civil servants of swimming pools is set out at **Annex I**. As some swimming pool complexes are part of the public leisure venues, which include other facilities, the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) does not have a breakdown of the expenditure spent on swimming pool complexes.
- b. Public swimming pools are available for use by members of the public during opening hours. Full or partial closure is implemented on a need basis due to inadequate lifeguards, scheduled or urgent maintenance, adverse weather affecting the outdoor pools, and contingencies due to water contamination by pollutants, etc. The number of days of full or partial closure of public swimming pools due to inadequate lifeguards in the past 3 years is set out at **Annex II**. The LCSD does not keep statistics on full or partial closure of public swimming pools due to other reasons.

**Public Swimming Pools
Establishment of Civil Servants
(2019-20)**

| Grade | Rank | Establishment of Civil Servants |
|---------------------|---|--|
| Amenities Assistant | Senior Amenities Assistant | 43 |
| | Amenities Assistant I | 64 |
| | Amenities Assistant II | 39 |
| | Amenities Assistant III | 83 |
| Senior Artisan | Senior Artisan (Swimming Pool/Beach) | 105 |
| | Senior Artisan (Filtration Plant) | 42 |
| Artisan | Artisan (Swimming Pool/Beach) | 775 |
| | Artisan (Filtration Plant) | 141 |
| Clerical Assistant | Clerical Assistant | 80 |

Note:

The figures do not include relief staff as they will be deployed to work at other leisure venues due to operational needs.

Annex II to Reply Serial No. HAB112

The number of public swimming pools fully or partially closed due to inadequate lifeguards in the past 3 years

Some swimming pool facilities will be fully or partially closed temporarily due to inadequate lifeguards. The pool facilities will be re-opened to the public immediately when the manpower of lifeguards returns to normal. For the purpose of calculation, full or partial closure of facilities of less than one day is counted as one day.

| Swimming Pool ⁽¹⁾ | | 2017 | | 2018 | | 2019 | |
|------------------------------|---|--------------|--------------------------------|--------------|--------------------------------|--------------|--------------------------------|
| | | Full Closure | Partial ⁽²⁾ Closure | Full Closure | Partial ⁽²⁾ Closure | Full Closure | Partial ⁽²⁾ Closure |
| Central and Western | | | | | | | |
| 1 | Kennedy Town Swimming Pool | - | 134 | - | 142 | - | 100 |
| 2 | Sun Yat Sen Memorial Park Swimming Pool | - | 6 | - | 5 | 2 | 9 |
| Eastern District | | | | | | | |
| 3 | Chai Wan Swimming Pool | - | 178 | - | 179 | - | 163 |
| 4 | Island East Swimming Pool | 1 | 12 | - | 14 | - | 20 |
| 5 | Siu Sai Wan Swimming Pool | - | 2 | - | 1 | - | 8 |
| Southern District | | | | | | | |
| 6 | Pao Yue Kong Swimming Pool | - | 105 | - | 195 | - | 184 |
| Wan Chai | | | | | | | |
| 7 | Morrison Hill Swimming Pool | - | 191 | - | 151 | 2 | 56 |
| 8 | Victoria Park Swimming Pool | - | 6 | - | 20 | - | 7 |
| Kowloon City | | | | | | | |
| 9 | Ho Man Tin Swimming Pool | - | 4 | - | 149 | - | 114 |
| 10 | Kowloon Tsai Swimming Pool | - | 96 | - | 75 | - | 49 |
| 11 | Tai Wan Shan Swimming Pool | - | 203 | - | 205 | - | 180 |
| Kwun Tong | | | | | | | |
| 12 | Jordan Valley Swimming Pool | - | 17 | - | 27 | - | 26 |
| 13 | Kwun Tong Swimming Pool | - | - | - | - | - | 2 |
| 14 | Lam Tin Swimming Pool | - | - | - | - | - | 3 |
| Sham Shui Po | | | | | | | |
| 15 | Lai Chi Kok Park Swimming Pool | - | 73 | - | 145 | - | 148 |
| 16 | Lei Cheng Uk Swimming Pool | - | 129 | - | 182 | - | 214 |
| 17 | Sham Shui Po Park Swimming Pool | - | 111 | - | 206 | - | 199 |
| Wong Tai Sin | | | | | | | |
| 18 | Hammer Hill Swimming Pool | - | 98 | - | 9 | - | 35 |
| 19 | Morse Park Swimming Pool ⁽³⁾ | - | 20 | - | 6 | - | - |

