

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

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Question:

With regard to the development and management of swimming pools:

1. What are the details of the public swimming pools undergoing refurbishment/redevelopment works in 2019-20 and 2020-21? Please provide the following details of each individual public swimming pool: name of swimming pool, expenditure involved, details of refurbishment works, and impact on the opening hours of the swimming pool;
2. What is the progress of the refurbishment works involving the provision of a heated pool in Morse Park, Wong Tai Sin? What is the latest timeframe about the closure and reopening of the swimming pool?
3. Does the Government have any plan to redevelop existing swimming pools or construct new swimming pools, including the redevelopment of Kowloon Tsai Swimming Pool under planning? If so, what are the details?
4. What is the maximum capacity of each public swimming pool in the territory? Please provide (a) total number of attendance; (b) daily average attendance; (c) number of days and sessions when the number of attendance reached 80% of the maximum capacity; and (d) number of days/sessions when the admission of swimmers was suspended because the number of attendance had reached the maximum capacity at each public swimming pool with a breakdown by year over the past 3 years;
5. The "Hong Kong Planning Standards and Guidelines" stipulates the standards for the provision of swimming pools (including swimming pool complex and leisure pool). Have the existing swimming pools in each of the 18 districts across the territory met the standards? Please provide the number of swimming pools to be provided in each of the 18 districts in accordance with the standards for provision and the actual numbers.

Asked by: Hon WU Chi-wai (LegCo internal reference no.: 33)

Reply:

1. & 3. The Government has already obtained funding approval of the Finance Committee (FC) for the following 2 swimming pool projects:

<b>Project</b>	<b>Major New Facilities/ Facilities to be Redeveloped</b>	<b>Commencement Date</b>	<b>Tentative Completion Date</b>	<b>Estimated Expenditure (\$ million)</b>
1. Provision of heated pool at the Morse Park Swimming Pool Complex, Wong Tai Sin	Redevelopment of an outdoor swimming pool into a heated pool	2018	2022	576.5
2. Swimming pool complex and open space in Area 107, Tin Shui Wai	Construction of a swimming pool complex	2018	2022	1,336.0

The Government has consulted and obtained support from the relevant Legislative Council panels for seeking the funding approval of FC for the following 2 swimming pool projects in the 2018-19 and 2019-20 legislative years:

<b>Project</b>	<b>Major New Facilities/ Facilities to be Redeveloped</b>	<b>Tentative Commencement Date<sup>(1)</sup></b>	<b>Tentative Completion Date<sup>(1)</sup></b>	<b>Estimated Expenditure (\$ million)<sup>(1)</sup></b>
1. Provision of Heated Pool at the Pao Yue Kong Swimming Pool Complex in the Southern District	Redevelopment of an outdoor swimming pool into a heated pool	2020	2023	357.3
2. Redevelopment of Kowloon Tsai Swimming Pool Complex	Redevelopment of swimming pool complex for the provision of an indoor heated pool, an outdoor training pool and an outdoor leisure pool.	2020	2024	1,120.0

Note:

- (1) The tentative commencement dates, completion dates and estimated expenditures are based on the assumption that FC's funding approval is given in the first half of 2020.

The swimming pool complexes mentioned above have to be closed temporarily during the construction period.

2. The works of "Provision of Heated Pool at the Morse Park Swimming Pool Complex, Wong Tai Sin" project were commenced in late 2018 and carried out in 2 phases. Completion of the first phase of the project will be slightly delayed due to the novel coronavirus epidemic, whereas the main pool, diving pool and teaching pools are expected to be reopened for public use around mid-2020. The Architectural Services Department, the consultant and the contractor are following up closely on the supply of materials from the Mainland, and making suitable arrangements for manpower deployment to minimise delays. Procedural and manpower re-arrangements will also be explored to target the completion of the second phase of the project in second quarter of 2022 as originally planned.
4. For information such as the maximum capacity and the total number of attendance at public swimming pools managed by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD), please refer to **Annex I** and **Annex II**. The LCSD does not have information on the daily average attendance and the number of days and sessions when the number of attendance reached 80% of the maximum capacity.
5. For the provision of swimming pool complexes and leisure pools managed by the LCSD, please refer to **Annex III**.

