

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 (Vincent LIU)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

The LCSD mentioned in Programme (1) that in 2021-22 it will continue to improve the arrangements for the booking and allocation of sports facilities and enrolment to sports programmes through enhancement to the computerised booking system and administrative measures, as well as to develop the new intelligent sports and recreation services booking and information system. Please provide the specific work plan, implementation timetable and expenditure, etc.

Regarding the intelligent sports and recreation services booking and information system involving nearly \$500 million, the LCSD informed the Finance Committee of the Legislative Council in 2018 that the core functions of the new system would hopefully be commissioned in 2021. Can the pledge be realised? If not, what are the reasons? How much has the department spent on the system so far?

Asked by: Hon TSE Wai-chuen, Tony (LegCo internal reference no.: 104)

Reply:

The Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) has been enhancing the computerised booking system and implementing various administrative measures to improve the booking and allocation of sports facilities and enrolment to recreation and sports programmes. Online payment has been introduced for recreation and sports programmes requiring balloting. While the enhancement works for the computerised booking system had already been completed and the expenditure was about \$440,000. In addition, "iAM Smart", a one-stop personalised digital services platform developed by the Office of the Government Chief Information Officer will also be introduced by the LCSD in 2021-22 to provide a faster and more convenient way for members of the public to access the online booking system for booking sports facilities and enrolment to sports programmes. The enhancement works will be completed by the end of 2021 and the total estimated expenditure is about \$3.5 million.

In relation with the intelligent sports and recreation services booking and information system (the new system), the LCSD immediately launched the tender exercise for the contract for development of the system upon obtaining funding approval from the Finance

Committee of the Legislative Council in 2018. As preparation of the tender documents and vetting of tenders were more complicated than expected and time-consuming, this, together with the rampant COVID-19 pandemic in the past year, has affected the progress of developing the new system. The development team of the system is now pressing ahead with the work. It is anticipated that the core functions of Phase 1 and the enhanced functions of Phase 2 will be rolled out in 2023 and 2024 respectively. As at February 2021, the total amount of expenditure on developing the new system is about \$14.83 million.

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