

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

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Head: (95) Leisure and Cultural Services Department

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Programme: (1) Recreation and Sports

Controlling Officer: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services (Ms Michelle LI)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

It is stated in paragraph 120 of the Budget Speech that the Government plans to commission a new consultancy study on enhancing the leisure and recreational value of the coastal areas of Victoria Harbour in the long run. As leisure and recreational matters are closely associated with the work of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department, will the Department inform this Committee of the following:

1. What was the expenditure incurred by the Department in enhancing the leisure and recreational value of the coastal areas of Victoria Harbour in the past three years? What were the details of the work?
2. What is the expenditure earmarked for enhancing the leisure and recreational value of the coastal areas of Victoria Harbour in the coming three years? What are the details of the plan?
3. Will the Department be involved in the consultancy study, and will the study be conducted within this financial year?

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Mei-fun, Priscilla (Member Question No.16)

Reply:

- 1&2. The Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) provides recreation and sports facilities in line with the policy objectives for sports development in Hong Kong and to address the needs of residents of individual districts. As far as coastal areas of Victoria Harbour are concerned, LCSD completed two major capital works projects in the past three years, namely "Runway Park at Kai Tak, Kowloon City District – Phase 1" and "Kwun Tong promenade (stage 2)" with a total approved project estimate of \$420.4 million. Further projects under planning to enhance enjoyment of the coastal areas of Victoria Harbour include an extension to Hoi Sham Park in Kowloon City, open space at the Hung Hom Waterfront and a

waterfront promenade at Kai Tak. As these projects are at a preliminary planning stage, detailed cost estimates or implementation schedules are not available.

3. In connection with paragraph 120 of the Budget Speech, the Environmental Protection Department will commission a consultancy study on enhancing the quality of coastal waters of Victoria Harbour in 2015-16, subject to funding approval from the Finance Committee. LCSD will offer input and comments as appropriate in the course of the study.

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