**Maximum capacity of each public swimming pool and  
Number of sessions with the attendance reaching the maximum capacity**

	Swimming pool	Maximum pool capacity <sup>(1) (2)</sup>	Number of sessions with the attendance reaching the maximum capacity		
			2017	2018	2019
Central and Western District					
1	Kennedy Town Swimming Pool	901	12	23	6
2	Sun Yat Sen Memorial Park Swimming Pool	1 041	-	-	-
Eastern District					
3	Chai Wan Swimming Pool	1 900	-	-	-
4	Island East Swimming Pool	190	108	102	104
5	Siu Sai Wan Swimming Pool	582	-	-	-
Southern District					
6	Pao Yue Kong Swimming Pool	1 800	-	-	-
Wan Chai District					
7	Morrison Hill Swimming Pool	1 116	-	-	-
8	Victoria Park Swimming Pool	1 037	-	-	-
9	Wan Chai Swimming Pool	250	-	-	-
Kowloon City District					
10	Ho Man Tin Swimming Pool	312	25	35	50
11	Kowloon Tsai Swimming Pool	900	-	-	-
12	Tai Wan Shan Swimming Pool	2 000	-	-	-
Kwun Tong District					
13	Jordan Valley Swimming Pool	823	5	3	5
14	Kwun Tong Swimming Pool	2 450	-	-	-
15	Lam Tin Swimming Pool	582	-	-	-
Sham Shui Po District					
16	Lai Chi Kok Park Swimming Pool	2 150	-	-	-

	Swimming pool	Maximum pool capacity <sup>(1) (2)</sup>	Number of sessions with the attendance reaching the maximum capacity		
			2017	2018	2019
17	Lei Cheng Uk Swimming Pool	2 000	-	-	-
18	Sham Shui Po Park Swimming Pool	2 186	-	-	-
<b>Wong Tai Sin District</b>					
19	Hammer Hill Road Swimming Pool	906	27	25	19
20	Morse Park Swimming Pool	1 900	-	-	-
<b>Yau Tsim Mong District</b>					
21	Kowloon Park Swimming Pool	1 433	11	12	5
22	Tai Kok Tsui Swimming Pool	250	-	-	-
<b>Islands District</b>					
23	Mui Wo Swimming Pool	183	-	-	-
24	Tung Chung Swimming Pool	1 250	-	-	-
<b>Kwai Tsing District</b>					
25	Kwai Shing Swimming Pool	2 010	-	-	-
26	North Kwai Chung Jockey Club Swimming Pool	1 170	-	-	-
27	Tsing Yi Swimming Pool	800	5	6	4
28	Tsing Yi Southwest Swimming Pool	125	-	-	-
<b>North District</b>					
29	Fanling Swimming Pool	1 710	-	-	-
30	Sheung Shui Swimming Pool	246	18	15	7
<b>Sai Kung District</b>					
31	Sai Kung Swimming Pool	836	-	-	-
32	Tseung Kwan O Swimming Pool	1 600	9	11	6
<b>Sha Tin District</b>					
33	Hin Tin Swimming Pool	1 150	-	-	-
34	Ma On Shan Swimming Pool	1 100	5	7	6

	Swimming pool	Maximum pool capacity <sup>(1) (2)</sup>	Number of sessions with the attendance reaching the maximum capacity		
			2017	2018	2019
35	Sha Tin Jockey Club Swimming Pool	2 100	-	-	-
<b>Tai Po District</b>					
36	Tai Po Swimming Pool	1 090	4	2	4
<b>Tsuen Wan District</b>					
37	Shing Mun Valley Swimming Pool	715	73	79	61
38	Tsuen King Circuit Wu Chung Swimming Pool	387	-	-	-
<b>Tuen Mun District</b>					
39	The Jockey Club Yan Oi Tong Swimming Pool	370	-	-	-
40	Tuen Mun North West Swimming Pool	923	79	74	111
41	Tuen Mun Swimming Pool	2 200	-	-	-
<b>Yuen Long District</b>					
42	Ping Shan Tin Shui Wai Swimming Pool	250	6	35	117
43	Tin Shui Wai Swimming Pool	710	10	12	14
44	Yuen Long Swimming Pool	1 660	-	-	-

#### Notes

- (1) Figures as at 31 December 2018.
- (2) Maximum pool capacity refers to the maximum number of users admissible to the swimming pool at any one time.

**Total number of attendances at public swimming pools from 2017 to 2019**

	<b>Swimming Pool</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>
<b>Central and Western District</b>				
1	Kennedy Town Swimming Pool <sup>(1)</sup>	554 687	593 378	625 953
2	Sun Yat Sen Memorial Park Swimming Pool	365 021	345 177	358 695
<b>Eastern District</b>				
3	Chai Wan Swimming Pool	193 536	179 684	177 893
4	Island East Swimming Pool	184 891	185 773	184 677
5	Siu Sai Wan Swimming Pool	343 888	342 677	356 779
<b>Southern District</b>				
6	Pao Yue Kong Swimming Pool	166 259	153 009	150 235
<b>Wan Chai District</b>				
7	Morrison Hill Swimming Pool	550 345	563 291	548 863
8	Victoria Park Swimming Pool	634 992	621 028	589 634
9	Wan Chai Swimming Pool	163 601	141 310	153 277
<b>Kowloon City District</b>				
10	Ho Man Tin Swimming Pool	149 521	152 043	149 149
11	Kowloon Tsai Swimming Pool	171 132	167 004	203 620
12	Tai Wan Shan Swimming Pool	205 251	216 053	220 228
<b>Kwun Tong District</b>				
13	Jordan Valley Swimming Pool	144 940	137 504	138 989
14	Kwun Tong Swimming Pool	1 168 615	1 210 206	1 168 376
15	Lam Tin Swimming Pool	381 362	368 795	408 931
<b>Sham Shui Po District</b>				
16	Lai Chi Kok Park Swimming Pool	695 669	683 179	749 019
17	Lei Cheng Uk Swimming Pool	204 657	202 428	182 182
18	Sham Shui Po Park Swimming Pool	335 905	331 448	297 132
<b>Wong Tai Sin District</b>				
19	Hammer Hill Road Swimming Pool	274 672	263 513	335 583
20	Morse Park Swimming Pool	329 691	312 574	N.A. <sup>(2)</sup>
<b>Yau Tsim Mong District</b>				
21	Kowloon Park Swimming Pool	908 584	834 535	801 597
22	Tai Kok Tsui Swimming Pool	195 777	162 589	145 602
<b>Islands District</b>				
23	Mui Wo Swimming Pool	17 964	15 810	17 911
24	Tung Chung Swimming Pool	285 052	292 000	310 550
<b>Kwai Tsing District</b>				
25	Kwai Shing Swimming Pool	147 515	141 725	120 245

