

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**HAB340**

**(Question Serial No. 5060)**

Head: (95) Leisure and Cultural Services Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (2) Horticulture and Amenities

Controlling Officer: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services (Vincent LIU)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

The Leisure and Cultural Services Department will enhance the Community Garden Programme in the coming year. In this connection, please inform this Committee of:

1. the locations and areas of the additional community gardens planned to be provided in the coming year and the estimated expenditure involved;
2. whether efforts will be made in collaboration with the Housing Department to provide community gardens in public housing estates to foster neighbourhood relationship. If not, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon KWOK Ka-ki (LegCo internal reference no.: 998)

Reply:

1. The Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) currently operates 24 community gardens in 18 Districts. It is expected that the 2 new community gardens at Nam Cheong Park and Tsun Yip Cooked Food Market Roof Top Garden will be commissioned within 2020. For the community garden at Nam Cheong Park in Sham Shui Po, which occupies an area of about 854 m<sup>2</sup>, the project expenditure is funded by the MTR Corporation Limited under its Nam Cheong Park Reinstatement Project. As for the community garden at Tsun Yip Cooked Food Market Roof Top Garden in Kwun Tong, which occupies an area of about 750 m<sup>2</sup>, there is no separate breakdown cost for the community garden since the provision of the community garden forms part of the improvement works of the Garden.
2. The Housing Authority has also set up community gardens at the public housing estates for their residents to promote community participation in greening activities. The LCSD will continue to collaborate with the Housing Authority in organising greening activities.