| Swimming Pool ⁽¹⁾ | | 2017 | | 2018 | | 2019 | |
|------------------------------|--|--------------|--------------------------------|--------------|--------------------------------|--------------|--------------------------------|
| | | Full Closure | Partial ⁽²⁾ Closure | Full Closure | Partial ⁽²⁾ Closure | Full Closure | Partial ⁽²⁾ Closure |
| Yau Tsim Mong | | | | | | | |
| 20 | Kowloon Park Swimming Pool | - | 143 | - | 154 | - | 148 |
| 21 | Tai Kok Tsui Swimming Pool | - | 2 | - | - | - | 1 |
| Islands | | | | | | | |
| 22 | Tung Chung Swimming Pool | - | 1 | - | 2 | - | 2 |
| Kwai Tsing | | | | | | | |
| 23 | Kwai Shing Swimming Pool | - | 111 | - | 205 | - | 214 |
| 24 | North Kwai Chung Jockey Club Swimming Pool | - | 28 | - | 116 | 1 | 188 |
| 25 | Tsing Yi Swimming Pool | - | 122 | - | 162 | - | 214 |
| North District | | | | | | | |
| 26 | Fanling Swimming Pool | - | 2 | - | - | - | 2 |
| 27 | Sheung Shui Swimming Pool | - | 2 | - | 1 | - | 1 |
| Sai Kung | | | | | | | |
| 28 | Sai Kung Swimming Pool | - | 71 | - | 185 | - | 204 |
| 29 | Tseung Kwan O Swimming Pool | - | 169 | - | 193 | - | 195 |
| Sha Tin | | | | | | | |
| 30 | Hin Tin Swimming Pool | - | 49 | - | 161 | - | 184 |
| 31 | Ma On Shan Swimming Pool | - | - | - | 8 | - | 12 |
| 32 | Sha Tin Jockey Club Swimming Pool | - | 29 | - | 124 | - | 145 |
| Tai Po | | | | | | | |
| 33 | Tai Po Swimming Pool | - | 17 | - | 6 | - | 17 |
| Tsuen Wan | | | | | | | |
| 34 | Shing Mun Valley Swimming Pool | - | 115 | - | 63 | - | 92 |
| 35 | Tsuen King Circuit Wu Chung Swimming Pool | 1 | 152 | - | 210 | - | 103 |
| Tuen Mun | | | | | | | |
| 36 | The Jockey Club Yan Oi Tong Swimming Pool | - | 36 | - | 37 | - | 68 |
| 37 | Tuen Mun North West Swimming Pool | - | 48 | - | 74 | - | 103 |
| 38 | Tuen Mun Swimming Pool | - | 94 | - | 75 | - | 133 |
| Yuen Long | | | | | | | |
| 39 | Ping Shan Tin Shui Wai Swimming Pool | 2 | - | - | - | - | - |
| 40 | Tin Shui Wai Swimming Pool | - | 17 | - | 27 | - | 30 |
| 41 | Yuen Long Swimming Pool | 2 | 59 | - | 116 | - | 99 |

Notes:

- (1) Wan Chai Swimming Pool, Mui Wo Swimming Pool and Tsing Yi Southwest Swimming Pool have not been closed due to inadequate lifeguards in the past 3 years.
- (2) The figures refer to the numbers of days of temporary closure of some minor pool facilities, such as leisure pool, diving pool or jacuzzi due to inadequate lifeguards on duty, while major pool facilities, such as main pool and secondary pool remained open for public use as far as practicable.
- (3) Morse Park Swimming Pool was temporarily closed in 2019 for a capital works project for provision of a heated pool.

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