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Question:

The Leisure and Cultural Services Department expects that the number of major parks in the coming year will remain the same as that in the past 2 years. In this connection, please inform this Committee of the following: 1. How is the progress of the plan to open Kwai Chung Park? Will the Government consider opening it within this year? If so, what are the details? If not, what are the reasons? 2. What are the expenditures for the repair, maintenance and management of Kwai Chung Park over the past 5 years? 3. The location of the parts currently opened to the public within Kwai Chung Park, and the areas, hirer organisations, hire period, hire charges, opening hours and usage rate.

Asked by: Hon KWOK Ka-ki (LegCo internal reference no.: 1123)

Reply:

- (1) The proposed Kwai Chung Park is one of the 26 sports and recreation projects to be launched in the coming 5 years as announced in the Policy Address in January 2017. The Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) has been working closely with stakeholders including relevant government departments and the Kwai Tsing District Council (KwTDC) in planning for the project. Subsequent to the support of KwTDC on the revised project scope obtained in September 2017, the revised Project Definition Statement and Technical Feasibility Statement were approved in May 2018 and February 2019 respectively. The Architectural Services Department is carrying out the detailed design of the project and the LCSD will consult the KwTDC on the design in due course. The Government aims at seeking funding approval for the project from the Legislative Council in the legislative year 2020-21 for commencement of works by end-2021.
- (2) The proposed Kwai Chung Park is located within the restored Gin Drinkers Bay Landfill site with aftercare works being carried out by a contractor engaged by the Environmental Protection Department (EPD). The contractor is responsible for carrying out aftercare works for 4 restored landfills, namely the Gin Drinkers Bay Landfill, Siu Lang Shui Landfill, Ngau Tam Mei Landfill and Ma Tso Lung Landfill

under the same contract. The EPD does not have separate breakdown on the operating expenses involved in individual landfills.

- (3) In order to put the Kwai Chung Park into gainful use as early as practicable, part of the site has been allocated to the Cycling Association of Hong Kong, China for developing a BMX Park whilst another part has been allocated to Cricket Hong Kong for developing cricket grounds. Details are as follows:

Details	Sports Facilities	
Current use	BMX Park	Cricket Ground
Location in the Kwai Chung Park	Platform at the south-western part	Platform at the northern part
Size (Hectares)	3.9	4.5
Licensee	The Cycling Association of Hong Kong, China Limited	Cricket Hong Kong Limited
Duration of licence (years)	21	3
Licence period	2008-2029	2019-2022
Yearly rent (\$)	1	1
Utilisation in 2019	2 817 users ^(Note 1)	621 hours
Opening hours	(Note 2)	(Note 3)

Note 1: As the BMX Park was temporarily closed starting from March 2019 for refurbishment works, the figure represents only the utilisation between January and February 2019.

Note 2: The opening hours of the BMX Park are as follows:
Monday (include Public Holiday): Close for maintenance
Tuesday & Thursday: 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm
Wednesday & Friday: 2:00 pm to 9:00 pm
Saturday, Sunday & Public Holiday: 9:00 am to 6:00 pm

Note 3: The opening hours of the Cricket Ground are as follows:
Monday to Thursday: 1:00 pm to 5:30 pm
Friday: Close for maintenance
Saturday & Sunday: 8:00 am to 5:30 pm