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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

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<u>Head</u>: (95) Leisure and Cultural Services Department

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<u>Programme</u>: (1) Recreation and Sports

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services (Ms Michelle LI)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

Please list the waiting times for the leisure facilities, including standard sports grounds, heated swimming pools, cycling parks, public libraries and indoor sports centres, in all the 18 districts in the past five years. If such information is available, what are the details and the expenditures involved? For leisure facilities which involve a waiting time of over one month, will the Government increase the provision of such facilities at suitable locations throughout the 18 districts in 2015-16? If so, what are the details and the expenditures involved?

Asked by: Hon KWOK Ka-ki (Member Question No. 217)

Reply:

In the past five years, the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) has fulfilled the performance pledge for the services set out in the table below—

Type of Services		Target (in minutes)
(I) Sports facilities*	Queuing time for making booking for	15
	the use of sports facilities in person at	(except peak
	venue booking counter	period)
(II) Swimming pools	Waiting time for admission to	20
	swimming pools	
(III) Public libraries	(a) Applying for a new library card	10
	(b) Replacing a library card	10
	(c) Borrowing a library item	5
	(d) Returning a library item	5
	(e) Reserving a library item	5

^{*} As well as booking in person, the public can use the LCSD Leisure Link System, an online booking network for reserving certain sports facilities up to 10 days in advance. For some facilities without advance booking (e.g., cycling parks and athletic tracks of sports grounds for jogging), members of the public can walk in and use the facilities.

The provision of the above services is carried out as part of the ongoing work of the Department through deployment of existing resources and manpower.

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