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Question:

In connection with “providing safe and good quality recreation and sports facilities for the public”,

- What are the annual expenditures and manpower involved in the management of public swimming pool complexes under the LCSD, with a breakdown by rank and grade?
- What are the respective numbers of complete or partial closure of public swimming pool complexes under the LCSD in each month over the past 3 years (i.e. 2018-2020), with a breakdown by District Council district, public swimming pool complex and reason for closure (e.g. complete or partial closure due to inadequate lifeguards)?

Asked by: Hon LUK Chung-hung (LegCo internal reference no.: 56)

Reply:

- a. The establishment of civil servants of public swimming pools is set out at **Annex I**. As some swimming pool complexes are part of the public leisure venues, which include other facilities, the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) does not have a breakdown of the expenditure by grade and rank of staff of swimming pool complexes.
- b. Public swimming pools are available for use by members of the public during opening hours. Full or partial closure is implemented on a need basis due to situations such as inadequate lifeguards, scheduled or urgent maintenance for swimming pools, adverse weather affecting the outdoor pools, and contingencies due to water contamination by pollutants, etc. The number of days of full or partial closure of public swimming pools due to inadequate lifeguards in the past 3 years is set out at **Annex II**. The LCSD does not keep statistics on full or partial closure of public swimming pools due to other reasons.

**Public Swimming Pools
Establishment of Civil Servants
(2020-21)**

Grade	Rank	Establishment of Civil Servants
Amenities Assistant	Senior Amenities Assistant	43
	Amenities Assistant I	64
	Amenities Assistant II	39
	Amenities Assistant III	83
Senior Artisan	Senior Artisan (Swimming Pool/Beach)	106
	Senior Artisan (Filtration Plant)	42
Artisan	Artisan (Swimming Pool/Beach)	826
	Artisan (Filtration Plant)	140
Clerical Assistant	Clerical Assistant	80

Note:

The figures do not include relief staff as they will be deployed to work at other leisure venues due to operational needs.

The number of public swimming pools fully or partially closed due to inadequate lifeguards in the past 3 years

Some swimming pool facilities will be fully or partially closed temporarily due to inadequate lifeguards. The pool facilities will be re-opened to the public immediately when the manpower of lifeguards returns to normal. For the purpose of calculation, full or partial closure of facilities of less than one day is counted as one day.

Swimming Pool ⁽¹⁾		2018		2019		2020 ⁽²⁾	
		Full Closure	Partial ⁽³⁾ Closure	Full Closure	Partial ⁽³⁾ Closure	Full Closure	Partial ⁽³⁾ Closure
Central and Western							
1	Kennedy Town Swimming Pool	-	142	-	100	-	4
2	Sun Yat Sen Memorial Park Swimming Pool	-	5	2	9	-	1
Eastern District							
3	Chai Wan Swimming Pool	-	179	-	163	-	37
4	Island East Swimming Pool	-	14	-	20	-	2
5	Siu Sai Wan Swimming Pool	-	1	-	8	-	1
Southern District							
6	Pao Yue Kong Swimming Pool	-	195	-	184	-	1
Wan Chai							
7	Morrison Hill Swimming Pool	-	151	2	56	-	46
8	Victoria Park Swimming Pool	-	20	-	7	-	1
Kowloon City							
9	Ho Man Tin Swimming Pool	-	149	-	114	-	-
10	Kowloon Tsai Swimming Pool	-	75	-	49	-	9
11	Tai Wan Shan Swimming Pool	-	205	-	180	-	16
Kwun Tong							
12	Jordan Valley Swimming Pool	-	27	-	26	-	-
13	Kwun Tong Swimming Pool	-	-	-	2	-	-
14	Lam Tin Swimming Pool	-	-	-	3	-	1
Sham Shui Po							
15	Lai Chi Kok Park Swimming Pool	-	145	-	148	-	88
16	Lei Cheng Uk Swimming Pool	-	182	-	214	-	99
17	Sham Shui Po Park Swimming Pool	-	206	-	199	-	99

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		Full Closure	Partial ⁽³⁾ Closure	Full Closure	Partial ⁽³⁾ Closure	Full Closure	Partial ⁽³⁾ Closure
Wong Tai Sin							
18	Hammer Hill Swimming Pool	-	9	-	35	-	-
19	Morse Park Swimming Pool ⁽⁴⁾	-	6	-	-	-	14
Yau Tsim Mong							
20	Kowloon Park Swimming Pool	-	154	-	148	-	43
21	Tai Kok Tsui Swimming Pool	-	-	-	1	-	-
Islands							
22	Tung Chung Swimming Pool	-	2	-	2	1	-
Kwai Tsing							
23	Kwai Shing Swimming Pool	-	205	-	214	-	59
24	North Kwai Chung Jockey Club Swimming Pool	-	116	1	188	-	2
25	Tsing Yi Swimming Pool	-	162	-	214	-	61
North							
26	Fanling Swimming Pool	-	-	-	2	-	-
27	Sheung Shui Swimming Pool	-	1	-	1	-	-
Sai Kung							
28	Sai Kung Swimming Pool	-	185	-	204	-	43
29	Tseung Kwan O Swimming Pool	-	193	-	195	-	44
Sha Tin							
30	Hin Tin Swimming Pool	-	161	-	184	-	6
31	Ma On Shan Swimming Pool	-	8	-	12	-	44
32	Sha Tin Jockey Club Swimming Pool	-	124	-	145	-	48
Tai Po							
33	Tai Po Swimming Pool	-	6	-	17	-	31
Tsuen Wan							
34	Shing Mun Valley Swimming Pool	-	63	-	92	-	22
35	Tsuen King Circuit Wu Chung Swimming Pool	-	210	-	103	1	3
Tuen Mun							
36	The Jockey Club Yan Oi Tong Swimming Pool	-	37	-	68	-	10
37	Tuen Mun North West Swimming Pool	-	74	-	103	-	8
38	Tuen Mun Swimming Pool	-	75	-	133	-	28

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Yuen Long							
39	Tin Shui Wai Swimming Pool	-	27	-	30	-	20
40	Yuen Long Swimming Pool	-	116	-	99	-	6

Notes:

- (1) There has not been closure of Wan Chai Swimming Pool, Mui Wo Swimming Pool, Tsing Yi Southwest Swimming Pool and Ping Shan Tin Shui Wai Swimming Pool due to inadequate lifeguards in the past 3 years.
- (2) Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, public swimming pools were closed for 208 days in 2020 and such days were excluded.
- (3) The figures refer to the numbers of days of temporary closure of some minor pool facilities, such as leisure pool, diving pool or jacuzzi due to inadequate lifeguards on duty, while major pool facilities, such as main pool and secondary pool remained open for public use as far as practicable.
- (4) Works were carried out at Morse Park Swimming Pool from 2019 for the provision of an indoor heated pool. The swimming pool was partially reopened on 20 June 2020.

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