

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

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Programme: (1) Recreation and Sports

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Director of Bureau: Secretary for Culture, Sports and Tourism

Question:

It is mentioned under this Programme that the Leisure and Cultural Services Department will continue to make the public play spaces (PPSs) more innovative and fun by transforming more than 170 public play spaces across the territory over the 5 years from 2020-21 onwards. At the same time, the Department is responsible for developing and managing leisure and sports facilities such as sports centres, parks and gardens. In this connection, would the Government inform this Committee of the following:

1. Please provide the details on the progress of transforming the 170 PPSs by their location and the expenditure involved;
2. Please provide the attendance of the inclusive playground in Sham Shui Po, which has been quite popular among the local residents since its opening in January this year. Among the 170 PPSs, how many of them are inclusive playgrounds?
3. While the Department is responsible for developing and managing leisure and sports facilities including parks, the open space site at Hoi Fai Road, Tai Kok Tsui, which was proposed in 2008 and endorsed in the 2017 Policy Address, only began construction in 2020-21. The original completion date of 2022-23 was postponed until 2024. Please advise of the specific completion date of the open space, which will provide fitness equipment and space for Tai Chi training, and the reasons for delay in the project.

Asked by: Hon CHENG Wing-shun, Vincent (LegCo internal reference no.: 67)

Reply:

1. As at February 2024, the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) launched 116 public play space (PPS) transformation projects and is preparing for the rest to be launched later. Please refer to the Annex for a list of the relevant venues. Of these PPSs, 7 have completed transformation and are open for public use, including Shung Ling Street Playground in Wong Tai Sin District, King's Road Playground in Eastern District, Fung Cheung Road Garden in Yuen Long District, Hung Leng Children's Playground in North District, Sham Shui Po Park in Sham Shui Po District, Tsing Yi

Promenade (Stage I) in Kwai Tsing District and Aberdeen Promenade (Stage I) in Southern District.

The estimated total expenditure on the entire plan is \$686 million, covering the costs of preliminary investigation of underground public utilities, engagement of professional companies for different projects, staff remuneration of the LCSD and the Architectural Services Department (ArchSD), and recurrent expenditure. Hence, the Department is unable to provide a breakdown of the expenditure on the PPS transformation projects.

2. As Sham Shui Po Park is open all day for free access by the public, the LCSD is unable to provide the attendance of playground users.

The LCSD is committed to providing inclusive play equipment when transforming PPSs. All the PPSs that have completed transformation have currently incorporated different types of inclusive play equipment to allow children of different ages and abilities to enjoy playing and learn different skills for balanced development, facilitating greater integration across generation, physical abilities and society as a whole.

3. The serious shortage of manpower and materials supply and logistic issues caused by the COVID-19 epidemic in the past 2 years, as well as the inclement and extreme weather conditions, have caused some degree of disruption to the works. Despite various challenges and difficulties, the project of the open space at Hoi Fai Road has been substantially completed. The ArchSD is going through the venue handover process with the LCSD. To buy time, while issues are being identified for rectification or improvement during the handover process, the contractor is following up on the relevant remedial or improvement works required in tandem, in the hope that the venue handover can be completed within the shortest possible time. The LCSD strives to open the open space at Hoi Fai Road for public use in the second quarter of 2024.

List of venues with commenced PPS projects

District	Venue
Hong Kong Island	
Central and Western District	(i) Sun Yat Sen Memorial Park (ii) Third Street Playground (iii) Kwong Hon Terrace Garden (iv) Caine Road Garden (v) Hollywood Road Park (vi) Central and Western District Promenade – Western Wholesale Food Market Section
Southern District	(i) Aberdeen Promenade [Stage I completed] (ii) Shek Pai Wan Road Playground (iii) Ap Lei Chau Park (iv) Apleichau Bridge (North) Children’s Playground (v) Hong Fu Playground (vi) Stanley Beach Road Children’s Playground
Eastern District	(i) King’s Road Playground [completed] (ii) Quarry Bay Park (iii) Yee Tai Street Sitting-out Area (iv) Heng Fa Chuen Playground (v) Healthy Village Playground (vi) Tong Shui Road Garden
Wan Chai District	(i) Tung Lo Wan Garden (ii) Kwai Fong Street Playground (iii) Morrison Hill Road Playground (iv) Tak Yan Street Children’s Playground (v) Wun Sha Street Children’s Playground (vi) Southorn Playground
Kowloon	
Sham Shui Po District	(i) Sham Shui Po Park [completed] (ii) Shun Ning Road Recreation Ground (iii) Maple Street Playground (iv) Cheung Sha Wan Playground (v) Shek Kip Mei Central Playground
Kwun Tong District	(i) Jordan Valley Park (ii) Ngau Tau Kok Road Sports Centre (iii) Sam Ka Tsuen Recreation Ground (iv) Lam Tin Park (v) Lok Wah Playground (vi) Jordan Valley Playground

