

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

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Head: (95) Leisure and Cultural Services Department

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Programme: (1) Recreation and Sports

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Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

1. The actual number of participants in recreation and sports programmes in 2019 is 3 147 000, representing an increase of 888 000 as compared with the previous year. Taking the Hong Kong Games as a common factor, there was still an increase of about 430 000 compared with 2017, indicating the public's growing interest in sports. Nevertheless, the average usage rates of sports centres and sports grounds were higher than the targets, the former being 88%, and the latter 99%, i.e. close to full capacity. In this connection, does the Government have any plans to provide new sports centres and sports grounds or other sports facilities? If so, what are the details? If not, what are the reasons?
2. It is mentioned that the public play spaces will be made more innovative and fun by transforming more than 170 public play spaces across the territory over the next 5 years from year 2020-21 onwards. Please provide the timetable of the transformation and the estimated expenditures for respective public play spaces.

Asked by: Hon POON Siu-ping (LegCo internal reference no.: 41)

Reply:

1. In planning new or improved sports facilities, the Government makes reference to not only the Hong Kong Planning Standards and Guidelines but also other factors including the current provision of sports facilities at the territory-wide and district levels, the policy objective of sports development, utilisation rates of existing facilities, demographic changes, the advice of District Councils, site availability and technical feasibility. The Government launched the Five-Year Plan for Sports and Recreation Facilities in 2017 to take forward 26 projects to develop new or improve existing sports and recreation facilities in different districts. Technical feasibility studies will also be conducted for another 15 projects to prepare for their implementation. Among them are sports centres and sports grounds. Project progress and facility information are at Annex. The Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) will continue to explore the feasibility of providing more sports facilities.

2. To make public play spaces more innovative and fun and to meet the needs of residents at the same time, the Government plans to transform more than 170 public play spaces managed by the LCSD across the territory over the next 5 years, among which 17 transformation projects will be launched in the first year of the programme. The total estimated expenditure of the entire programme is \$686 million.

Five-Year Plan for Sports and Recreation Facilities

Projects with funding approved by the Legislative Council

1. Avenue Park at Kai Tak
2. Improvement of Hoi Bun Road Park and Adjacent Area, Kwun Tong
3. District Open Space adjoining San Po Kong Public Housing Development (formerly known as Open Space at Sze Mei Street, San Po Kong (First Phase))
4. Open Space in Area 6, Tai Po
5. Open Space in Area 47 and 48, North District
6. Provision of Heated Pool at the Morse Park Swimming Pool Complex, Wong Tai Sin
7. Redevelopment of Yuen Long Stadium - Pre-construction Activities
8. Station Square at Kai Tak
9. Swimming Pool Complex and Open Space in Area 107, Tin Shui Wai
10. Waterfront Promenade adjacent to the Hong Kong Children's Hospital

Projects under planning stage

11. Hoi Sham Park Extension in Kowloon City District (formerly known as Hoi Sham Park Extension, To Kwa Wan)
12. Improvement of Lam Wah Street Playground and Adjacent Area, Kwun Tong
13. Provision of Heated Pool at the Pao Yue Kong Swimming Pool Complex in the Southern District
14. Open Space at Hoi Fai Road, Tai Kok Tsui
15. Open Space at Hung Hom Waterfront
16. Open Space in Area 6, Tuen Mun
17. Redevelopment of Kowloon Tsai Swimming Pool Complex
18. Sports Ground and Open Space in Area 16, Tuen Mun
19. Kwai Chung Park
20. Open Space at Hoi Fan Road, Tai Kok Tsui
21. Open Space in Area 27, Tuen Mun
22. Town Park in Area 66 and 68, Tseung Kwan O
23. Redevelopment of Tung Tau Industrial Area Playground, Yuen Long
24. Amenity Complex in Area 103, Ma On Shan (formerly known as Sports Centre in Area 103, Ma On Shan)
25. Football-cum-Rugby Pitch in Area 33, Tai Po
26. Open Space in Area 17, Tuen Mun

15 Projects for conducting Technical Feasibility Studies

1. Ha Hang Village Playground in Area 31, Tai Po
2. Improvement of Tsuen Wan Riviera Park and Tsuen Wan Park
3. Waterfront Promenade at Eastern Street North in the Central and Western District
4. Redevelopment of Aberdeen Sports Ground
5. Redevelopment of Hong Kong Stadium
6. Sports Centre and Open Space at Aldrich Bay

7. Sports Centre and Town Plaza at Sai Kung
8. Sports Centre at Kam Tin Pak Heung
9. Sports Centre at Lai Chi Kok
10. Sports Centre in Area 6, Tai Po
11. Sports Centre in Area 12, Yuen Long
12. Sports Centre in Area 107, Tung Chung (formerly known as Sports Centre in Area 39, Tung Chung)
13. Sports Complex at Whitehead
14. Sung Wong Toi Park
15. Water Sports Centre in Area 77, Tseung Kwan O

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