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Question:

Tsing Yi Southwest Sports Centre and Tsing Yi Southwest Swimming Pool under the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) have been commissioned. In this connection, will the Government inform this Committee of:

1. whether there has been any overspending in the course of construction of the sports centre;
2. the income and expenditures of the sports centre and swimming pool, and the measures to be taken by the Government to ensure the sustainable operation of the facilities;
3. the measures to be taken by the LCSD in response to comments from various users about insufficient water pressure at the sports centre, and whether compensation will be sought from the contractor;
4. the following information:

Facilities of Tsing Yi Southwest Sports Centre and Tsing Yi Southwest Swimming Pool	Usage Rate
Multi-purpose arena	
Multi-purpose activity rooms	
Dance rooms	
Outdoor sport climbing wall	
Children's playroom	

Asked by: Hon KWOK Ka-ki (LegCo internal reference no.: 1121)

Reply:

1. There has not been any overspending in the course of construction of the Tsing Yi Southwest Sports Centre and Tsing Yi Southwest Swimming Pool.
2. The income and expenditure of the sports centre and swimming pool in 2019-20 are set out below:

Facility	2019-20 (up to 29 February 2020)	
	Income (\$'000)	Expenditure (\$'000)
Sports Centre	1,669	7,997
Swimming Pool	1,539	10,952

The operating costs of the sports centre and swimming pool have been included in the recurrent expenditure of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD).

3. Environmentally-friendly measures have been adopted in the design and operation of the facilities such as the requirement of Water Efficiency Grade 1 under the “Voluntary Water Efficiency Labelling Scheme” of the Water Supplies Department for water conservation. As part of the on-going efforts to provide quality service and to address the concerns of some users regarding water pressure, improvement works were carried out by works department in the past 2 years, including shower system component enhancement, hot and cold water mixer installation and shower pipes replacement, etc. The LCSD and the works department are actively exploring further enhancement measures to increase the water flow of the showers for bathing as appropriate.
4. The usage rates of the facilities are set out in the following table:

Facilities of Tsing Yi Southwest Sports Centre and Tsing Yi Southwest Swimming Pool	Usage Rate (%) in 2019-20 (up to 29 February 2020)
Multi-purpose arena	82
Multi-purpose activity rooms	80
Dance rooms	77
Outdoor sport climbing wall	6
Children's playroom	73
Swimming pool	Average daily admission: 538