District	Venue
Yau Tsim Mong District	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Tong Mei Road Children's Playground (ii) Saigon Street Playground (iii) Haiphong Road Children's Playground (iv) Lok Kwan Street Park (v) Ferry Street Playground (vi) Sai Yee Street Garden (vii) Hong Tat Path Garden
Wong Tai Sin District	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Shung Ling Street Playground [completed] (ii) Morse Park (Park No. 4) (iii) Ngau Chi Wan Park (Children's Play Area on Upper Platform) (iv) Tsz Wan Shan Estate Central Playground (v) Fung Tak Park (vi) Tsz Wan Shan Road Playground (vii) Muk Lun Street Playground
Kowloon City District	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Tai Wan Shan Park (ii) Fat Kwong Street Garden No. 1 (iii) To Kwa Wan Recreation Ground (iv) Moray Road Children's Playground (v) Carmel Village Street Garden (vi) Ko Shan Road Park (vii) Pui Ching Road Playground
New Territories	
Islands District	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Cheung Chau Park (ii) Yung Shue Wan Playground (iii) Peng Chau Playground (iv) Tai O Recreation Ground, Lantau Island (v) Tung Chung North Park (vi) Leung Uk Children's Playground, Tai O
Kwai Tsing District	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Tsing Yi Promenade [Stage I completed] (ii) Shek Yam Lei Muk Road Park (iii) Mei King Playground (iv) Shek Pai Street Park (v) Hing Shing Road Playground (vi) Tai Wong Ha Playground (vii) Cheung Wan Street Rest Garden (viii) Lai King Hill Road Playground

District	Venue
Tsuen Wan District	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Pak Lam Road Garden (ii) Jockey Club Tak Wah Park (iii) Tsuen Wan Park (Phase II) (iv) Tsuen Wan Tin Hau Temple Garden (v) Kwok Shui Road Park (vi) Tsuen Fu Street Garden
Sai Kung District	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Po Tsui Park (ii) Sai Kung Waterfront Park (iii) Mau Tai Road Garden (iv) Man Yee Playground (v) Pui Shing Garden (vi) Sha Kok Mei Playground and Garden (vii) Yau Yue Wan Children's Playground
Sha Tin District	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Che Kung Miu Road Playground (ii) Sha Tin Park (iii) Ma On Shan Promenade (Children's Playgrounds No. 3 and No. 4) (iv) Tsang Tai Uk Recreation Ground (v) Ngau Pei Sha Street Playground (vi) Yuen Chau Kok Park (vii) A Kung Kok Playground (viii) Lok Yuen Path Children's Playground
Tai Po District	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Yuen Shin Park (ii) Chung Nga Road Children's Playground (iii) Yuen Chau Tsai Park (iv) Tai Po Waterfront Park – Senses Children's Playground (v) Tong Min Tsuen Playground (vi) Tai Po Waterfront Park – Technology Children's Playground
North District	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Hung Leng Children's Playground [completed] (ii) Wo Hing Playground (iii) Po Wing Road Playground (iv) Luen Wo Hui Playground (v) Shek Wu Hui Jockey Club Playground (vi) Lung Yeuk Tau San Wai Children's Playground (vii) Wai Ming Street Garden

District	Venue
Yuen Long District	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Fung Cheung Road Garden [completed] (ii) Tin Shui Wai Park (iii) Yuen Long Park (iv) Tin Ho Road Playground (v) Yuen Long Jockey Club Town Square (vi) Shek Po Tsuen Playground (vii) Kam Tin Shi Children's Playground (viii) Town Park South Playground (Yuen Long Town Park)
Tuen Mun District	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Tsing Shan Children's Playground (ii) Butterfly Beach Park (iii) Yeung Siu Hang Garden (iv) King Fung Children's Playground

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