

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 Culture, Sports and Tourism

Question:

1. Please tabulate the areas of public beaches under the management of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department and, among which, the respective areas that can be used for commercial purposes at these beaches.
2. Please tabulate the staff establishment at various public beaches during the swimming and non-swimming seasons (excluding lifeguards).
3. Please tabulate the attendances and the proportion of tourists at various beaches.
4. What are the Government's plans to organise different cultural and sports activities at beaches during the non-swimming season so as to make good use of the beautiful environment of the beaches?

Asked by: Hon YIU Pak-leung (LegCo internal reference no.: 23)

Reply:

1. The 42 gazetted beaches under the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) and their respective areas are set out at **Annex I**. At present, there are already premises for commercial purposes, such as light refreshment kiosks, fast food kiosks, general restaurants, light refreshment restaurants and canoe training centres, at some of the beaches under the LCSD. Information on the areas of such premises is set out at **Annex II**.
2. As the staff specifically tasked with beach management may have to manage more than 1 beach, information on the staff establishment at beaches (excluding lifeguards) broken down by district is set out at **Annex III**.
3. Information on the attendances at the 42 gazetted beaches under the LCSD in 2023 is set out at **Annex IV**. The LCSD does not keep statistics on the proportion of tourists among swimmers.

4. The beaches under the LCSD not only provide a place for members of the public to swim and participate in water sports activities, they are also suitable for hosting large-scale leisure and sports activities. Many organisations hold various kinds of activities, such as sand sculpture competitions, beach carnivals and beach concerts, at the LCSD's beaches. These activities are very popular among members of the public. In order to promote the importance of water safety to the public, the LCSD also organises water safety fun days at beaches to raise public awareness about water safety through the activities.

Annex I to Reply Serial No. CSTB344**Areas of gazetted beaches under the LCSD**

District	Beach	Area (square metres)
Southern	Big Wave Bay Beach	58 000
	Middle Bay Beach	48 900
	Shek O Beach	70 800
	Stanley Main Beach	59 000
	South Bay Beach	60 630
	Repulse Bay Beach	124 440
	Deep Water Bay Beach	74 100
	St. Stephen's Beach	23 640
	Chung Hom Kok Beach	24 000
	Turtle Cove Beach	15 600
	Hairpin Beach	13 500
	Rocky Bay Beach	24 300
Tuen Mun	Cafeteria Old Beach	38 600
	Castle Peak Beach	28 300
	Golden Beach	88 300
	Cafeteria New Beach	29 800
	Butterfly Beach	67 000
	Kadoorie Beach	17 700
Tsuen Wan	Ma Wan Tung Wan Beach	77 800
	Ting Kau Beach	21 920
	Anglers' Beach	10 600
	Approach Beach	57 600
	Lido Beach	41 000
	Casam Beach	
	Hoi Mei Wan Beach	30 400
	Gemini Beaches	3 660
Sai Kung	Silverstrand Beach	34 000
	Clear Water Bay First Beach	23 330
	Clear Water Bay Second Beach	73 070
	Hap Mun Bay Beach	21 410
	Trio Beach	54 200
	Kiu Tsui Beach	29 000
Islands	Kwun Yam Beach	22 500
	Upper Cheung Sha Beach	454 000
	Pui O Beach	297 000
	Cheung Chau Tung Wan Beach	72 600
	Hung Shing Yeh Beach	31 440
	Tong Fuk Beach	86 800
	Silver Mine Bay Beach	103 380
	Lo So Shing Beach	25 310
Lower Cheung Sha Beach	108 000	
Tai Po	Tai Po Lung Mei Beach	54 260

Annex II to Reply Serial No. CSTB344

Areas that can be used as commercial premises at gazetted beaches under the LCSD

District	Beach	Area that can be used as commercial premises (square metres)
Southern	Big Wave Bay Beach	41
	Middle Bay Beach	51
	Shek O Beach	246
	Stanley Main Beach	111
	South Bay Beach	49
	Repulse Bay Beach	3 100
	Deep Water Bay Beach	51
	St. Stephen's Beach	16
	Chung Hom Kok Beach	17
Tuen Mun	Cafeteria Old Beach	24
	Castle Peak Beach	297
	Golden Beach	323
	Cafeteria New Beach	18
	Kadoorie Beach	300
Tsuen Wan	Lido Beach	15
Sai Kung	Silverstrand Beach	86
	Clear Water Bay Second Beach	48
	Hap Mun Bay Beach	20
	Trio Beach	36
	Kiu Tsui Beach	21
Islands	Kwun Yam Beach	15
	Upper Cheung Sha Beach	40
	Pui O Beach	32
	Silver Mine Bay Beach	30
	Lo So Shing Beach	18
Tai Po	Tai Po Lung Mei Beach	19

Information on the staff establishment at gazetted beaches (excluding lifeguards) by district⁽¹⁾

Grade	Rank	Staff establishment⁽²⁾					
		Southern District	Islands District	Sai Kung District	Tsuen Wan District	Tuen Mun District	Tai Po District
Amenities Assistant	Senior Amenities Assistant	1	1 ⁽³⁾	1 ⁽³⁾	0	0	0
	Amenities Assistant I	4	1	1	2	2	1
	Amenities Assistant II	11	4	4	2	4	1
	Amenities Assistant III	6	9	8	7	7	1

Notes:

- (1) As the staff specifically tasked with beach management may have to manage more than 1 beach, the above staff establishment information is broken down by district.
- (2) The staff establishment is applicable to both swimming and non-swimming seasons.
- (3) The staff concerned are also responsible for the management of beaches, parks and playgrounds in the district.

Annex IV to Reply Serial No. CSTB344**Attendances at gazetted beaches under the LCSD**

District	Beach	Attendance in 2023
Southern	Big Wave Bay Beach	49 690
	Middle Bay Beach	28 940
	Shek O Beach	127 208
	Stanley Main Beach	214 295
	South Bay Beach	28 070
	Repulse Bay Beach	1 697 900
	Deep Water Bay Beach	269 250
	St. Stephen's Beach	28 660
	Chung Hom Kok Beach	16 890
	Turtle Cove Beach	31 590
	Hairpin Beach	36 240
	Rocky Bay Beach	Not available ^(Note)
Tuen Mun	Cafeteria Old Beach	237 470
	Castle Peak Beach	281 410
	Golden Beach	561 250
	Cafeteria New Beach	314 200
	Butterfly Beach	402 450
	Kadoorie Beach	131 770
Tsuen Wan	Ma Wan Tung Wan Beach	116 600
	Ting Kau Beach	46 870
	Anglers' Beach	48 430
	Approach Beach	31 104
	Lido Beach	228 420
	Casam Beach	25 980
	Hoi Mei Wan Beach	20 130
	Gemini Beaches	9 880
Sai Kung	Silverstrand Beach	86 005
	Clear Water Bay First Beach	75 880
	Clear Water Bay Second Beach	348 350
	Hap Mun Bay Beach	70 865
	Trio Beach	81 890
	Kiu Tsui Beach	54 560
Islands	Kwun Yam Beach	33 120
	Upper Cheung Sha Beach	97 210
	Pui O Beach	237 550
	Cheung Chau Tung Wan Beach	205 549
	Hung Shing Yeh Beach	129 700
	Tong Fuk Beach	83 545
	Silver Mine Bay Beach	216 595
	Lo So Shing Beach	42 240
Lower Cheung Sha Beach	172 240	
Tai Po	Tai Po Lung Mei Beach	171 660

Note: As there are neither beach facilities nor on-site staff at Rocky Bay Beach, attendance at the beach is not available.

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