	<b>Swimming Pool</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>
26	North Kwai Chung Jockey Club Swimming Pool	139 208	120 237	100 571
27	Tsing Yi Swimming Pool	263 838	261 531	244 733
28	Tsing Yi Southwest Swimming Pool	66 300 <sup>(3)</sup>	135 265	165 289
<b>North District</b>				
29	Fanling Swimming Pool	397 577	386 880	407 712
30	Sheung Shui Swimming Pool	63 332	61 966	67 643
<b>Sai Kung District</b>				
31	Sai Kung Swimming Pool	89 628	87 428	86 897
32	Tseung Kwan O Swimming Pool	460 715	427 878	430 317
<b>Sha Tin District</b>				
33	Hin Tin Swimming Pool	441 568	456 785	494 111
34	Ma On Shan Swimming Pool	282 821	268 830	284 480
35	Sha Tin Jockey Club Swimming Pool	357 918	338 935	335 662
<b>Tai Po District</b>				
36	Tai Po Swimming Pool	319 802	308 871	317 502
<b>Tsuen Wan District</b>				
37	Shing Mun Valley Swimming Pool	643 610	611 270	624 790
38	Tsuen King Circuit Wu Chung Swimming Pool	62 524	65 429	65 882
<b>Tuen Mun District</b>				
39	The Jockey Club Yan Oi Tong Swimming Pool	6 456 <sup>(4)</sup>	23 399	24 363
40	Tuen Mun North West Swimming Pool	635 656	626 633	637 542
41	Tuen Mun Swimming Pool	283 660	281 643	285 873
<b>Yuen Long District</b>				
42	Ping Shan Tin Shui Wai Swimming Pool	329 095	373 103	377 410
43	Tin Shui Wai Swimming Pool	258 526	261 106	266 436
44	Yuen Long Swimming Pool	432 962	424 449	443 732

#### Notes

- (1) Kennedy Town Swimming Pool had been temporarily closed from 1 December 2015 to 6 February 2017 to facilitate the re-provisioning of Kennedy Town Swimming Pool (Phase II).
- (2) Morse Park Swimming Pool was temporarily closed in 2019 for capital works to provide a heated pool.
- (3) Tsing Yi Southwest Swimming Pool has been opened to the public since 26 July 2017.
- (4) The Jockey Club Yan Oi Tong Swimming Pool has been closed for urgent repair since 19 July 2017.



**Provision of swimming pool complexes and leisure pools under the LCSD <sup>(1)</sup>**

	Swimming Pool		Leisure Pool	
	Number in accordance with the standards	Actual Number	Number in accordance with the standards	Actual Number
Central and Western District	0.8	2	1	1
Wan Chai District	0.6	3	1	1
Eastern District	1.9	3	1	2
Southern District	0.9	1	1	1
Sham Shui Po District	1.6	3	1	3
Kowloon City District	1.5	3	1	3
Wong Tai Sin District	1.5	2	1	2
Kwun Tong District	2.4	3	1	1
Yau Tsim Mong District	1.1	2	1	2
Kwai Tsing District	1.8	4	1	3
Tsuen Wan District	1.1	2	1	2
Tuen Mun District	1.8	2	1	3
Yuen Long District	2.3	3	1	2
North District	1.1	1	1	2
Tai Po District	1.1	1	1	1

	Swimming Pool		Leisure Pool	
	Number in accordance with the standards	Actual Number	Number in accordance with the standards	Actual Number
Sha Tin District	2.5	3	1	3
Sai Kung District	1.7	2	1	2
Islands District	0.7	2	1	0

Note

- (1) According to the “Hong Kong Planning Standards and Guidelines”, the standard of provision is 1 per 287 000 persons for swimming pool complex, and 1 per district for leisure pool.

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