

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

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Head: (95) Leisure and Cultural Services Department

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Programme: (1) Recreation and Sports, (4) Performing Arts

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

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

- (a) Regarding the management of leisure facilities, does the Government have any plans to improve and upgrade its sports facilities or venues in the future? If so, what are the details and the estimated expenditures involved? If not, what are the reasons?
- (b) Regarding the management of cultural venues, does the Government have any plans to improve and upgrade its cultural venues and facilities in the future? If so, what are the details and the estimated expenditures involved? If not, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon MA Fung-kwok (Member Question No. 1.26)

Reply:

- (a) The Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) is currently improving and upgrading the sports facilities. An example is the “Redevelopment of Victoria Park Swimming Pool Complex”. Phase 1 of the project, namely, the construction of the new Victoria Park Swimming Pool was completed in 2013. Phase 2 is underway with one handball court, two roller skating rinks and landscaped areas being constructed. The approved project estimate is \$1,197.7 million.
- (b) LCSD is planning another major capital works project, namely, “Expansion and Renovation of the Hong Kong Museum of Art” to improve its existing museum facilities. The project will increase the exhibition space of the Hong Kong Museum of Art, upgrade its existing facilities to modern-day standards, foster a stronger interaction and connection between the indoor and outdoor facilities, and improve the accessibility, visibility and user-friendliness of the museum. LCSD obtained the support of the Legislative Council Panel on Home Affairs in May 2014, and aims to seek support from the Public Works Subcommittee and funding approval from the Finance Committee in the current legislative session. The project estimate is about \$935 million.

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